Visa Application:
- Complicated process, but the Kellogg Student Affairs team were very helpful in navigating the exchange students through the process.
- Completing all the necessary paperwork can be a hassle; and don’t be surprised if your paperwork couriered to you in Australia comes very late in the year. Have patience and allow plenty of time to book your appointment with the US consulate; after the appointment, you should get your visa within 1-2 weeks.

Enrolment Procedure and recommended subjects:
- Numerous electives to choose from (around 40+ per session). Kellogg traditional “strengths” are marketing and general management (“people focused”) courses.
- The bidding system at the start was confusing but worked out fine for me in the end. You’re given 1000 points with which to bid, so whatever subject or two you really want, give at least 400-500 points if you can. Check what score that class (including lecturer) went for last time it was taught, as this is a good guide. Subjects that don’t fill up can have a bid of as little as 1-5 points.

Workload at exchange school:
- Varies between subjects. Some can be quite demanding and others involve less work. The class syllabus and feedback forms from previous years can provide some guidance about workload, but ultimately it varies depending on the lecturer and their chosen approach.
- Each week you’ll find there are lots of readings to complete – but no more so that what we’re used to at AGSM for the heavy financial subjects. Be prepared to spend at least 10 hours of external classroom time per week on each subject, especially if you are to take it seriously and learn, not just scrape by.

Accommodation options:
- Housing at McManus is centrally located and provides good opportunities for socializing with the other exchange students. Most people are internationals and this is primarily where exchange students stay.
- Sublet apartments from outgoing exchange students worked well (it is much better equipped with the essentials and some “luxuries” than the McManus accommodation) although offers the drawback of being a bit further removed from the rest of the exchange group

Campus Facilities and Careers Services:
- Most classes take place at the Jacobs Centre, which is pretty self-sufficient in regards to students’ needs (it has its own computer labs, IT support team, cafes etc). The Northwestern sports and aquatic centre is free for students but is a 10-15 minute walk from the main campus.
- Exchange students are not considered alumni and do not get access to the alumni database. Career services available to exchange students for one-on-one interviews. Limited scope to access career services available to full-time students (but focus during winter session is on internships for the first year students which are NOT available to exchange students). This may change in the future.

Student life:
- Lots of free lectures and events held on campus.
- There are about 80 to choose from. There is a communal calendar that lists every single event going on each month.

Things AGSM MBA students should consider/be aware of when applying to this school for exchange:
- While Kellogg classes are quite interactive by US business school standards, they are not as interactive as my EMBA classes at AGSM. There is a LOT of group work, which is a great way to get to know other classmates but can be challenging when classmates already have pre-established groups (most classmates are in their second year and already have a lot of social connections).

Highlight:
- Attending concert to commemorate Martin Luther King Day which included performances by local choirs
  and a feature performance by jazz legend Ramsay Lewis and his band. Going to a Northwestern
  Wildcats basketball game – whilst there were very few NBA stars of the future in action, it was a true
  “college” experience (complete with marching band, dancers and cheerleaders).