**Visa Application:**
Straight forward if you follow the US Visa web site… just takes ages so start early.

**Enrolment Procedure and recommended subjects:**
The International office reserves places for Exchange students in the most demanded subjects – so you should be able to get into most courses. The online auction for courses is competitive so make sure you enrol in 3-4 subjects during the exchange program subject selection process.

Recommended subjects – The Real Estate faculty are excellent - anything by Eric Sussman, Paul Habbibi or Stuart Gabrielle.

**Workload at exchange school:**
Very manageable. Each subject involves 3 hours face time a week (for 10 weeks) – add in study time and assignment prep each subject should be about 6 hours a week.

Course load can be either 3 or 4 subjects. Best to take 3 and then “audit” a fourth (attend lecturers and observe but don’t do assignments or get graded).

**Accommodation options:**
UCLA on-campus living is limited an expensive. Look on Craigslist for accommodation in either West LA or Santa Monica. Make sure you are near a Big Blue Bus line or you will need a car.

**Campus Facilities**
Excellent – Truly a first class uni. Free access to 3 pools, 2 gyms, 2 libraries, stadium, playing fields, wifi everywhere, IT support on demand, a wide variety of eateries, and on-campus hospital ranked #2 medical hospital in USA. Its an amazing campus in a great part of town.

There are 40,000 students and 10,000 staff working on campus – so its always active. Its nicknamed University of China LA due to the high proportion of Asians on campus.

**Careers Services:**
Very helpful – recruitment events run 3-4 nights a week with top shelf recruiters. Although these events are more aimed at US students.

**Student life:**
Great. During Fall there are 60+ exchange students from all over the world who form a pretty tight group of friends. Here is something on every night/weekend. Plus there is Anderson wide events – including free drinks every Thursday afternoon and the infamous “Lit Club” drinking sessions on Wednesday nights.

All time best is the UCLA American Football games – not for the game but for the Anderson Tailgate party in the parking lot before.

**Things AGSM MBA students should consider/be aware of when applying to this school for exchange:**
LA is not a public transport friendly city. Everyone has a car. I got away with hiring a car on odd weekends because I lived in Santa Monica (which has a bus line direct to UCLA every 15mins – 50cents a trip). Car hire is cheap – it just takes a while to get used to driving on the wrong side of the road.

The UCLA IT policy is just a guide. You can get away with any old laptop. Two of my classes banned laptops from the lectures anyway.

LA is a great launching pad to explore America from. I had weekends in Austin Texas, Utah (all the best national parks), New Orleans and San Francisco. Plus a week in Washington DC and New York on either end of the semester.

**Highlight:**

www.asb.unsw.edu.au/agsm
Too many to pick from so top five:
#5 Walking out of class every Wednesday night to the tunes of the UCLA marching band practicing.
#4 Seeing an MLS, NBA, NFL, MLB and college football game – USA really knows how to do sport.
#3 Taking full advantage of the amazing facilities – the gym is amazing.
#2 Study sessions on Santa Monica and Venice Beach.
#1 Making a bunch of new friends from all over the world.