



IT University Travel Report

Dear Student, this is a template – the aim is to inspire other students who may wish to follow in your footsteps. You are free to give your report the shape you want and to go beyond the questions. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not.

Note that by filling in and sending the report you automatically consent to publishing it on ITU student.

Host university: Technical University of Munich (TUM)

Study Programme at IT University: Computer Science

Exchange agreement or Free mover: Exchange agreement

Courses studied abroad:

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Period studying abroad: semester (autumn/spring) Autumn **year** 2024

If you wish to give advice to other students regarding your travels, please state your contact info here: _____

Your stay abroad

What was it like to study at the university (including choice of courses, academic level, social life at campus)?

Studying at the university was a mixed experience. The practical and seminar courses were well-structured and engaging, but lecture courses lacked the organization and quality I was used to from ITU. The academic level varied significantly depending on the course. Social life with other Erasmus students was great, though the campus of my studies was a bit far away from the center. Studying at the campus in the center of Munich was much more fun.

What was your initial motivation for going abroad and did your stay meet your expectations?

I wanted to travel and experience living abroad and closer to the mountains. Munich was interesting for its academic status and the city itself is known for a good lifestyle, spacious city, mountains nearby, and big beers.

Please describe what you got out of your stay, both personally and academically, and how do you expect it to contribute to your further studies?

During my stay, I expanded my international network, connecting with people from diverse backgrounds and gaining a deeper understanding of European cultures. Academically, I experienced a different study culture, which broadened my perspective on learning approaches and adaptability. This experience will be valuable for my future studies and help me navigate different academic and professional environments with greater ease.

Arranging your stay

Please give a short description of the process of arranging your stay:

I applied through ITU and began the process of getting my courses approved and creating a study plan. Before arriving, I found a room in an apartment from home. Once in Munich, I finalized course approvals and registered for my classes. However, the room I initially rented turned out to be in very poor condition, forcing me to find alternative housing. This experience taught me that housing standards can vary, and it's important to adjust expectations—renting a suitable place often costs more than anticipated.

What resources did you find helpful in planning your stay and which people did you use (if any)?

Not really any.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I was, as I thought, initially lucky to receive an accommodation (room in a shared apartment) through the exchange coordinator. However, when I arrived there the accommodation was very dirty and filled with mold. It was not livable for me so I decided to move to another apartment. I was lucky to find another apartment through a German site (wg-gesucht) and get rid of the room I was renting at the same time. However, this caused my monthly rent to go from 600 euros to 1200 euros.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

Rent in Munich was more expensive than expected, but daily expenses in Germany were generally lower than in Denmark, which helped balance the budget. Beyond living costs, a significant amount went toward traveling with other Erasmus students—something that turned out to be more of a norm than I had anticipated. Having some savings for these experiences is highly recommended. As an avid skier, I also took advantage of the nearby slopes, though skiing is definitely not the most budget-friendly hobby!

Did you apply for scholarships and would you recommend any ones in particular?

Yes, I applied for 2-3 scholarships but sadly did not receive any. I had my remote job with me to Munich and including the pay of that in my budget for scholarship applications was probably not the smartest. Also I would not recommend working a student job while abroad. Especially in Germany it was not a norm and sometimes I had a little too much to juggle.

Recommendations for other students:

- **Invest in good housing** – paying a bit more for a comfortable place is worth it.
- **Take the opportunity to travel** – it's a big part of the experience and lots of fun.
- **Apply for course approvals early** to avoid last-minute stress while signing up for courses.
- **Be flexible with course selection** – not all listed courses may actually be taught.