



## 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:** NOVA Information Management School

**Study Programme at IT University:** Information Management

**Exchange agreement or Free mover:** Exchange agreement

**Courses studied abroad:** Data Preprocessing, Market Research, Business Management, Personal Development II, Cybersecurity, Business Strategy and Digital Transformation

**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: ccro@itu.dk**

## Your stay abroad

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

**The courses at NOVA IMS are pretty easy to follow and are quite similar to some courses we had previously in GBI. This includes** Market Research, Business Management and Business Strategy and Digital Transformation, and if you want some more technical courses, I recommend Data Preprocessing and Data Analysis, though I dropped Data Analysis to have a bit more free time on the semester. But, overall, it is quite doable to have so many courses as they aren't that demanding in regards to participation and group work, except for Data Analysis.

The school itself is a bit old and used, but we did not spend much time there except for classes and often went to a nearby café to do group work and socialize. I think the intro week at the school for Erasmus students was really fun and well organized, and they really encourage you to meet all of the incoming students which was around 40 people on our semester. Just join as many social activities as you can and have the energy to and you will guarantee to have a fun semester.

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

I expected to meet a lot of new people and just have a break from the study style at ITU. Going on exchange gave me a lot of energy to come back to ITU and made me gain some great friend from all over.

**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?**

I gained some truly great friends from different countries, and it was very interesting to see how the education system is in another country. The academic level is a bit lower than at ITU, but I still learnt some new interesting topics in e.g. Data Preprocessing and gained knowledge on how to work with data on different platform than are taught at IT

## **Arranging your stay**

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

Getting the courses approved at ITU and creating the OLA and so on was a bit time consuming, but was doable and would recommend doing it with the other people who are in the process. The searched for accommodation which took a little while but was fine because I was a bit early. But overall, I would say the administrative process was a lot easier than expected and everything seemed to work out in the end.

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

I looked in Facebook groups and on Student Experience for accommodation, but did not do much other research before arriving and it still turned out great.

**How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?**

With housing I started a little early so in May and found a nice room in an apartment through Student Experience. The rooms are bit expensive compared to what else can be available through e.g. Facebook, but this was super easy to book and there was cleaning included.

I would recommend looking for places in the eras Saldanha, Alameda, Picoas og Anjos. Der er mange andre fine også, men ville ikke anbefale områderne Intendente og Martim Moniz.

## **Expenses and Financing**

**Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad**

Living is very cheap in Lisbon compared to Copenhagen. Groceries and eating out is cheaper. If you are under 24, you get a transportation card for free where you can take bus, metro and train for free. Though you need to apply to get a NIF, which is quite a difficult process. In general, it was quite inexpensive living, but that also meant I ate out a lot more than I normally would back home.

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

I did not apply for any

