



## IT University Travel Report

**Host University:** Boston University Metropolitan College

**Study programme at ITU:** Digital Innovation and Management

**Courses studied abroad:** IT Project Management, IT Strategy, Agile Software Development, Software quality and testing

**Exchange Period:** semester (autumn/spring) Autumn 2021

### Your stay abroad

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

Overall, it was an amazing experience to live in Boston and study at BU!! I would recommend everyone to study a semester abroad. However, here are some things, that I would have liked to know before I went.

First of all, due to the agreement ITU have with BU MET you only have classes in the evening, which I think is a bit unfortunate when you're on exchange.

Secondly, the American school system is very different from the Danish. At BU you are graded based on weekly quizzes, assignments, class participation and final exam. I spend a lot of time studying, which is something that you need to keep in mind. I believe graduate courses require mere preparation/study time than under-grad courses at BU.

The partnership ITU has with BU does not allow you to choose courses yourself, unfortunately. You choose a certificate e.g. in IT project Management and then all your courses are set. I got my second certificate priority.

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

I Wanted to live and study in an English-speaking city and experience the American school system.

The overall experience was amazing and you should for sure do it! Keep in mind that there is a lot of preparation work in the months leading up to departure.

I would have expected more guidance from ITU (I had to find a lot of information myself) and more communication about the (ITU/BU) partnership and what to expect as an exchange student.

**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 would recommend EVERYONE to study abroad for at least a semester! Academically you experience new ways of learning and collaborating with different nationalities. Additionally, I've developed quite a lot personally. Even though there were some bumps on the way the 5 months abroad was amazing! Do it do it do it!

## **Arranging your stay**

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

The preparation process was long and very extensive. But, it is all worth it at the end!! Especially when going to the US the process can be a bit complicated. Again, I did not get much help from ITU, so I had to figure most of the things out myself.

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

EDU was very informative and helpful! I had a good friend who was going to the US through EDU and they were extremely helpful and informative – so I got all his insides.

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

Through Facebook groups and broker agencies.

## **Expenses and Financing**

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

Boston is very expensive and so is the tuition fee – but it's all worth it!!

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

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