

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, as long as you cover the information asked for below. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information - but you need not. Remember that the report will be made available on the intranet.

Host university: University of Technology Sydney

Study programme at ITU: BSc in Software Development

Study abroad

Courses studied abroad:

- Fundamentals of C Programming
- Business Process and IT Strategy
- Collaborative Business Processes

Exchange period: Autumn semester 2019

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

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Your stay abroad

What was it like to study at University of Technology Sydney?

Studying at University of Technology Sydney was an incredible experience both academically as well as from a social perspective.

I attended three subjects; two business subjects and one IT subject. All of them was of great academic outcome, due to both the professors being very competent, and the structuring of the courses. In both of my business subjects, we were very “hands-on” with concept development of an idea for a company - and more awesome was, that these were focused on sustainable futures, which is indeed an interesting topic these days.

The social life at campus was really good. Almost everyday during my entire semester, activities would occur on the campus atrium in the middle of all the university building. This meant, that there was always a time for fun and games to lighten up the day, that at times could be academically demanding. Occasionally, there would be university parties, which was great fun as well.

Something worth mentioning about University of Technology Sydney is the location. This could not get any better. You are located in downtown Sydney, with the central station stopping right next door (and there's even a direct way from the station to campus). This was especially good for me, since I chose to live in the center of Sydney, so a 10 minute walk to school was all I had to care about in the mornings.

Finally, I would like to give rise to the amazing job done by the university in regards to making sure, that all new students would feel welcome. Initially, they arranged a dozen of activities for us, such that we could meet new people, that were in the similar situation as our selves. These activities brought me together with the most amazing friends, that I pretty much spent all my time with for the entire duration of the stay.

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

The initial motivation for me to go abroad stems from multiple things. First of all, I've always wanted to attend, if not all, then some of my education outside of Denmark, since I love travelling and experiencing new cultures (and studying abroad is a great opportunity to do both). And my semester in Sydney really met my expectations in regards to this. I did a lot of travelling while being abroad - both inside Australia and to other countries nearby. Furthermore, I built up a daily life in an entirely new culture, which was a rewarding experience in itself.

Secondly, I needed a break from my daily routines in Denmark. This was both academically as well as socially. And I was of the understanding, that studying abroad was a great way for this to happen in a positive manner, where I would get new educational experiences while meeting new people.

Please describe how you expect studying abroad to contribute to your further studies?

I expect my experience, as a study abroad student, to have great impact on my further studies. First of all, it gave me new cultural perspective on both life as well as education. As mentioned earlier, the Australians are indeed very welcoming and this was evident from my semester abroad. This is an aspect, that I will definitely try to bring in to my educational life my self. Danish people tend to be closed and reserved, which is why, it was amazing to experience the diametrical opposite.

Next, I think it was healthy for me to experience the educational system of another country. I was of the belief, that all countries had more or less the same educational structure, but this was indeed wrong. The Australian system is very different from the Danish.