



## **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:**

Polytechnic University of Milano

### **Study Programme at IT University :**

Computer Science

### **Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad:**

Study Abroad

### **Courses studied abroad:**

Robotics & Design, Robotics, Internet of Things, Hypermedia Applications, Digital Innovation Lab, Computer Graphics.

**Exchange Period:** semester: spring 2019

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

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## **Your stay abroad**

### **What was it like to study at Polytechnic University of Milano (including choice of courses, academic level, social life at campus)?**

Overall were the whole study experience very different from how it is at IT-University of Copenhagen. To start with is the university in Milan way bigger, with way more students. So the campuses almost became a small city within the city. Which were a good thing.

The class rooms and other facilities were very old and not up to date compared to the facilities we have at the ITU. Except of the Labs, which were equipped with all necessary tools needed in our projects.

I've unfortunately choose to pick 6 different course, each of 5 ECTS points. I made this choice because I couldn't find any course of 10 ECTS points which I fund as interesting as the courses I ended up chosen. But I would strongly recommend not doing this, and instead go for 4 courses, of 2x10 and 2x5 ETCS if possible. Since it were to much overhead having 6 different courses, in terms of hand-ins, group meetings, class overlapping and exam overlapping.

The academic level in the different courses were at a sufficient level, it wasn't easy and it wasn't too difficult to follow along. All the courses were taught in English.

I lived at a residence apartment connected to the university, so I had 3 other flat mates from the university. Which were very nice to have. Beside that did a get a lot of friends through the different social events arranged by the "Erasmus - ESN" program. Events I strongly recommend going to. I quickly became a part of a small friend-group in the first 3-4 days.

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

I have always wanted to try the exchange life and at the same time dreamed of trying to live in a big city in another country. This mixed with the feeling of trying something new from the IT-University, which I have been attending for 3.5 years. Spark the idea of going abroad, the last push came from the study plan since, I had 22.5 ECTS of electives on the 2. Semester of my master. Which meant it would be easy to get the courses at the foreign university approved.

It did in some way meet my expectations. I learned a lot by living in another country, both regarding Italy and also a lot of how it is living in Copenhagen compared to Italy. At the same time did I evolve a lot as a person, and also learned a lot in academic terms. But it wasn't a life changing experience by no means.

**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 learned how it is to live with 3 other nationalities/flat mates. Where our cultures were very different, so discussions were inevitable. I learned quickly how to tackle these discussions as well as how to avoid them. Which I see very useful since I'm planning to live abroad later in my life.

I also learned how small the world really is, and how easy it is to travel to place you always have dreamed of visiting by yourselves.

In regards of academic, did I learn a lot through the curriculum of the different courses. I also worked in several groups, where we were multiple different nationalities with different work cultures. This of course caused miscommunication and discussions. Doing this group work, have prepared me a lot for going to into a similar group project in the future.

Communicating between cultures is very useful and necessary in todays society, especially for me since the possibility of working together with different cultures and nationalities, within my field of study is very likely.

## **Arranging your stay**

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

First did I have a meeting with the "Study & Career Advisor" at ITU, regarding which semester would be best regarding an exchange period.

Then a meeting with the International Coordinator at ITU regarding where to go on my exchange.

Then were the some formal deadlines regarding applications and course application for the exchange period.

Then again one last meeting with the International Coordinator, before the exchange semester began.

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

I found the International Coordinator at ITU very helpful in planning my stay in Milan, she answered fast and very thorough on any question I had throughout my exchange period.

Problems at the foreign university, did I take to the mobility office the foreign university, where the staff also were good at answering my questions.

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

I arranged my accommodation through a website connected to the university in Milan, where I got a spot in a 4-man apartment.

## **Expenses and Financing**

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

The biggest expenses I had were my accommodation in Milan, which I paid all of before the beginning of the semester. Beside that weren't there any major expenses connected to my stay abroad.

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

Yes, I applied for multiple, and got one from Nordea, and Københavns Kommune. And I also got one from Erasmus, which were connected to my stay in Milan.

## **Recommendations for other students:**

It is possible to get accommodation through the university, by this website:

<http://www.residenze.polimi.it>. Be extremely quick when it opens, everything was gone after 4-5 minutes, when I did it.

And if you get a place to live in, which is connected to the university, double check the check-in date.