



IT University Travel Report

Host University: QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

Study Programme at IT University: GBI

Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad:

STUDY ABROAD

Courses studied abroad: GLOBAL

BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS,

DATA ANALYSIS, BRIDGING CULTURES

Exchange Period: AUTUMN 2019

Your stay abroad

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

QUT is a modern university with general good facilities. Their main campus is placed close to the city center, and just next to Brisbane's beautiful botanic garden. The university offers various courses which is similar to the ones being offered at ITU. Personally I would say that the general academic level is one step down from the normal ITU standard. I studied 4 courses, and throughout the semester you would have to turn in (in general) 3 assignments in each course. This could (at times) create some stressing periods where assignments deadlines were clustering. However did it help spread out the workload during the semester, which also meant that the exam period was a piece of cake compared to the exam period at ITU.

There is a number of social clubs and student organization to join, e.g. running club, surf club, exchange or NORSK. They all do activities, weekend trips and party's.

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

I wanted to experience another culture and challenge myself on a personal level. My stay definitely met my expectations. I would 110 % recommend going on exchange to other ITU students.

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?

Academically was it interesting to experience how education style varies from one country to another. The approach at QUT was very “hands-on” and they generally brand themselves “As a University for the real world”. This was a good approach, as many of my subjects were business related and hence case based. I had a great some great courses in International Logistics and Global Business, where I learned a lot regarding supply chains and business in general.

Personally, I have learned that it is not that “dangerous” to get out of your comfort zone and it actually benefits your point of view on a lot of stuff back home. I therefore expect taking both personal and academic knowledge with me from my stay in my coming studies and work life.

Arranging your stay

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

ITU offered a few meetings about studying abroad in the fall of 2018, and I went away in the fall of 2019. These could be recommended to go to, as they give a good description of deadlines and offerings in general.

I applied to the university in the beginning of 2019, and as ITU have a deal with QUT – I could get directly in as a fee paying student and get all my expenses covered by the SU Udlandsstipendium.

From there it was just a bunch of bureaucracy: picking courses, getting them pre-approved seeking visa, getting plane tickets and health insurance etc,

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

I used Eva for general questions etc. She was a big help, both before and throughout my stay.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I arrived 10 days prior to introduction start with two other students, and we had been advised to search in Brisbane. We used 10 days on finding a nice unit in West End.

If you are going to Brisbane, you need to stay in West End. It is the vibrant university part of the city, close to both UQ and QUT with many bars, restaurants, shops etc and close to the city.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

Be sure to have enough capital, and search for both the Lemvig Muller legat and the travel pool. It is expensive to live in Australia in general. It is a bit cheaper to eat out, but supermarket prices are almost the same as in DK.