



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: École d'ingénieurs - ECE Paris

Study Programme at IT University: Software Development (Design track)

Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad: Exchange agreement

Courses studied abroad: I studied a summer program, that had 3 modules (courses) in it the Augmented/virtual reality area:

- AVR Introduction
- AVR Products, Projects and Future
- AVR Sensors Network Infrastructure

Exchange Period: semester (Summerschool) year 2018

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 ECE Paris (including choice of courses, academic level, social life at campus)?

It was a good experience with a high academic level. The program that I had was well structured and you saw the point with the program from start to finish. In Paris it is mandatory to come to class, and you are getting crossed off when attending, too much absent equals that you do not get your transcript. ECE Paris is an engineering school, which is proud of their academic level and their learning methods. It is not common to have homework, so although I was in school from 9-17 everyday (Monday – Thursday), it was nice to have the opportunity to go around in the streets of Paris without stressing over being prepared for the next day. Assignments were made in class, where time was allocated. The social program could be better but every Friday there were mandatory social activities which were museum visits, planned boat trip etc. Since it was summer school everyone in the class was on exchange, which meant that most talked together and hungout after classes. Lunch was allocated, so you could go and sit by the Eiffel tower and enjoy a good glass of wine and a croissant.

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

The biggest motivation was to come out and live and experience another culture and meeting new people. I see this as a nice opportunity when you are studying in another country, because the other students are also interested in the same thing and then you have some strangers to experience it with. It's also healthy to come out of your comfort zone, and even though it can feel frightening to imagine going by yourself, it is an amazing feeling to see what lays in front of you. The trip did without a doubt live up to my expectations. Amazing place, amazing people and amazing culture.

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 can really feel that my English (and French) has improved because you are forced to communicate in another language than your native. The trip has also given me a good understanding of the French culture and how they work, which have made me consider going back sometime in the future. Academically it has strengthened my CV and shown me that AVR is part of the future and really something that would be an interesting future career.

Arranging your stay

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

The biggest advice I can give is to start in good time! It takes time to find exactly the course that you are into, and there is a lot of different opportunities that is exciting. Have in mind, that there is a lot of paperwork that needs to be okay before you go. Also, if you want scholarships, you need to apply in due time.

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

I used the ITU page about studying abroad, where I conducted research on what universities I felt could be interesting to visit. Otherwise I was in contact with the university in Paris who helped me, if I had any questions.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I rented a studio apartment which I found through ECE university. They have a lot of contacts, but it is a good idea to plan this in good time, since the apartments is being rented out fast.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

I made a budget when I applied to go. Here I had rent, flight tickets, money for fun etc. Paris is an expensive city to live in, so it's a good idea to save up some money beforehand.

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

I did not! But wished I had. If you have the time, I recommend you doing it.

Recommendations for other students:

Short but the best recommendation: GO. You will not regret it.