

IT University Travel Report

Host university: Webster University Thailand

Study programme at IT University: Software Development Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad: Freemover

- Accounting
- Introduction To Business technologies - Management theories and practises - Computer Programming I

Exchange periode: Fall 2019

What was it like to study at Webster?

The studies at Webster University is focused on topics regarding computer programming and business studies, where I on my 5th semester at ITU had a mandatory course in the field of business. The academic level at Webster University was quit low compared to the level I've experienced at ITU.

I attended the Bangkok Campus, which is one of the two Faculties Webster University has to offer in Thailand. The other Campus is located in Hua Hin, which is approximately three hours from Bangkok, in a more quiet beach city. The Bangkok Campus is located in a building called Empire Tower, known for being one of the first international business hubs in Thailand. This was something quit exiting in the beginning when attending Webster University, where as later on the building was just a part of the every day life there as a student.

Webster University is actually an American University with Faculties worldwide and ten thousands of students worldwide. The Bangkok Campus had in total approximately 500 students, where's 200 of the students were Master students and 300 Undergraduate students.

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

Since Webster is an american university, quiet a lot of the students were americans, but also a lot of other nationalities. Especially Nepal was a well represented nationally, which is really weird when you come to Thailand and expect a lot of Thai people to be studying there. This was not really what i was expecting when going to Thailand and looking back at it I'm a bit disappointed since it didn't meet my expectations.

Regarding the academic level my expectations was the academic to be a quit difficult, since the academics are dictated from the Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri in the US. But here i was a bit disappointed, since a lot of the courses was made for students from 3th world countries like Nepal and therefore didn't bring any big academic challenges.

Living in Bangkok and Thailand, i must say, over exceeded my expectations. Before going to Bangkok, i had only been there once on a few days holiday and i wasn't really that excited about Bangkok back then. But after living there and knowing a lot of nice places around the city, I had a hard time leaving.

My takeaway from a semester in Bangkok must have been a very exiting view into different cultures and individuals with other approach to life than what we have in Denmark or Europe in general. Academically I've gained some introduction business knowledge and improved my english quite well.

Arranging my stay

I was decided on the destination and university pretty early in the process, since i had relatives who were attending Webster University the same semester.

Courses studied aboard:

To plan my stay I talked with a danish company StudySea, whom help me with the application for Webster and all the questions i had before i left.

I also collaborated with the Study and Career guidance regarding the processes at ITU. Especially when i came to get the pre approval of the courses they were to a lot of help, since they've suggestions and knowledge on how to solve the problems that i had with pre approval.

Webster University in Bangkok provide student housing for a fee of 30.000 bath (approximately 6.000 kr) for 5 month. I decided to find an apartment through a leasing company i found on Google. It was a very nice experience. I paid 5.000 kr a month for a 1 bedroom apartment in a 5 star apartment complex. It's possible to find something nice in a cheaper price-range.

Expenses and Financing

Housing: 5 months * 5.000 kr

Tuition fee: 37.500 kr

A meal + drink at a nice streetfood is 60 bath (12 kr) and a meal+drink at a nice western restaurant is 300 bath (65 kr). Moto taxies are cheap (15 mins for 50 bath (10 kr)) and the fastest way to get around the city, due to traffic jams.

I received a scholarships from ITU travel pool and made the