



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. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not.

Note that by filling in and sending the report you automatically consent to publishing it on ITU student.

Host university: Technical University of Munich (TUM)

Study Programme at IT University: department of informatics

Exchange agreement or Free mover: Exchange

Courses studied abroad: Causality, Network Security, Practical Course: Enhancing Data Analysis with Generative AI — Focus on Human Systems

Period studying abroad: semester (autumn/spring) autumn year 2026

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

Your stay abroad

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

Studying at the Technical University of Munich was overall quite a positive experience. Going into the exchange I wasn't sure about the system there so here is a little explanation.

There are 3 types of courses at the university: lectures, practical courses and seminars. For the last two you have to register before and participate in a process called matchmaking. There you rank the courses and hopefully get accepted to some practical courses and seminars. Taking these instead is a good solution for getting more ECTS and having some break from the typical lectures.

For lectures you can register for them even a few weeks after the course has begun. From what I've heard and experienced – attending lectures is never mandatory (there might be some that I'm not aware of). For most lectures you can just register for exam without ever registering for the lectures but it's really not recommended.

TUM is a way larger university than ITU and most of the lecture halls are extremely large and have a lot of student in them. Don't expect to know the professor personally or be able to ask questions during the lecture. The exams are also more difficult as it's often said that TUM wants to "filter out" students which might not be preferable as an exchange student. Make sure to study at least a few weeks before.

When it comes to social life at the campus, there are a lot of different cafes, study halls and places where you can spend time with other people and relax. The difficult part is getting to know other people. As an exchange

student it will be difficult to get to know people at the campus with the difficulty being further amplified by the size of the university as mentioned above. There are thankfully different ways of meeting other people, mainly exchange students. Best ways of doing that is meeting them through the dormitory or through events.

If you get a spot at a dormitory, it will be a huge deal for both your social life and your finances. People there are usually international and very open to meeting others with most of them being exchange students too. The two most known and largest dormitories are StudentenStadt and Olympia village which have really cool facilities like bars, gyms, shops and restaurants.

The second option are events hosted by ESN in Munich. It is a network of student hosting events for internationals and I hugely recommend checking their website. The events are really cool and have a large variety. The best programs from them and the most recommended for exchange students are Party Animals and Culture Creatures. For those programs you need to register a bit before the exchange to participate. There you will meet 20 people from different countries and participate in events lasting around 2 weeks. By the end of the program you will really know every person and have guaranteed friends. Once again, check out their website for more info.

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

My initial motivation for going was to experience how it is to study at a different university in a different country. I wanted to meet people from all around the world and make international friends. I also wanted to hike in the mountains and see how it is to be at one of Europe's leading universities.

The stay definitely met my expectations and it is a quite difficult to come back after it. Would absolutely recommend it to everyone.

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?

Out of my stay I got a lot of new experiences and new perspectives on life. I believe I learned quite a bit about the world and myself throughout the exchange. Academically I got to know the rigorous environment of the exchange university and learned quite a bit in the courses I've chosen. I expect the experience to enhance my creativity and the way of thinking to progress my further studies.

Arranging your stay

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

The process was quite simple as I got a place in a dormitory arranged by ITU. Just select the right options when applying. There weren't a lot of other things to manage. I would recommend checking the German government websites for how to register once you get there.

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

Once again, message ITU.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

Once again, ITU.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

While Munich is not considered a cheap city, with a dormitory you should be able to live comfortably. If you don't get a dorm, it might cost you quite a fortune. On the other hand, the groceries are very affordable. Coming from Denmark to Munich, it will generally be quite a relief for your finances but of course it depends on several factors such as receiving SU.

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

I did not.

Recommendations for other students: