



## 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:** *FIB - Barcelona School of Informatics*

**Study Programme at IT University:** *Compute Science*

**Exchange agreement or Free mover:** *Exchange agreement*

### Courses studied abroad:

- *Multiprocessor Architecture (MA),*
- *Advanced Data Structures (ADS),*
- *Algorithmic Methods for Mathematical Models (AMMM),*
- *Techniques and Methodology of Innovation and Research in Informatics (TMIRI)*

**Period studying abroad: semester (autumn/spring) Spring\_year 2024**

**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)?**

Incredible! The academic level was very manageable and the study life in general was very friendly and open. The courses chosen were engaging and challenging without being too difficult to manage. The social life on campus was lively and inviting, and I met a huge amount of people from all over the world that became my very close friends and study partners.

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

I went partly as a personal challenge to see if I could manage living and studying in a different country without knowing anyone there. I anticipated that it would be an experience to remember, but would also be somewhat uncomfortable for my more introverted self. It turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life. I was never uncomfortable or lonely and loved every moment. And it will in fact be an experience I remember for the rest of my life. I will also look into doing another exchange in the near future if it is possible.

**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?**

From an educational standpoint the courses continued increasing my IT knowledge teaching me relevant information in several different parts of IT. Which will prepare me for the rest of my masters at the ITU. At the same time the courses gave me a slightly different perspective on IT related topics than the ITU courses have done so far.

From a personal standpoint this is one of the greatest experiences of my life and will change the trajectory of my future professional and personal life immensely. I have become more outgoing, confident and generally happy. I just hope it persists as I return to my usual routine.

## **Arranging your stay**

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

I followed all the steps about getting a nomination from my home university, then applying to the host university, then getting courses approved. (This part was really frustrating). Other than that I just looked for a place to live that met my needs and was within my price range on the website "housinganywhere.com". The rest I figured out as I lived there.

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

I didn't really use any resources. Though the meetings arranged by the ITU explaining a bit about traveling abroad were nice.

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

Using housinganywhere.com

## **Expenses and Financing**

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

My bank account took quite a hit while on exchange. The place I lived at cost me about 5.800 kr a month. I also had to pay for the metro card every month. And then food and drink completely ruined me. But still worth it 10/10.

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

I did not, but I should have.

**Recommendations for other students:**

Participate in as many activities set up by erasmus or your host university as possible. You meet a bunch of great people very fast that way.