

# IT University Travel Report



**Host university:** Queensland University of Technology

**Study Programme at IT University:** DIM

**Exchange agreement or Free mover:** Free-Mover

**Courses studied abroad:** Business Intelligence, Cyber Security and Governance, Strategic Business Intelligence for Managers, Consulting and Change Management

**Period studying abroad:** Autumn 2025

**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 the university (including choice of courses, academic level, social life at campus)?**

Social: I was studying at a master's level in Australia. It is very rare for Australians to move past a bachelor's degree, so most of my peers were from Asia and occasionally there were other exchange students, however, this largely depends on the courses. Many of the people from Asia speak poorly English and keep to each other. I mostly kept in touch with Danes and Norwegian people whom I met through social gatherings and not necessarily had courses with. Thus, the social life at campus during school hours, for me at least, was minimal, but with more effort this can of course change for you. Most social life for me and my peers was not on campus anyway. Also a huge recommendation is to apply for clubs, this is a great way to meet other students, especially people who want to socialize. I personally attended multiple: QUTies, QUTsurf, QUTbadminton and QUTbeachvolley. They do require a small membership fee each, but it's around 50-100 DKK for a year.

Academic level varied for my courses, but coming from ITU the workload is minimal and many courses can be passed with minimal effort. If you want the top grade you will need to put a bit more effort into it.

Choice of courses: As DIM student you can make your own specialization, and thus my choice of courses was chosen to suit my own specialization which was based on my interest in data and security.

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

Honestly, for me it was quite impulsive and I did it because I wanted to try something new and thus, I did not have many expectations, it went quite fast from let me try to suddenly I was going. However, I can without a doubt recommend going abroad, I had a blast!

**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: I learned of new tools and got several repeated models which I now have fresh in memory for when I am writing my thesis.

Personally: I gained a lot of confidence in my own abilities as you as an ITU student most likely will be in the high end of students. Also, I gained a lot of experience in living and thriving in a new environment far from everything I know. Lastly, I gained a lot of memories from my travels and a lot of new friends from all over the world.

## Arranging your stay

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

Even though I was a free mover e.g. had to pay tuition (keep in mind this basically covered by Udlandsstipendium, which you can apply for, and should be eligible for if you can receive SU) I was invited to everything that the coordinator at ITU hosted. Thus, I mostly just kept in touch with her deadlines. I did order my plane ticket quite late and could have saved some money on this if I had ordered it earlier. Also, I chose to live with 2 other students from ITU, and we were recommended to just find accommodation once we arrived in Brisbane, thus we stayed at a hostel the first week until we found accommodation. It was quite tough, and I would really consider whether this is for you if you chose to do likewise as it required quite an effort. I would also consider whether staying at the student accommodation provided by QUT is worth it as it was more expensive than most other options and it has very varied feedback (from the people I met). We for example found an apartment approx. 30 min from QUT and 15 min from the inner city at 200km which proved cheaper pr. Person (we were 3) than student accommodation.

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

I met with a student who was abroad the previous semester to gain knowledge. I kept in touch with the exchange coordinator and followed her deadlines. I spoke with the other students going to Brisbane to ensure we all kept up with deadlines.

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

I did "cold calling" or called agencies (scary I know haha), walked into hotel lobbies, searched on Airbnb and similar sites. All this was done after arriving in Brisbane, turned out really good but it is time consuming.

## Expenses and Financing

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

If you have read this far and decide to reach out, I can give you my budget both from before (the one used to apply for grants) and my revised one to see what I spend. Below is some mentions you might not think about.

Visa approx. 7000 DKK

Insurances approx. 4000 DKK

Phone approx. 180 DKK / month

Fitness approx. 180 DKK / every 2 weeks

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

I applied for a couple (15 ish before going abroad I think?) but I could have made more of an effort and structured it better, if you need help or suggestions reach out and I will let you know how you can optimize it, show my applications, budget etc. I received the following, so these are definitely recommended to apply for!:

ITU Travel Pool 2500 DKK

Lemvig-Müller 10.000 DKK (All ITU students who went to Brisbane got this!)

Villiam Demant 12.500 DKK

Knud Højgaard 18.000 DKK (All ITU students who went to Brisbane got this!)