

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: Georgia Institute of Technology

Study Programme at IT University: Digital Design and Interactive Technologies

Exchange agreement or Free mover: Exchange agreement

Courses studied abroad: Principles of Information Design, Principles of Interaction Design, Principles of Visual Design, Interactive Narrative

Period studying abroad: semester (autumn/spring): Spring, 2025

If you wish to give advice to other students regarding your travels, please state your contact info here: <u>vcla@itu.dk</u> – Victoria Clausen - +45 24 45 01 41

Your stay abroad

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

Studying abroad was an incredible experience! I had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world, which really broadened my perspective. The academic environment in the US was quite different from what I was used to at ITU. We had weekly homework in every class, and our final grades were based on a combination of assignments, attendance, participation, and overall engagement throughout the semester. I was fortunate to live in the International House (IHouse), which made it easy to meet new people and be part of a vibrant, multicultural community. The social life on campus was lively and welcoming, and I really enjoyed being a part of it.

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

My motivation for studying abroad was to experience life in a different country, meet people from around the world, and get a taste of what it's like to live in the US... living the American dream! I was eager to step out of my comfort zone and immerse myself in a new culture, both academically and socially. Looking back, the experience lived up to and even exceeded my expectations. I made meaningful connections, gained new perspectives, and grew personally and academically.

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 really liked how much we worked in Figma at Georgia Tech compared to ITU. Moreover, we had a lot of group projects which was really nice. One of the more challenging courses I took was interactive narrative. It was quite demanding, partly because the professor also retired had high expectations. So I would recommend applying for alternative course approvals if possible.

Arranging your stay

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

There are a lot of paperwork like visa, vaccines, English test and apply for I-house you need to prepare before going and it's your own responsibility to check up on those dates and so on.

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

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I applied to live in the international house (I-house) and got accepted.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

There are a lot more expenses that ITU don't mention before going abroad. Keep that in mind! It's worth the money but you need to have a good savings with you.

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

Yes.

Recommendations for other students:

Go on exchange ! You develop yourself and its such a good experience to take with