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: University of Technology Sydney(UTS)

Study Programme at IT University: Bachelor of Data Science

Exchange agreement or Free mover: Exchange

Courses studied abroad: Cybersecurity, Image processing and Pattern Recognition, Programming 2, Communication for IT Professionals

Period studying abroad: semester (autumn/spring)____autumn___year _____2023__

Your stay abroad

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

I went to Australia with high expectations of the workload, and I ended up being a bit disappointed. The courses were much simpler than the ones at ITU. The main difference is that the final grade is not solely dependent on the exam but during the semester for every quiz and every assignment you collect percentages of the final grade. The final exam was only 30% of the final grade, it lowered the stress. UTS prepares various events for newcomers. There is an orientation week, where you can sign up for different clubs.

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

I always wanted to go to Australia, to live somewhere so far away, and this was an amazing opportunity to see the country not only with the eyes of the tourist.

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 got to explore the 'Land Down Under' and I met so many amazing people from all around the world plus it was great to be in a country with great weather.

Arranging your stay

Please give a short description of the process of arranging your stay:
It starts with applying to university, applying for the visa, looking for accommodation, and paying for insurance but the ITU will help you with every step of the way.

What resources did you find helpful in planning your stay and which people did you use (if any)?
ITU helped me a lot with everything.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?
I was lucky enough to get a Standard Studio at the Yura UTS Housing I had my own bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, which was amazing because of the social activities, rooftop, and distance to uni.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

I recommend having big savings. I've spent 80000 DKK on accommodation, flights, groceries and eating out. Another 60000DKK I've spent on the trips I took to Ayers Rock, Cairns, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and New Zealand. In order to travel a bit around I would recommend having some savings.

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

Since I am not a Danish citizen it was complicated to find a scholarship. I received only the ITU Travel Pool.

Recommendations for other students:
Do it, you will not regret it.