



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: DDIT

Exchange agreement or Free mover: exchange agreement

Courses studied abroad: Prin Visual Design, Prin Information Design, Prin Interaction Design, Interactive Narrative

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

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)?

I studied at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia, where I took classes in Visual Design, Information Design, Interaction Design, and Interactive Narrative. I picked these courses because they matched my interests in design. The professors were really attentive and gave helpful feedback. The teaching style was very hands-on and discussion-based, which I personally enjoyed. Campus life was active, with lots of events and gatherings organized by the I-House (where I lived).

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

My main motivation for going abroad was to experience a new academic environment while experiencing a new culture. I was particularly interested in how design and technology were taught in the U.S., and I thought studying in Georgia would provide a unique perspective on that. The exchange experience met my expectations and even exceeded them in some ways. Especially enjoyed the teachers and how classes were taught.

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 gained a better grasp of design principles and found new ways to think about interaction and storytelling. On a personal level, I became more independent and open-minded. Studying in a new country really pushed me out of my comfort zone. This has set me up well for my future studies, both from an academic perspective with new design knowledge, but also personally with more independence

Arranging your stay

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

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

Most of my planning was facilitated by the exchange coordinators at ITU and the SAP program, who provided guidance throughout the process. I also sometimes asked directly the Georgia Tech's exchange office. The official resources were sufficient to make the process smooth so I didn't really need any additional help.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I lived in campus housing, specifically the International House (I-House), which was a good environment for exchange students. Accommodation was arranged according to instructions from Georgia Tech, and the process was quite straightforward. I found it relatively easy to secure a spot, and the housing offered everything I needed for a comfortable stay.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

The main expenses were the official program and exchange-related fees, which were significant, but clearly communicated in advance. Beyond that, daily living costs such as food and transportation were fairly manageable. SU also helped a lot.

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

I did apply for scholarships but unfortunately was not awarded any. However, I would still recommend future students explore available options early, as some scholarships can be competitive or have specific eligibility criteria.

Recommendations for other students:

If you are considering an exchange at Georgia Tech, I highly recommend it. Both academically and socially, it is a rewarding experience. The courses are engaging and practical, and the professors are genuinely invested in your learning. Be open to the different teaching style, which emphasizes discussion and hands-on work compared to ITU. Start the planning process early, especially for housing and course selection. The I-House is a great option if you want to live in an international and social environment. Don't worry if you don't know other students going; people are friendly, and it is easy to make connections once you arrive.