

# IT University Travel Report

**Host University:** University of Oslo

**Study Programme at IT University:** Masters in Digital Design og Interactive Technologies

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

**Courses studied abroad:** Interaction with AI and autonomous systems, Smart processes and agile methods in software engineering and Understanding use before use.

**Period studying abroad:** Autumn 2024

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

I am a Norwegian studying in Denmark. Due to practical reasons, I had to return to Oslo for my second year. The opportunity to participate in an exchange semester at the University of Oslo (UiO) was therefore a perfect solution.

The UiO website is user-friendly, and my communication with the university was consistently smooth and efficient. The only drawback was the delayed notification of my course acceptance, which came after classes had already started. This made it somewhat challenging to ensure my stay was pre-approved by ITU.

As a Norwegian speaker, I had the opportunity to enroll in courses that are typically not available to Erasmus+ students, and I imagine that Danish-speaking students would have the same privilege. The academic level at UiO is high, though I noticed a stronger emphasis on practical work compared to the more theoretical approach at ITU. This difference presented an interesting and rewarding challenge for me personally.

**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?**

Choosing UiO allowed me to deepen my knowledge in artificial intelligence and design, a field I intend to pursue further in my thesis. I also appreciated the flexibility to select projects freely, which enriched my academic experience.

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

UiO responded quickly to all my questions, ensuring a smooth and stress-free process. I was also offered help to arrange accommodation, but this was not necessary in my situation.

## **Expenses and Financing**

**Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad. Did you apply for scholarships and would you recommend any ones in particular?**

I received the Erasmus+ funds, which were a helpful support during my exchange. Additionally, with the Norwegian krone currently weaker than the Danish krone, Danish students choosing Norway and UiO for their exchange will find this an added financial advantage.