



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

Study Programme at IT University: Digital Innovation & Management

Exchange agreement or Free mover: Free mover

Courses studied abroad: Python programming for data processing, Project Management & Strategic Supply Chain Management

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

Your stay abroad

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

Studying at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) was a great experience, both academically and socially. I was there as a Free Mover student from ITU's *Digital Innovation & Management* programme and took courses in *Python Programming for Data Processing*, *Project Management*, and *Strategic Supply Chain Management*. The courses were super relevant to my interests and future plans.

The way UTS structures their courses is quite different from what I'm used to in Denmark. Instead of exams, everything was based on assignments. To pass a course, I just needed to pass 50% of the assignments. This made it easier to stay on track, since I had to keep up with the content in order to do the assignments. It actually helped me stay more engaged throughout the semester.

It also gave me a lot more flexibility. Without exams at the end of the semester, I was able to travel quite a bit. After the beginning of May, I had almost a full month to explore Australia and even travel to nearby countries, while still being able to finish up any remaining assignments on the go.

Socially, UTS was really welcoming. The campus has a great international vibe, and it was easy to meet people through group work, events, and just hanging out. One fun thing was that UTS offers a lot of little “freebies” for students - like free tea, snacks, and stickers scattered around campus. And twice a week, students could bring a tupperware container and get a free dinner, which was a great way to save money and meet others. The central location in Sydney also made it easy to explore the city and enjoy student life outside of class. All in all, it was a great mix of learning, socializing, and traveling.

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

I’ve always found Australia fascinating, the nature, the culture, and just how far away it is from Denmark. So when I had the chance to go on exchange, it felt like the perfect opportunity to experience living in a completely different part of the world. I also really wanted to try living in another country, not just as a tourist, but as a student with a daily routine, responsibilities, and the chance to truly get to know a new place and culture.

My stay in Sydney definitely lived up to my expectations and in many ways, even exceeded them. I got to explore incredible places both in and outside the city, meet people from all over the world, and really push myself out of my comfort zone. At the same time, I was able to keep up with my studies and learn new things that support my academic and career goals. The whole experience gave me a sense of independence and confidence that I know will stick with me going forward.

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?

Personally, this exchange has been one of the most valuable experiences of my life. I made incredible friends from all over the world - people I genuinely believe I’ll stay in touch with for life. It’s such a cool feeling to now be able to travel to so many different countries and know that I have a friend there. The world seems way smaller now. I also became much more confident in speaking English and noticed a huge improvement in my language skills throughout the semester.

Living in Sydney, especially so closely with people from different cultures, really taught me a lot about myself. I learned where my own boundaries are and how to respect others’ ways of living, even when they’re completely different from what I’m used to. That kind of cultural understanding and flexibility is something I’ll carry with me going forward, both personally and professionally.

Academically, I had a really eye-opening experience - especially with *Python Programming*. I honestly never expected to enjoy coding, but my professor was amazing at teaching in a clear and engaging way, and I ended up getting really inspired and even finding it fun. I also gained a lot of new skills in *Project Management*, not just in theory, but through practice by working on real group projects, taking initiative, and even coming up with and managing a project of my own. As I mentioned before, the learning environment at UTS was excellent - very hands-on, collaborative, and supportive.

All of this has definitely strengthened both my academic profile and my personal growth. I'm coming back to my studies in Denmark with a broader perspective, new skills, and a lot of motivation.

Arranging your stay

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

The process of arranging my stay went pretty smoothly. I had a lot of help from ITU and their guides on ITU Student, which made it much easier to keep track of everything I needed to do. I also got in touch with the host university, UTS, quite early and found out that they had an on-campus dorm I could apply for which was a huge help when it came to settling in once I arrived. As soon as I had my admission confirmed, I booked my flight right away to save money. Planning things early really paid off and helped reduce the stress before departure.

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

The guides and information on ITU Student were super helpful when I was planning my exchange. They gave me a clear overview of what steps to take and when, which made the whole process feel more manageable. I also got support from ITU's international office whenever I had questions they were really helpful and quick to respond. At the same time, I reached out early to the University of Technology Sydney, and they were great at helping me figure out things like housing and course selection. I also talked to a few students who had been on exchange before, which gave me some helpful tips and a better idea of what to expect.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I arranged accommodation pretty early after getting accepted by UTS. I found out they had on-campus housing and applied through their student housing portal. Luckily, I got a spot in one of the student dorms, which made everything a lot easier. Living on campus was super convenient and also made it easy to meet other students and get involved in social activities right from the start.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

Australia was actually less expensive than I expected in some ways for example, a coffee costs around 25 kr, which felt reasonable. But traveling around the country and visiting a lot of different places can get quite expensive, especially if you want to see a lot. So I definitely recommend coming with some savings to cover those costs. To help with expenses, I applied for several grants, which made a big difference and helped me manage financially during my stay. Overall, with a bit of planning and budgeting, it was totally doable.

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

Yes, I did apply for scholarships and found them really helpful. I used *Legathåndbogen* a lot, which is a great guide for finding scholarships. I also found the list of grants on ITU Student super useful. I'd definitely recommend checking those out if you're planning to study abroad they make a big difference!

Recommendations for other students:

If you're thinking about going on exchange, I'd say go for it! It's an amazing experience that really pushes you to grow both personally and academically. Make sure to get organized early apply for accommodation and book your flights as soon as you can to save money. Also, don't hesitate to reach out to the university's support services and use guides like ITU Student and *Legathåndbogen* to find scholarships.

