



## 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, as long as you cover the information asked for below. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information - but you need not. Remember that the report will be made available on the intranet.*

**Host University: Beijing Jiao Tong University**

**Study Programme at IT**

**University : SDT**

**Courses studied abroad: Software**

**Project Training 2, Game Design,**

**Game Implementation**

**Exchange Period: semester (autumn/spring) spring\_\_\_\_year 2018\_\_\_\_\_**

**If you wish to give advice to other students regarding your travels, please state your contact info here:**

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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)?**

Studying at BJTU is completely different than at ITU. There are very few courses offered in English. The courses usually only consists of a 4 hour lecture with few assignments - with no submissions. Only the final projects are required to be handed in via email, WeChat. Don't expect to have any platform (learnIT) for submissions, courses description, time management, project management. Everything is handled offline by word of mouth. Honestly the courses are rather boring, the way teachers presents the lecture is very boring. Teacher's English is limited as well. I did not found them very professional and experienced. However they are really friendly and helpful. There is no "life" in the class room. The local Chinese students are usually just quietly staring and listening to the teacher. Even when the teacher ask certain questions they don't react and keep quietly sitting. Foreign student's don't even show up. Shortly the academic level is way lower that at ITU.

The University management a.k.a SAP is one big hell of a mess. But again they're really helpful and friendly.

Don't expect much of a social life on the campus. There are no Friday bars, the Chinese student's don't go out on the weekends, it's usually the foreigners who party a lot - outside campus. The campus has some good sport facilities.

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

My initial motivation was going to study at Kyoto University neuroscience. Unfortunately I did not get in, therefore academically I can't say that I met my expectations.

**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?**

Academically I did not gained much from studying at BJTU, I did not learn anything new within my field. The only worth taking course was the Basic Chinese. Honestly I was really disappointed with the university. I suggest instead to study at Tsinghua University, which is one of Chinese "elite" universities located in Beijing.

On the other hand, personally I have grow so much and learned a lot. It was really interesting to meet new different people with different values, world views, hearing their stories.

## **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)?**

I have received a brochure from BJTU which was helpful.

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

The school arranged the accommodation.

## **Expenses and Financing**

**Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad**

Flight Ticket: 2800 dkk with SAS flight  
Dorm: 6000 dkk for the entire semester

The monthly expenses are really relative. With basic necessities you can survive even on 3000 dkk/month. But you can easily spend even 16k/month. There is a lot of way you can burn money in China, there's just so much stuff going on there.

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

I have tried to apply for local (Danish) scholarships which are listed on the studyguide. However I have been rejected from all of them. The Chinese government also offers scholarship which is something about 5800 dkk for the entire semester.

**Recommendations for other students:**