



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: Auckland University of Technology

Study Programme at IT University: Digital Innovation and Management

Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad: Exchange Agreement

Courses studied abroad:

Advanced Project Management; Information Technology Strategy and Policy; Photography

Exchange Period: autumn 2017

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)?

The academic level and quality of teaching was great at AUT. We had many various tasks during the semester (project simulations, quizzes, case studies, reports, essays etc.), so the hand-ins were more challenging and exciting. Studying in small groups helped to have a close relationship with our teachers and our fellow classmates. The university has a lot of clubs – I joined the AUT hiking club, which was a good way to discover the surroundings of Auckland and meet locals.

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

I wanted to improve my English in an English speaking country and discover a non-European culture. It was great to see a different mindset and way of thinking and make friends from all over the globe. I could discover the jaw-dropping scenery and some of the most beautiful places in the world.

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?

The course 'Advanced Project Management' was the best course that I had during my entire education. It was practical and exciting combined with great teaching and helped me to choose a future career direction. Since we had a very diverse pool of students, I learned a lot about different cultures and approaches.

Arranging your stay

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

After receiving the pre-approval of courses from ITU, I transferred the study fee and the cost of accommodation (student housing) to AUT. Then I applied for my New Zealand student visa and purchased the flight tickets.

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

My ITU and AUT international coordinators helped me a lot regarding course selection, paperwork, visa application and practicalities.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

I had the option to choose student housing arranged by the host university. Since it seemed the safest choice, I transferred the money and got the dorm room for the semester. Living in a dormitory is also a good way to build your social circle and make new friends.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

Accommodation costs are the same as in Copenhagen, but it is easier to find a place to live. It is cheaper to live outside of the Auckland CBD than in the central area, but affordable student housing is available in the inner city. Compared to Denmark, it is ridiculously cheap to rent a car. Eating out is much cheaper than in Denmark, but dairy products and vegetables are more expensive in supermarkets. Flight tickets are expensive, but the travel pool can ease the pain 😊

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

No, I did not. I only applied for ITU's Travel Pool of 2 500 DKK, which I got.

Recommendations for other students:

Be proactive and agile, open up and make the first step 😊