



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: IED Barcelona (The Istituto Europeo di Design)

Study Programme at IT University: Digital Design & Interactive technologies

Activity Abroad: Service Design for Innovation

Exchange Period: Spring, 2019

Your stay abroad

Please describe your stay abroad:

I stayed in Barcelona for 2 weeks with classes every day, except the weekends. The stay was really nice, and I fully enjoyed it.

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

The most common reason for me to go abroad was to get an experience apart from ITU. I never had the chance of studying abroad and suddenly I did and the whole stay met my expectations. I can really recommend you doing it.

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 learned a lot from my stay at IED. Both in relation to the social part of getting the chance to meet people from the whole world but also the course. The teachers, the program etc. was really exciting and interesting. At ITU I have the specialty of UX, which I find interesting. But suddenly I had the chance to get insight into the course of Service Design, which I found really inspiring and I'm sure that I will contribute to use a lot of the methods etc. further on.

Arranging your stay

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

We started out by reading different course descriptions and searching for if any of the courses could fit the different learning goals from the course we wanted to replace. Afterwards we had a meeting with Jonas Fritch as he is the leader of DDIT. We discussed different things about the process and stay and he helped us managing the rest of the process. We all wrote a motivational letter, which was send to SAP.

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

One of the other girls knew a girl who had been at IED a year before us and therefore we had some insights. But the most important is that IED and ITU has confirmed the course and that you book a stay at least for the first couple of days.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

We found an apartment on Airbnb.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

I of course had the flight ticket back/forth and then we were four girls who traveled together, and we rented an Airbnb apartment. I had expenses for food, different experiences etc. So only the usual stuff when you go travel.

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

No, it did not apply for any scholarships. But of course, if you have time and energy to do it, then do it. I think some other students from applied for scholarship that could cover the flight tickets.

Recommendations for other students:

We stayed in the area called Gracia, which I really can recommend. It was near the school, had small shops, bars, cozy atmosphere etc.