



IT University Travel Report

Host University: Algoma University

Study Programme at IT University: Global Business Informatics

Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad: Exchange Semester

Courses studied abroad:

- Introduction to Canadian Business
- Management Skills and Secondary Research Methods
- Anishinaabe Peoples and our Homelands I
- Games Marketplace
- Introduction to Computer Science I

Exchange Period: Autumn 2019

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)?

The university is smaller than I expected, but in a way, it also made it better since every time I went about on campus you greeted people. In terms of the location of the university it was a really small town (in Canada ratio), so the public transportation is not great, however the nature is beautiful around

the town and it is accessible. The town borders America, so you if you go to the Southern end you can see America and even take a car over to Michigan and visit, which some of the other exchange students did, some even flew to New York and Montreal. The choices of courses are really important I found out, because every course is so much different from each other in terms of what you do in class and what they expect as well as the work you have to do to get a final grade. Anishinaabe People and Homelands I was for example a course where you only needed 4 small hand ins to get your grade, while Computer Science I was 8 long hand ins that took a lot of time plus 2 tests 3 quizzes and a final exam. I think that also affects the academic level where some are more advanced than others, but overall with 5 courses you must put in a lot of work for the hand ins throughout the week compared to ITU. The social life is what you make it, it is not a big university so not that many people attend social activities that are arranged by the school, however I hung out with the other exchange students from Germany, Finland, England and Italy. With them I attended Hockey Games, that Sault Ste. Marie are famous for (former player and legend Wayne Gretzky played there), and other things around town as well as on the school and parties.

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

I've always wanted to visit Canada for their nature and the rumors of how nice people are, and it lived up to those expectations for sure, the first thing a Canadian said to me when I landed was: "Pardon". There were more foreign students than I expected, so I ended up talking with more people from around the world such as Europeans, people from Vietnam, China, Korea and India than actual Canadians.

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 about different cultures and most importantly I learned many things personally from living at a campus and doing everything there. Academically the courses Computer Science I and Games Marketplace really contributed to my academic future, since it covered material that I feel essential to my future in the masters "Games" at ITU. With the many options of courses I think anyone can pick courses that will help their academic future and still cover the course approval requirements of their program at ITU.

Arranging your stay

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

I got the eTA, applied for grants, course approval, insurance and paid the money required for the things required for Algoma University minus the school fees.

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

Eva the ITU International Partnership Manager wrote the things we needed to look into, but the most helpful person was Eunjung who is in charge of exchanges at Algoma University, who helps with everything and is very good at communicating with fast responses.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

Eunjung let me know about all the things needed to arrange the practicalities. Most of it is done over email with her and the Algoma University student portal, that you get login to prior to traveling.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

For everything needed to live there such as accommodation and food, the amount is pretty close to 6000-7000 kr. each month, flight is approximately 5000-8000 kr. depending on where and when you order, and rest is just free time expenses.

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

Only grants. Legatbogen.dk has plenty.

Recommendations for other students:

If studying at Algoma University, contact Eunjung about everything you're in doubt of in terms of practicalities. Contact me if you have any further questions.