

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: FPT University Hanoi, Vietnam

Study Programme at IT University :

Software Development

Exchange Agreement or Study

Abroad: Courses studied abroad:

Principles of Accounting

Information Management System

Negotiaton

Exchange Period: semester (autumn/spring): Autumn year: 2018

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

Your stay abroad

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

The entire experience at FPT University has been great. It was exactly what I hoped for, and also what you can expect when going on exchange in an Asian country. It was completely different from ITU. I had troubles with getting the courses I first was told that I could get. In the end, I ended up taking some completely different courses than I had expected. Apart from that, the courses I ended up taking was really good. The teachers were very engaged and did a lot to integrate us in the lectures.

The social life at campus was good! The Vietnamese students were really friendly and open-minded. They invited us to a lot of different social events. The administration at campus was not good, I had a lot of trouble getting my schedule and all my courses fixed. But overall, it was a great experience and I am very happy that I went.

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

I wanted to try to study in a completely different way. I wanted to try a different approach to university, exams and people and homework. I wanted to meet some new faces, and I wanted to challenge myself in going to a country like Vietnam – that is so different from Denmark. It was amazing.

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?

First of all I feel like I have gotten some new energy to take home with me, and to ITU. Now I feel like I am ready to finish the rest of my education.

Second I have learned so much about people, culture and that there is a ton of possibilities for a software developer.

Arranging your stay

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

I applied for going to Vietnam via ITU and via the exchange office. It was really easy and the process has been really good.

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

I just used studyguide a lot to find all the necessary information. I also spoke with other students who has already been on echange. The entire process has gone smoothly I thinkg.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

When we got go Hanoi, we just looked at Facebook, for housing-groups in Hanoi. There were a lot of possibilites, and finding an apartment was easy.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

Even though it is cheap to eat and live in Hanoi, my expenses has been higher living abroad than I thought. Because we went travelling a lot and also just paying for administration in all kinds of way.

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

No. I didn't. Because I thought It was impossible, because Vietnam is such a cheap country to live in.

Recommendations for other students:

GO!!! 🙂