



## **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:** Georgia Institute of Technology

**Study Programme at IT University:** Digital Design and Interactive Technologies

**Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad: Courses studied abroad:**

**Exchange Period:** 4<sup>th</sup> semester (spring) 2020

**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 Georgia Tech (including choice of courses, academic level, social life at campus)?** It was an amazing experience as long as it lasted. I was very fortunate to get a spot in the living-learning community I-house. I lived with some amazing exchange students and Americans that became incredibly important to me. There are loads of social things to do at Georgia Tech and Atlanta in general. It is a very big school with a lot of students so there is something for everyone. You can even get the full experience and join Greek life!

I found my courses really interesting and I feel like I learned a lot while I was there. The way of going to college versus university in Denmark is very different. It reminds me more of going to Gymnasium here in Denmark. The semester is packed with assignments and projects that are graded as well as participation is mandatory and graded. This means that there are no exams in the end which was very less stressful for sure. The academic level was pretty much the same, maybe a bit harder depending on what courses you are taking. It is more the expectations that are higher as well as the competition between students and even schools.

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

I have always wanted to live abroad for a longer period. I have always been fond of the States and Georgia Tech seemed like an obvious choice (since it's also considered the MIT of the South and it carries a lot of prestige and honor to go there). My stay met my expectations, but it took a few weeks for me to find myself there. You need to adapt really quick and still be good in school while

staying social. It is a lot, but Georgia Tech students are all go-getters and that definitely rubs off on you.

**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 got so much out of my stay even though it what cut short by COVID-19. I gained friends that I am certain I will always have and I appreciate the cultural perspectives I have gained and therefore also a new respect and understanding for other cultures and how, even when you have lived so different lives, you can become so tight. Academically, Georgia Tech looks really good on one's resumé. Both in Denmark but probably even more so globally. I was also able to get some courses as my electives that I would never have been able to get in Denmark, meaning, I have been able to specialize and individualize my degree, and that will hopefully stand out when I'm applying for jobs. It has already paid off I would say, I got an internship at a company where I have my dream job.

## **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)?**

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

## **Expenses and Financing**

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

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

**Recommendations for other students:**