Travel Report for Bastian Jørgensen
Digital Methods Summer School 2015, University of Amsterdam

IT University Travel Report

Host University: University of Amsterdam

Study Programme at IT University: Digital Innovation Management

Activity Abroad: Participation in Digital Methods Summer School 2015


Your stay abroad

Please describe your stay abroad:

I participated in the Digital Methods Summer School 2015 at the University of Amsterdam. The Summer School was a two-week program with daily lectures and work sessions from 9-17.

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

My motivation for going to the summer school was directly related to my experience in the course Navigating Complexity, Mapping, Visualization and Decision-making.

Digital Methods Initiative in Amsterdam is developing and experimenting with digital tools to study the Internet and in that way explore topics and controversies on different platforms. I was interested in the tools and methods from the summer school and the ways in which they can influence research and the researcher.

The stay surpassed all my initial expectations both due to the educational content and the social atmosphere.
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?

From my stay I learned a lot personally as well as academically.

As I was travelling alone a part of the learning process for me was to structure my stay and to be responsible for my own learning objectives. Furthermore I was interested in meeting other people interested in digital methods and learn more about the “network” within the field of study.

Academically I was introduced to a lot of new digital tools for scraping social media platforms like: Facebook, Instagram and Youtube.

**Arranging your stay**

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

It was possible for me to convert my stay into 6 ECTS points, and then in addition to this I will write an essay for 1,5 ECTS which is arranged as a project at the ITU.

First of all is to make the application for pre-approval of the ECTS points to Student Affairs & Programmes.

Then an application has to be made to the Digital Methods Summer School and then you will have to arrange the practicalities around hotel and how you are going to travel to Amsterdam.

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

I found it useful to talk to my TA’s and professors from the course Navigating Complexity. They all knew the summer school and gave me some great advice about whom to talk to for more information.

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

In the application for the summer school it is possible to apply for accommodation at “The Student Hotel” which is arranged in collaboration with the summer school. The price for two weeks was 620 EUR for two weeks. I rented a bike for the two weeks, which I took everyday to school (20-30 minutes).
Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

Expenses that are connected to my stay was:

Transportation to Amsterdam (Flight ticket).

Hotel in Amsterdam.

Breakfast, Lunch and dinner.

Transportation around in Amsterdam

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

I applied for the ITU travel fund and the SU Udlansstipendium.

Theese to grants covered more than 50 % of the expenses in relation to the Summer School.