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: Parsons School of Design / New School

Study Programme at IT University : DDK

Activity Abroad: Summer Course / Graphic Design 2

Exchange Period: semester (autumn/spring) Summer 2016

Your stay abroad

Please describe your stay abroad:

It was a three week summer course, which I took to enhance my graphic design skills. The school was located central on Manhattan. The class was intense, but fun! The school had different facilities available to explore your design skills and not just by computer. It was a great experience connecting hands on exploration of context and graphic design.

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

The initial motivation was because of the fact that none of the courses at ITU met the requirements that I had hoped for. After being searching for a job before starting on ITU I learned that the graphic design skills are an advantages when applying for jobs and I wanted to make my job profile as strong as possible. The stay met my expectations and the school as well.
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?

The course was a really creative class, so I definitely learned to set my mind to that. Exploring different kinds of working with design and see possibilities in the little things. The class was intense and only for three weeks so you had to run with your first ideas and that was a challenge I learned from. I feel that the creative thinking is the best part I can take with me home and use further in my studies.

Arranging your stay

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

It was a long and complicated process. The paper work alone will frustrate anyone. So all the communication between the office at ITU and the one at Parsons was really confusing and it was difficult to find help.

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

The other students travelling with me. I recommend finding someone who has done the stay before to get help.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

We all used AirBnb for finding a place to stay. We teamed up and was in three groups.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

The class itself is a bit expensive but it is possible to find somewhat cheap accommodation and plain tickets. Food and drinks are more expensive then at home.

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

No. I only applied for the help you can get from the SU office.

Recommendations for other students:

Do it! You won’t regret it.