



## 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. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not.*

*Note that by filling in and sending the report you automatically consent to publishing it on ITU student.*

**Host university:** City University of Hong Kong (CityU)

**Study Programme at IT University:** BSc in Global Business Informatics

**Exchange agreement or Free mover:** Exchange agreement

**Courses studied abroad:** East Asia & Globalization, China Business Environment, Global Supply Chain Management, Big Data Management, and Machine Learning for Business.

**Period studying abroad: semester (autumn/spring)** Autumn **year** 2023

**If you wish to give advice to other students regarding your travels, please state your contact info here:** aday@itu.dk

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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 social life is great. There are a lot of student activities and clubs that you can sign up for. There are also a lot of international students and other exchange students at the university, who are eager to explore Hong Kong and its surroundings together.

The university offers a wide range of courses. The academic level is a bit lower than ITU. Courses are generally fairly easy to pass, since the pass grade is 40%. Additionally, most courses only offered PowerPoint slides as reading material. The homework was usually a couple assignments here and there plus a small group project with a presentation and a small report. . When applying for the university, they ask you to select your preferred courses from a small list. However, once the course registration begins in late August, you can apply for any of the offered courses. You do have to be aware of pre-requisites, which can really make the process way more difficult.

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

I wanted to learn more about the Chinese society, its culture, and their approach to business and IT. I will say that my stay definitely met my expectations for that, especially granted my opportunity to travel around to different cities.

**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 things I benefitted from the most academically were learning about the Chinese culture, including IT and Business culture, understanding the Chinese business environment, and global supply chains. The IT courses were less impressive, in my opinion. On the personal matter, I found a lot of new friends, including other European students, and enjoyed the opportunities to travel.

## **Arranging your stay**

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

ITU is very helpful in the arrangement and CityU helps with the visa application, so that is nice. Course registration is difficult, but everything else runs pretty smooth.

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

ITU's and CityU's international coordinators are very helpful and responsive.

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

If you do not get a spot at the university dorm, then finding accommodation is very difficult. The housing market in Hong Kong is among the most expensive in the world, so you do not get a lot of square meters for the buck. But the city offers other student accommodations and hostel dorms. CityU does not help at all with finding this, so the process is difficult. However, it is possible to be connected to other students that are also looking for accommodation.

## **Expenses and Financing**

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

Other than the housing prices, Hong Kong is a bit cheaper than Denmark. Especially the restaurant prices are very affordable. Depending on where in Hong Kong you are, the restaurant prices can however vary a lot. But groceries and tech are generally a bit cheaper. Public transportation is super cheap, especially the metro. Since Hong Kong is so international, you can also find a lot of cheap flights.

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

I did not apply for scholarships. From what I have heard from others, it can be recommended to apply for ones where you fit unique descriptions, such as grants for people from a specific town in Denmark.

**Recommendations for other students:**

Even though the local student might seem a bit shy, I would recommend engaging with them. They are super nice and like to help and show hospitality.