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Testo

Exchange Study experience

I am currently a graduate student in Master of Science in communication design in Politecnico di Milano. Due to the international mobility programmes of my home university, I had this opportunity to study in University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and it has been an awesome experience to live and study in the heart of Sydney for one whole semester.

I have to say my short-term exchange experience as an international student in Sydney, overall, has been positive. Since having completed all the laboratories courses and lecture sections during my master period, I had applied for one semester abroad through the ACCORDI BILATERALI EXTRA UE and it was supposed to be the last semester in my study plan. I never actually thought about living in Sydney before, but when an opportunity was offered to me I accepted it without any doubts, because I know Australia is an amazing country and UTS is a modern university combined with a rich, exciting learning experience in Australia's global city – Sydney.

University support and the academic experience

From my point view, UTS has not only a very efficient organization structure, but also offers an ideal multi-culture study environment. Before my arrival about one month, they had sent me a guidance of campus with practical information, and confirmed my apartment close by the university which gathered many international students from different backgrounds and made us got to know each other before the exchange-term started. Upon arrival, we were guided and welcomed properly by UTS orientation weeks in which students could choose their own interested sessions to attend. During the academic semester, it is easy to get their competent staff and volunteers in the university everywhere. They were really responsible and helpful to figure out a wide variety of cases that may happen to us.

Certainly I wanted to get the world-class educational experience provided by UTS and broaden my academic, personal and professional horizons. And they all turned out very well finally, handouts and all the lecture materials were always offered in advance by email, the structure of classes were presented clearly. The professors, either locals or internationals were really experienced and highly respected in their industry. From the other side, you have to realize and get used to different approach to education, including the teaching method and the assignment tasks. It improved my critical thinking and prompted me to think from different perspectives.

Besides, there are full of career tips and other kinds of activities organized on campus which gave you the chance to get connection with the society. Meanwhile, another point that really impressed me is that UTS is also very concerned about students' health, they provided free meals regularly and set many areas for rest or sleeping in the library, as well as in other main buildings. If someone feels stress out or has any problems with their mental health, there is also an organization always ready to help them.

The social environment

Everyone would benefit from this significant cultural diversity in the society I suppose, especially international students. The first lecture we got from university was about teaching us to respect others and accept their culture and personal diversity, that means locals and immigrants they all already get used to communicate with people from different backgrounds of all over the world. Then socializing with my international classmates both in the class and off campus was quite easy at that start, sooner I got involved in several student groups and found a design internship in a major business district of Sydney.

In addition, as a designer, having entered this splendid design world, I fully realized that design is an important segment not only in the commercial activities, but also closely related with all walks of life. Especially, Studying in Sydney, one of the world's biggest melting pot, also made me realize that different cultures are an important part of design and I really enjoyed working with people from diverse nationalities and making friends with them. I could say I have learnt a lot, such a multiculture environment either in society or in school both made my design work more vivid. This is also my motivation to undertake the exchange program in UTS and I would never regret about the choice I made.

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