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### Why I wanted to study abroad:

I wanted to study abroad while I were still young, energetic and fit for adventure.

I choose to go abroad to Canada because I wanted to gain a new perspective and experience of a new culture far away from what we're used to back home.

Also, I wanted to improve my English both speaking and writing. Studying abroad will also say a lot about your resume.

Not only does it highlight an interest in other cultures, and a second language, but also the ability to adapt to a new environment.



### What did I study at George Brown:

The program I were doing was called Architecture and Technology. I had in total 6 different curses and in each of them you have a different group since it's possible that not all the same people are in every class.

#### Technical Report Writing

It's pretty much what the name says, how to write a technical report based on a subject you choose and your teacher will go through your idea about what you will be writing about and of course it must be technical related. Overall you must do a fully Report through the entire semester about 10 – 15 pages. In my case I didn't find the curse to be interesting but it's necessary to make sure you can explain and communicate on a different language.

#### BIM Technology

This was my favorite class of all. 4 hours a week with an amazing Revit teacher where you either alone or with a group of four will make 4 different assignments through the semester which will be graded.

## **Sustainable Materials & methods**

I found this class interesting and instructive, because it gives you a view of how the material is formed the advantages and disadvantages where the material will be best in use. Also in this class, there will be assignments not as many as the others, but there will be a big assignment in a two man group.

## **Structural Systems**

This was one of the classes I did not enjoy at all. It's all about calculation and understanding how concrete is formed. I guess if you did the engineer profession in Denmark you might not look at it the same way as I did. There will be weekly assignments about the class lecture, so make sure you take notes.

## **Arch Tech & SUS Design High rises**

This is the class where you will be doing your main project as designing a high rise building with your group in Revit. The good think about this is that everything that's required and not required is simple given to you. You will choose a specific floor in the building where you have to make all the design and follow the Canadian building code.

## **AutoCAD**

AutoCAD is a different drawing program which all the freshmen must take. And in this case I had to take it as well since I were signed to a class called Small business management, but I've already done that on a previous semester in Denmark. Therefore, it was the only class with enough credits to go through

## **Abroad in Canada, Toronto**

I arrived in Canada, where I've never been before with only my luggage and backpack. The cell service is spotty at best, and no one knows who you are. For several months, you'll be living among the locals, riding the public transit, eating the national cuisines. The foreign becomes familiar and sooner or later, you've found yourself a second home. Anyone can vacation in Toronto, but far less people get the opportunity to live there, and for good reason. You have to find a place to stay while you're there. I used a service called homestayservice. Which is a service where you'll be place among a Canadian family. And the Canadian people are so generous. Always friendly and super kind in any situation you will experience.

I met through a friend who also was from KEA the international line. A bunch of Canadians who original were from Portugal. It turned out they quickly became my best friends. We went camping to Algonquin a park approximately 400km north of Toronto, and the nature was astonishing.

Study abroad gave me enough stories to last a lifetime. So, make sure to save some mementos, like train tickets and photographs, and keep a record of your adventures, because you might not realize how incredible your semester was until you're home. I would definitely do it all over again.

