

My Student Exchange Experience at the University of Technology Sydney, Australia

Participating in the student exchange arrangement at the University of Technology Sydney in Australia has been an invaluable opportunity for both my academic journey and personal development. Studying in Sydney at UTS, which is renowned for its industry and innovation focused curriculum, provided a unique blend of theoretical knowledge and practical, hands-on application. Located right next to the CBD and Central Station, the Spring session exchange period delivered academic and cultural immersion in Australian society.



My journey commenced on 1st August 2025, a delayed departure due to my prior internship obligations. However, I already caught up with all of the missed materials while off-shore. Unfortunately, I had to arrange an expensive private accommodation due to UTS' inability to provide on-campus accommodation.

After arriving and beginning my classes, I had the opportunity to connect with my classmates, a large number of whom are international students. This diverse environment greatly enriched my learning, offering various social and cultural perspectives. In addition to my academic commitments, I also participated in the meet and greet event hosted by the UTS Thai Society, which helped me connect with fellow students from a similar cultural



background and provided a sense of community. As a student already highly proficient in English, the language barrier common to many international students was virtually non-existent for me. This strong command of the English language significantly eased my transition into the academic environment at UTS, allowing me to fully engage with lectures, seminars, and course materials without the need for constant translation or extra effort to comprehend complex concepts. This proficiency also played a crucial role

in my social and cultural integration. It enabled seamless and direct communication with my Australian classmates, professors, and members of the wider community.



Academically, my semester primarily focused on exploring different potential career paths. My coursework consists of 4 units: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Fundamentals of Interaction Design, Cloud Computing Infrastructure, Systems Testing and Quality Management. All of these units are fields that I have some interests in but have yet to explore more in depth. **Introduction to Artificial Intelligence** unit offered a foundational yet comprehensive understanding of machine learning principles and methods, and practical applications in areas like data analysis and automation. **Fundamentals of Interaction Design** introduced me to the user-centric process of designing digital products, focusing heavily on usability, accessibility, and user research. This unit highlighted the creative problem-solving aspects of technology and helped me

appreciate the intersection of design and engineering. The **Cloud Computing Infrastructure** unit was pivotal in demystifying modern enterprise IT, giving me hands-on experience with virtualization and resource scaling. Finally, **Systems Testing and Quality Management** provided an essential perspective on ensuring reliability and maintainability in software development. By actively participating in these units, I moved from a general interest to a more informed understanding of specific career pathways, enabling me to better prioritize my future academic and professional development goals.

Beyond the structured academic environment, my time in Sydney was significantly enriched by exploring the city and its surrounding areas. Living in close proximity to the CBD provided easy access to various cultural landmarks, museums, and recreational spaces. I often spent weekends exploring iconic Sydney locations. Key excursions included visiting the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and spending time at Circular Quay to appreciate the harbour views. Another major highlight was exploring the natural beauty outside of Sydney. A trip to the Blue Mountains was particularly memorable. I also had the opportunity to go on a road trip from Sydney to Melbourne on a campervan with my fellow exchange classmates from ICE at other universities in Australia. These explorations and social engagements were instrumental in my personal growth, making the exchange experience truly life-changing.

