

**Destination:** Bali, Indonesia  
**Exchange period:** VT 2016

**Choice of the destination and courses:**

I found it by googling about studying abroad. I knew from the first moment that it was the right choice for me, and when I read more about it on the website of the company I was hooked. It wasn't at all hard to find courses that I could read, although there weren't many to choose from.

**Describe shortly the preparation process before the departure:**

I was struggling with the right documents for the CSN application but after multiple phonecalls it all worked out. Visa wasn't hard at all as long as you apply for it 2-3 weeks before departure. Travelling there was quite easy, the airport in Bali is situated close to everything and even though it took me four flights to get there it went smoothly.

**Contact with receiving institution:**

They had tons of information on the website and it was super easy to contact them if I had any questions and most of the time, they replied within a few hours.

**Support from Umea University:**

Going as a free mover is always different but I got most of the help from Lars-Daniel Öhman when picking out the right courses.

**Arrival information:**

We had two orientation days where they gave us all of the important information as well as our schedule. There were also multiple activities during the semester for all the students.

**Accommodation arrangements:**

No. I lived in a villa with three other girls (two of them German and one Swedish). It was quite expensive for being Bali but at the same time it was a beautiful house. We found it through a website who previous students started.

**Transportation:**

I went with scooter all the time. It was really inexpensive, 340 SEK a month and the gas is really cheap as well. Took me about 30-35 minutes to get to University each morning.

**Budget:**

The living costs are comparable to Umeå. Of course, you can live really inexpensive if you want to but I saw it as an opportunity to live a life in luxury. Going for massage, facial treatments, eating out every single meal at restaurants, doing a lot of shopping and travelling around. So I ended up spending more money than I would back at home.

**Social activities:**

It was great, it was really easy to hang out with other students but most of the time I did things with my roomies.

**Recommendation :**

I would! But to be honest, don't expect too much out of the courses. It's truly a wonderful place and I will remember this experience for the rest of my life.

**Practical things to think about:**

It's a long way from home but make sure to be well prepared. Get all of the documents, apply for CSN and visa in time. And pack light! I tried my best but it was really hard, I ended up not wearing half of the stuff I brought with me.

**General information about academia:**

You have to have an attendance of 75% for each individual class. The level is lower and we read them all at the same time. There was one midterm and one final as well as an excursion which we had to write an essay about.

**Courses attended***Course 1:*

Bahasa Indonesia, we learned the language and this was the most giving course of them all. They handed out a learning book for practicing.

*Course 2:*

Tourism management, also one of the better courses since we learned about how Bali copes with tourism and all of the tourist attractions in Bali. There was no literature for this except for slides from the lessons.

*Course 3:*

International Business, consisted of being divided into groups and then do a presentation about a given topic. The teacher didn't do that much, instead it was the other students who were the "teachers". The literature to this was the essays of the other students.

*Course 4:*

International Entrepreneurship, it was all about being an entrepreneur, the basic stuff. We did a group assignment and presentation but other than that it was just to attend the lessons.

*Course 5:*

Economy of Southeast Asia. In this subject we had a very strict teacher and we were also given a group assignment to present about the economy of ASEAN countries.

*Additional Courses:*

**Did the university provide language courses? Could you receive ECTS points for them? What was your experience of such course?**

Yes, and it was mandatory. I received 5 ECTS for it and it was the course where I learnt the most. Also, it was nice to be able to talk with locals.

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