



EXCHANGE REPORT

Name

Anonymous

Year and semester for exchange

Fall 2023

Exchange university

Stevens Institute of Technology

Degree programme

Aerospace Engineering

Intensity at it's finest

Before departure

I wanted to go on an exchange as it is a great opportunity to live abroad without having to find a job. I applied to this university in the US as it was one of the few available at the time I applied, and it was interesting to live in NY. I had to go to Madrid to do my Visa!

Upon arrival

I had a full week before starting, were I got used to New York (that's where I was living). The excitement was quite high, as I was coming from living in Stockholm to all of a sudden living in Manhattan.

Financials

I received a one-time 8000 kr payment as part a "travel expense". The US was very expensive – I would say New York was even more expensive than Sweden! Tips: if you get an apartment with a kitchen, you will save a lot of money!

Accommodation

A friend of mine recommended me a dorm. I lived 50 mins from uni (with subway + bus). The cost was of living un the upper-east side of Manhattan was very expensive. The host university did not offer housing to grad students (only to undergrad).

University and studies

It was quite big and with views to all Manhattan! It even had 2 tennis courts, and 2 free gyms. I had 5 courses running in parallel (different to KTH).

Courses

The good thing is that the professors were super good in some of the courses! One of them worked 7+ years at NASA, and the over +25 years as an aerospace engineer for the Air Force of the United States.

City and country

New York is the opposite to Stockholm! Super busy, noisy, dirty, loud... But also very exciting and full of life 24/7-. Cultural shock: not cooking regularly and eating out all the time.

Leisure and social activities

I would go to the gym, walk in Central Park, go to Rooftops, go for lunch to different places, etc.

Sustainability

I moved most of the time with public transport. My university, on the other hand, did not care for recycling as much as for instance KTH.

Other recommendations and observations

Time went by extremely fast – so make sure to enjoy every minute.