

Reflection Report

The first semester of my studies in IT was a unique experience which has considerably changed my life. It all started by moving abroad where everything was completely new to me. I had to leave my home and travel more than 2,000 km in order to follow my dream. A new chapter of my life called university opened new horizons for me where I met different cultures, experienced new teaching approaches, and got new opportunities. This report evaluates my progress, examines the potential impact on the second semester, reflects on whether I made the right study choice, and discusses my decision to continue these studies. The Iceberg method is used to explore the factors affecting my experience, which provides deeper insight into my journey so far.

- Possible consequences this first semester may have on the upcoming second semester:

The first semester was actually an introduction to a foundational understanding of IT concepts, such as programming and teamwork in group projects. However, new society and starting studying in the English language has added layers of complexity to my learning experience. Also, I had to adapt to a new country and start my student life. I quickly got used to the new environment and now I feel more confident. I can say for sure that I feel a considerable difference between high school and university. Although I face many challenges on my way, especially during studying, I try my best to solve them and work hard in order to succeed.

Looking ahead to the second semester, I expect the challenges will become more complex as the coursework becomes more advanced. However, I have already a bit developed my adaptability and now I better understand how I have to manage my studying process to make it effective and efficient. There is always space for improvement and I am looking forward to developing my skills even more. This is priceless experience which will give me a lot of opportunities on my future job. What is more, I want to develop my leadership and time management skills.

The Iceberg method helps me see how some factors, such as adapting to cultural differences, language barriers, and homesickness influenced my experience.

- An elaboration on whether I feel I made the right study choice:
Reflecting on my decision to pursue IT studies abroad, I feel confident that it was the right choice. It was not an easy decision though I still feel it was the best option for myself and my future. The opportunity to study in English language is very beneficial as it is a great opportunity to practice it. Interacting with classmates and teachers from diverse cultural backgrounds has taught me valuable knowledge and skills that are essential in the global IT industry. In addition, studying at one of the best universities in Netherlands is also really important as it is a great country to continue living there and finding a job.
- An evaluation of my study progress so far:
As for my study progress, I can see a significant growth. I am trying my best to learn the study material effectively. I do my best to complete the assignments on time, participate actively in group projects, and gain confidence in fundamental IT skills. In addition, I study in university of applied sciences which means lots of practicing. Also, we learn through doing researches on our own and by asking questions to the teachers for more information. However, I was not used to self-study and it was difficult at first but now I see that it is actually more effective as I get more information and for deepening that knowledge I can ask teachers specific questions. When I see my growth I feel more motivated to continue moving.
- A statement whether I will continue with your studies:
After careful reflection, I have decided to continue with my IT studies. This decision is based on several factors. The experience of living in a promising country with lots of perspectives has strengthened my adaptability and problem-solving skills. These qualities are essential in the IT field, where flexibility and innovation are key. In addition, I am passionate about

technologies and making innovations which can have a big impact on our future. The global demand for IT professionals and the diverse career opportunities give an opportunity to choose what I like more. Moreover, studying and living abroad has helped me grow as a person, especially the challenges I faced in adapting to a new environment. I am sure I am on the right way, and I enjoy what I am doing.

The first semester of my IT studies has been both challenging and rewarding. I am looking forward to deepening my knowledge in the second semester. I feel ready for new challenges and new achievements. Feeling of my growth shows me that I am on the right way. I am confident that continuing my IT studies is the right choice, and I am excited to see how this journey will shape my future.