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**Education, Sun & a Great Life**

**Innan avresa**

After many years at KTH I felt like I needed something new in my life, something that broke the routines and made life more interesting. I’ve had considered studying abroad for a long time, but when I started my master education I decided not to. Then during the spring 2016 I had an accident and went to the hospital for a little while. This made me realise that life is short and all the other cliche phrases. I was lucky that there was a lot of last minute offers of places to go abroad, so I had almost all the world to chose from. I chose Barcelona since I had never been there, I love Spain and I love the sun. And of course I’ve had heard that UPC was a good university.

**Ankomst**

I arrived a month before I started the studies to have a long and nice vacation and also to have some time to get to know the city. When the studies started there was a lot of welcoming, information and events.

**Ekonomi**

Spain is a country where it is cheap to live and have a good time. The scholarship from Erasmus of 300 euros a month was great.

**Boende**

Since I only would stay for one semester I decided to get an expensive and nice apartment, so I turned to the agency Sh Barcelona. It was around 1000 euros a month. The other students that I talked to searched a lot for accomodation and ended up as roomies with someone else.

**Universitetet och studierna**

UPC is a great university. It is the largest technical university in Spain. They offer you language courses, library where it is possible to borrow laptops, and very nice restaurants. The studies are different from KTH, since you only have exams in the end of the semester. And also there are much more hands on projects instead of exams, which for me was great.

**Kurser**

I did the exchange with ETSETB, but I took the majority of my courses at FiB (computer science) from the master program Artificial Intelligence (for free, i.e. no extra cost). It is almost as it is taboo for the professors to give the grade 10 (they have from 0-10, where 5 is “pass”, and they also use decimals, e.g. 8.7).

**Staden och landet**

The city is very beautiful and the people are very friendly and social. The majority doesn’t understand English, especially the older generation, but it is always possible to communicate somehow. Compared to Stockholm it is a very stress free environment, and to just take an afternoon at the beach pubs and relax in the sun is amazing. The food is great and very cheap. Also the people in Spain are louder in general than the Swedes.
Fritid och sociala aktiviteter
There are a lot of activities to do, everything from martial arts to wind surfing. Not to mention the parties that are arranged every day. I on the other hand didn’t party as the other guys and girls, but there is opportunities to anyway. There are a lot of Erasmus students in Barcelona, so it is very easy to find new friends to hang around with.

Rekommendationer och övriga reflektioner
If you consider UPC in Barcelona, do it!