

**2016-2017**

**Report 1**

faculty/college	Faculty of humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Communicatie- en informatiewetenschappen

destination city & country	Vaasa, Finland
name university abroad	University of Vaasa
start date	19 / 08 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	16 / 12 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

You are requested to write on the following topics. Text boxes will expand automatically while typing!

<b>PREPARATION</b>	
exchange application process	I experienced the application process of studying abroad as long and sometimes even frustrating. The International Office is very busy maintaining good relationships with all universities and one university is not the other. Some universities reply quick, others don't. It is part of the process.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	I was supported well by Utrecht University.
academic preparation	The only form of academic preparation I can think of is choosing the courses I wanted to follow abroad. My exchange university had a clear website for this, so it was not too difficult.
language preparation	My English has always been quite good and since my courses were going to be taught in English, I had no language preparation.
finances	Studying abroad is more expensive than studying at home but, depending on the country you are going, it is very insightful and of course there are scholarships.

<b>STUDY ABROAD PERIOD</b>	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	My courses were quite interesting and there were various computer systems and accounts (that were easy to understand) that arranged the organizational issues.
academic quality of education activities	The academic quality was fine, not very high.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	There was a lot of support from the home university. My contact person always had time for me to come by

and always quickly replied to emails.

transfer of credits

I am currently in this process.

## STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

We were all assigned tutors that were very welcoming to us. We got picked up at the airport by them and they arranged a lot of activities the first weeks. Orientation week at the university was fine, with a lot of talking but at least you knew all you had to know.

accommodation

I got an apartment by VOAS, which was furnished and cheap. It was fine.

leisure & culture

We were given a lot of space to go on trips and the university even arranged a trip to Lapland.

suggestions/tips

Go to Lapland and make a lot of small trips to for example Tallinn and Tampere.

## CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Yes! Vaasa might not be the biggest city in Finland, it is very central and there is a good atmosphere at the University (that is also quite beautiful).

do you have any additional advice or comments?

No.