



## UU Report form - Erasmus 2018-2019

e-mail address	<i>optional; only if you don't mind students preparing for study abroad contacting you directly</i> i.f.meijer@students.uu.nl
faculty/college	Geosciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Environmental studies

destination city & country	Seville, Spain
name university abroad	Universidad de Sevilla
start date	24 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	07 / 02 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

### PREPARATION

#### exchange application process

For your application you have to hand in a motivation letter, your CV, your study plan, your financial plan and language proficiency (if applicable). Once selected, you have to hand in your learning and grant agreement. Also, you have to stop your OV-chipcard. This all of course takes some time, but it is not too hard to arrange.

#### counselling & support at Utrecht University

I was very content with the functioning of the International Office at Utrecht University. They respond quickly on emails and they are always there when you have questions or uncertainties.

#### academic preparation

You have to have 60 ECTS before you can go abroad. Furthermore, I took Spanish classes in University to learn Spanish.

#### language preparation

As said above, I took Spanish 1 to 4 at Utrecht University, to reach level B2 of Spanish. I would recommend to prepare your Spanish well, because almost all lessons are taught in Spanish and most teachers can barely speak English. Even the bilingual courses are taught in Spanish (in some cases the Powerpoint is in English, but the English is often incorrect).

#### finances

To finance my semester abroad, I worked the year before. Furthermore, I receive money from my parents and I have a student loan from DUO. Also, you receive 80% of your Erasmus grant at the beginning of your stay. This covered most of my costs. Living in Spain is a bit cheaper than in the Netherlands, but of course you spent more money on going out, trips etc., so it is nice to have some savings before you go.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

#### study programme (content and organisational issues)

As I am an exception (I don't study at the Faculty of Social Sciences), my situation was a bit different. I could choose any course, since my semester abroad was an extension of my bachelors, so all courses would be accepted. However, it was still really hard to figure out a study program. A lot of courses overlap (especially when you want to choose 'bilingual' courses, these are only in the mornings). I would advise you to arrange this



as quick as possible once you have arrived, since in Spain, and at the University of Seville, everything with arranging courses goes really inefficient and is very time consuming (and full = full with courses). Regarding the courses, I can tell you that Psicología de las Organizaciones is fully in English when you choose the bilingual course. Same hold for Psicología de la intervención social y comunitaria. I think most other subjects are still taught in Spanish. Furthermore: note that the subjects you choose before you arrived, are probably not the ones you are really going to follow, since timetables will overlap etc.

academic quality of education activities

I cannot compare the quality of education very well, since I haven't followed any Psychology subjects in the Netherlands. However, I think you could say that the quality is quite low. For example, when making exams you barely have to apply what you have learned. It is basically only reproducing knowledge, more like you used to do in high school. Furthermore, you have quite a lot of obligatory classes and almost everything is taught in Spanish. The Spanish makes it sometimes hard to understand everything and what they expect of you.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I wasn't very content with the support at the University of Seville. The Spanish mentality is very different from the Dutch one. Everything goes very slow and inefficient, emails are often not answered (or very late). There aren't a lot of people working at the international office (of the faculty of Psychology), in comparison with the amount of international students, and almost nothing can be arranged online, so you always have to visit the office and the opening times aren't too broad. Also, keep in mind that most people cannot speak English (they do have a few, but they aren't always present).

transfer of credits

My transfer of credits hasn't yet taken place, but every course at University of Seville is worth 6 ECTS (4,5 for language course).

**STUDENT LIFE**

welcome & orientation programme

The University of Seville organizes one welcome day, but this is a general one for all new incoming students. This is thus really aimed at Spanish students and not really helpful for mobility students. However, there are several organizations for international students that organize a lot of welcome activities (Erasmust Student Network, Erasmus Club, We Love Spain)

accommodation

I started looking for a room once I arrived in Sevilla (booked a hostel at first), since I heard that it would be quite easy to find a room and I liked the idea of being able to see the room before taking it. I arrived two weeks before the start of the semester (first) and I experienced this as being a bit late for finding a super nice room. It was still not too hard to find a room, but the best location/prices were already taken. However, when I left (just before the second semester started), I had the feeling that there were still quite some nice rooms available, since there are less Erasmus students in the second semester. So my experience might be different that for people studying in the second semester! Personally, I would recommend the neighbourhoods San Bernardo, Centro, Nervión best, taking into account the location of the University. However, the neighbourhoods Triana and Alameda are also very nice, but a bit further from the campus. I heard a lot of people found their room through Erasmusu, idealista, pisocompartido, uniplaces or easypiso. Facebook groups are also recommendable!

leisure & culture

You won't get bored in Seville! It's a typical Southern Spanish city, with a lot of beautiful old buildings, nice/lively neighbourhoods, flamenco and a lot of bars. Also there are, as said before, several organisations that organize a lot of activities and trips. I myself choose to be active in these organizations only in the beginning to get to know people, but once I found my group, I didn't participate a lot in their activities anymore. I made a lot of trips in southern Spain and Portugal and it is even quite easy to go to Morocco!



suggestions/tips

Take a sevic bike (30 euros per year). They aren't as chill as your Dutch bike, but it works okay. You can also buy your own bike, but they get stolen quite a lot.

## CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, highly. With the lovely weather, warm Spanish mentality/people it is a lovely place to live! Of course, you will have to get used to their rhythm etc. a bit, but believe this goes super quickly. It is a nice way to learn/improve your Spanish, while I did find it hard to get out of my 'Erasmus bubble' to get in to touch with Sevillian people. Especially because their accent is quite heavy, so I defintiely experience trouble with understanding what Sevillian people were saying ;). I wouldn't necessarily recommend the University of Seville, but when you aren't looking for the most serious and in depth semester (as far as studying is concerned), it is fine. Believe me, once you have been in Seville, you want to return, or even better: never want to leave...

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I think I would recommend to look for a room in advance. It is really nice to live in the city centre and when you start looking in time, it is possible to find a room for under/around 300 euros per month. Be a bit cautious, because some 'pisos' aren't very well maintained, but when you ask for recent photos, this must be fine. Also, really try to prepare you Spanish, cause it will just make life in Sevilla more pleasant. But overall: just enjoy! Meet new people, go travel around (I loved Granada most, out of all cities in southern Spain that I visited), get tanned while chilling in the parks, visit hightlights, party hard: have the time of your life! :) (and don't forget to study a bit ;))

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faculty/college	Sociale Wetenschappen
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology
destination city & country	Sevilla, Spain
name university abroad	Universidad de Sevilla
start date	02 / 02 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	20 / 06 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

## PREPARATION

exchange application process

Because I was not selected for the first round, I chose to go to Sevilla in the second round selection process. Once you are selected by Utrecht University to go on exchange, you have to officially register online at the Universidad de Sevilla (US). Everything was explained in the e-mail that I received last week of Octobre.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I received great support from Utrecht University, I felt I could go to IO with any question that I had, before and during my exchange, and they always patiently answered my questions.

academic preparation



I did not have or engage in any specific academic preparation
language preparation
<p>I took a level A2 Spanish course at the UU before going to US, even though B2 is said to be required on the website. There is two sides to the story: on the one hand, of course the better your Spanish the easier your integration in Spanish life and the Spanish university. On the other hand, free courses of all levels of Spanish are offered at the US, twice a week during the whole semester. People are happy to teach you, the professors are very skilled and there are in fact many English-taught courses to choose at the US. In the end, I finished my B1 degree in Spanish in Sevilla.</p> <p>BE AWARE that the Andalucian accent is very specific, and not very easy to understand. They swallow all their S's. So if your objective is to study in Spain so that you can really master your Spanish for whatever reason, you might get better results in cities farther north like Salamanca or Madrid.</p>
finances
I was able to save some money (honestly not more than around 800) working a café job in Utrecht before I went to Sevilla.

<b>STUDY ABROAD PERIOD</b>	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	<p>I could virtually choose any course I wanted to do (as long as two of them were psychology courses). It took a long time to figure this out, because every faculty at US has a different organizational system. By this, I mean that all of the schedules are different and are to be found on various parts of various different websites. Eventually I chose 1 Spanish psychology subject and 1 English-taught psychology subject, 1 subject from Anthropology (which is my actual bachelor), 1 literature subject, and Spanish B1. The credits are generally 6 points per subject (language courses are 4,5).</p>
academic quality of education activities	<p>The academic quality does not come close to what we are used to in the Netherlands. I say this because I have UU as a standard, not because I think US education is bad, but the bar is set very very low in comparison to UU. The teacher-student relationship is ten times more flexible, which means that students often have the capacity (or are even expected) to talk to the teacher about the evaluation system. For example, once, there was a vote on whether there would be an end-of-term exam or not. Much of the class content reminded me of 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade Highschool subject matter.</p> <p>Not 1 of my subjects had a syllabus. Not 1 of my subjects had a clear evaluation system, that was communicated beforehand. There are no textbooks (90% of the study material is made available on Blackboard, or you have to find it online yourself)</p> <p>All of the teachers that I had were very passionate about their subjects.</p>
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	<p>At the beginning, arranging my subjects and timetable took a lot of time and work since nobody really told me how or where to search. The people from the Centro Internacional were nice, but there was not really a central meeting or e-mail or webpage or any type of medium that communicated to us, the Erasmus students, how to organize ourselves.</p> <p>All of the teachers were happy to help me, once I got to my classes and had any questions.</p> <p>BE AWARE that if you have a place for psychology, you have to register for AT LEAST 2 psychology courses at the FACULTY and any additional courses should be registered at CENTRO INTERNACIONAL.</p>
transfer of credits	<p>My credits have not been transferred yet.</p>



**STUDENT LIFE**

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome programme that was arranged by US was entirely in fast Spanish and I did not understand much of it.  
 I think there also might have been a welcome thing arranged by one of the many Erasmus organizations that are established in Sevilla, but I never did anything with ErasmusClub/ErasmusSevilla/ESN. There are many options though!

accommodation

Use Facebook, Easypiso, Pisocompartido, Uniplaces or Milanuncios.  
 BE AWARE that the housing system is very different. It is quite easy to get a room and get it cheap (250/month), but the prices often don't include gas (you have to buy your own bottles of gas in many student housing flats), nor electricity&water Unless it is stated that is IS included.  
 I wouldn't say it is necessary to arrange accomodation before your arrive. I recommend going a week early, book a hostel and spend some time looking at different flats. Make sure that you are in touch with the landlord, and that you have a good feeling about it. Many students get ripped off. Ask them everything that you need to be sure of.  
 My first flat for example: I signed a contract even though I didn't really understand what it said, but the older landlord was so friendly and welcoming that I thought everything would be okay. He turned out to be extremely unfriendly, aggressive and intrusive in my private space. So make sure you know who you are dealing with. Ask people from Erasmusorganizations to help you communicate if you need to.

leisure & culture

SEVILLA IS AMAZING  
 Bars and restaurants are open until midnight, food and drinks are very cheap. Many nice places to go out at night, many nice little theatres to enjoy music and flamenco dancing. Extraordinary historical monuments, breathtaking parks.  
 Sevilla is home to the beautiful Guadalquivir, a wide river which seperates the city in two very different but equally interesting parts. Along the riverbanks are parks, restaurants, and organized festivals.  
 Sevilla is SUPERNICE for Dutch people: bicycle paths everywhere :) It is quite easy to get a bike, or buy a subscription to the city bike system. (Similar to Swapfiets).  
 What I loved most about Sevilla were the many different barrios. Utrecht basically has 1 city centre, but Sevilla has many different regions to it with different character. The old maze-like centre with crooked streets, and Triana, which used to be its own little village, and Alameda which is more alternative (vintage shops vegan restaurants gay bars).  
 Sevilla is the capital of Andalucia, need I say more? MANY opportunities to travel around to other cities or to the beach (lots of organized trips, but you can also just hop on a bus and go by yourself or with friends)

suggestions/tips

Get a Bike  
 Find a room in Triana, Macarena or Alfalfa  
 Go to La Carboneria for free Flamenco  
 DEFINITELY take the free Spanish courses, even if you feel very confident. It's so nice to have the practices, and the attendance is not obligatory so you can kind of go whenever you like (It's not lazy, it's the system of these language courses)

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

I would definitely NOT recommend this university to anyone who goes abroad to be academically challenged. I WOULD recommend this university to anyone who wants to spend an academically laid-back semester at Uni. I



WOULD DEFINITELY recommend Sevilla to everyone. Now, after 5 months, I still don't have the feeling like I really know every place (but in a good way, there is so much to explore).

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Lastly I would like to add that Sevilla in fact is a very big Erasmus destination, which sometimes made me feel lost and disposable. From what I've heard, students who attend universities in smaller European cities get much closer to their fellow students and the locals as well.



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faculty/college	Social Sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	ERASMUS Programme
destination city & country	Sevilla, Spain
name university abroad	Universidad de Sevilla
start date	06 / 02 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	21 / 05 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

### PREPARATION

#### exchange application process

The application process involves a lot of paperwork, so my tip for this is start on time and not a week before the deadline. I needed time to figure out where I wanted to go, my finances and what the rest of my study programme would look like. It's not a very difficult process, it just needs some time and dedication.

#### counselling & support at Utrecht University

Counseling and support from the University Utrecht was very good, they were very fast and very helpful with everything.

#### academic preparation

I didn't do anything for academic preparation. At the UU I study Cultural Anthropology and in Seville I was gonna follow Psychology courses, but with the expected course level in Spain I didn't think that this would be a problem and it wasn't.

#### language preparation

For language preparation I did some work. I already had B1 in Spanish from my highschool certificate, so all I did was take Español 1 and 2 at the University to help regain this knowledge. It was enough to understand most of the Spanish, but in Seville they speak a strong and very fast dialect of Spanish, therefore because of the speed it was sometimes still difficult to understand.

#### finances

I saved around €1200 by working before I went to Spain, also with the Erasmus grant, DUO and OV compensation and some money from my parents turned out to be enough. Also life in Spain is quite cheap, my rent was €200 every month, therefore that saved a lot of money.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

#### study programme (content and organisational issues)

My study program in the beginning was a mess, it took me quite some time to figure out where I had to arrange what subjects and what I needed for this. Sometimes I had to go to my faculty and sometimes to the international office. In the end I had classes at three different places in the city and it was okay. The content of my study programme consisted of 2 psychology classes in English, because my exchange was with the psychology faculty and I had a Spanish class and 2 classes of other faculties.

#### academic quality of education activities

The academic quality of the University of Sevilla is not very high. When you want to go to study in Sevilla, you're



going to really be prepared for a low academic quality in the classes, very little amount of english and some difficulties with arranging things.

**counselling & support at receiving university abroad**

For the counselling and support at the University all you really need is a lot of patience. They want to help you the best they can, but it can take some time and it is possible that you will be sent to several different places before you get to the right place or person. In the end it all worked out for me and when you needed something they were very nice and helpful, just not very fast.

**transfer of credits**

My ECTS haven't been transferred yet.

**STUDENT LIFE**

**welcome & orientation programme**

I came to Seville the second semester, without a room or a date for the orientation day. They announced the welcome day on Friday, while it was the next Monday. There was a lot of talking in spanish and wishing us welcome but not a lot of usefull information. Then we could sign in to the subjects we wanted and go to these subjects. These could be changed untill almost a month after we had started, which was very nice. Regarding the Erasmusactivities and organizations, there are 3: ESN, Erasmus Club Sevilla and We Love Spain. The first one is the official one and that one had introduction activities for a whole month, which was very nice to get to know other erasmus students.

**accommodation**

Before going to Sevilla I had read that it is the easiest to book a hostel and find a room when you are there. So that is what I did, and also what I would recommend. It is farily easy to find a room by looking on Facebook or easypiso.com or other sites. Just visit a few and choose the one you like. I found a room on Facebook for a very cheap price, not in the center but in San Bernardo, next to my faculty. I really liked it there and had very nice roommates.

**leisure & culture**

Sevilla is one of the most beautiful cities I have ever been. It is a perfect city to live, big, but not too big and very pretty and nice with tourists, but not too many. There is always something to do or something happening, especially in the second semester. They have the Feria the Sevilla and the Semana Santa, which are wonderful to see. Sevillians really know how to enjoy their city and their life. The cathedral is amazing and the Alcazar is beautiful.

**suggestions/tips**

Take a Sevici account to use a bike around the city (and download the sevici app)  
 Become a member of ESN and go to their opening activities.  
 Visit other cities around Sevilla, Andalucia is wonderful  
 Go to Marocco  
 Eat a lot of tapas and drink a lot of Tinto de Verano (local drink with red wine and lime soda)  
 Make sure that you can speak some spanish before you arrive.  
 I was in Hostel One Catedra when I arrived, really recommend it, lovely people and good atmoshere. I still saw people from the hostel the week I left 5 months later!

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

I would really recommend Sevilla, the city is amazing and you will absolutely have a wonderful time in the sunniest city in Europe. The parties are awesome, the food is amazing and th local people really know how to



enjoy their lives. ANdalucia is lovely and I have the best time ever. Regarding the University of Sevilla I would not recommend it. I almost didn't learn anything academically at the university because the level was so low. It was very good for my spanish, but that was it. Therefore it would be better to go to another city if you really want to study something while you're abroad. Nevertheless I would go to Sevilla again in a heartbeat.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

All I have to say is don't expect too much. You will have an amazing time abroad, wherever you go, but not every moment is going to be amazing. It can be tough to go to a different country where you don't know anybody and it can be lonely and difficult. Don't let this stop you, but bear in mind that it is okay not to be okay all the time, especially while you're studying abroad.



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faculty/college	Sociale Wetenschappen
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Pedagogische Wetenschappen
destination city & country	Seville, Spain
name university abroad	University of Seville
start date	09 / 09 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 01 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)

**PREPARATION**

exchange application process
The application process went okay. I first wrote a motivation letter to the international office in the Netherlands and filled in all the documents that were necessary.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
I had some problems with the language level that I needed, but the International Office in Utrecht helped me really well!
academic preparation
I prepared myself by reading a lot about the courses in all the universities of my top 3, to see what could be usefull for my bachelor and what not.
language preparation
I prepared Spanish on my own, by learning from a book and using the application DuoLingo.
finances
To prepare the finances, I worked a lot during my second year of my bachelor.

**STUDY ABROAD PERIOD**

study programme (content and organisational issues)
The study programme in Seville was okay. Because I did not had a proper level of Spanish (almost nothing) I choose to follow bilingual courses. There weren't that many bilingual courses so I had to choose the 4 courses that could offer me a little bit of English (mostly Spanish, but the teachers are willing to help you with it). For me it was really hard to communicate with the secretary office because they did not speak English at all (now they hired someone who does!). There was a little problem with my application, but in the end you will see that it will be fine.
academic quality of education activities
The quality of the courses was okay. Not as hard as in the Netherlands, but difficult to study everything in an other language.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The support was great, all the teachers are willing to help with anything. Some teachers made an english exam for me and other erasmus students in the class, and were always open to answer questions etc.



transfer of credits

I have not yet received the transfer of all my credits. With the rest it went really easy, just like in Utrecht.

## STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The first day of the uni was an orientation day, but there were also already courses. The orientation day was nothing special and lasted only 2 hours I think. But there are 2 organisations that organise trips and meetings for erasmus students, what makes meeting people really easy (ErasmusClub Sevilla and ESN Sevilla)

accommodation

I started in a hostel in Seville and after visiting two houses (found on facebook; really easy) I choose the one I liked the most, in the neighbourhood Triana. I lived here with 2 Italian girls, one Spanish guy and one French girl.

leisure & culture

There is a lot to do for leisure or culture. The city is wonderful and full of hidden places that are precious! Erasmusclubs organises a lot of tours during the first weeks, nice trips to the beach and other places. But also almost every night a party or event, so you will never be bored.

suggestions/tips

I really recommend to go on the trips, with the organisations or by yourself/with friends. Andalucia is a lovely place to live, with amazing things to see.

## CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, I would definitely recommend Seville for Erasmus. The city is fantastic, with (almost) every day a sunny warm day, really kind people that are always ready to help you with anything. Good food, nice breakfast places and the highlights of the city, this is really a place where you could live. The university is a bit unorganised sometimes, different from for example the University of Utrecht, but it's typical Spanish, and you will get used to it really quickly! Also Seville is the perfect place to learn Spanish, I went from nothing to level B1, with almost no one in the city who speaks English, and a lot of erasmus students who want to speak Spanish, you will learn it really quickly. The university also offers spanish courses for 4,5 credits, what is also really good to improve your Spanish.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Go to Seville!



**UU Report form - Erasmus 2015-2016**

faculty/college	Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Pedagogische Wetenschappen
destination city & country	Sevilla, Spain
name university abroad	Universidad de Sevilla
start date	17 / 09 / 2015 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	01 / 02 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

**PREPARATION**

exchange application process

The application process consists of a few documents. First of all, you have to write a motivation letter, to make a financial and study plan and to hand in a language proficiency. When you are selected, you have to hand in a learning agreement and a grant agreement. Besides that, there is a lot more paperwork to do (DUO, OV). It takes time, especially when you have to communicate with a university like Sevilla. Keep in mind, a Spanish mentality is very different than a Dutch mentality.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The International Office in Utrecht was very helpful. They respond quickly on e-mails when I was abroad and tried to help where they could.

academic preparation

The only requirement is to have already 60 ECTS. Besides that, you have to choose subjects before you go on exchange. In my case, most of the subjects I had chosen, were not possible due to scheduling. At the university of Sevilla, they have four academic years and these years are divided into two periods. So first of all, you can only choose subjects from the period you are on exchange (first or second semester). And secondly, most of the subjects are scheduled at the same time. The easiest way is to choose subjects of the same academic year, but that is not always possible. That depends on the courses you already have taken at the University of Utrecht. It is hard to do this in advance, you can also do this the first two weeks of the semester in Sevilla.

language preparation

The requirement is to have a B2 level of Spanish. It is really important, because only a few teachers speak a little English and most of the lessons are in Spanish. I have had Spanish in high school, but before I went to Sevilla I did a Spanish language course to prepare myself.

finances

Before I left I made a financial plan for all my costs. I could cover a lot of costs with the Erasmus Grant and the study finances of DUO, but I had also saved money to have the possibility to travel in Spain.

**STUDY ABROAD PERIOD**

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Like I said before, the system at the university in Sevilla is different from the system at the university of Utrecht. A lot of subjects are scheduled at the same time and that makes it difficult to arrange a good study program (you are not in the position to take every course due to the requirement of not matching courses). There are some bilingual courses, but most of them are also taught in Spanish.



academic quality of education activities
The academic quality of education activities is very different. You have more lessons and every course is divided into three different groups. The level is less high than in Utrecht, but most of the courses are taught in Spanish so that makes it sometimes really difficult. And sometimes it is hard to figure out what they want from you and what you have to do.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
We didn't get a lot of support from the receiving university. You had to figure it out by yourself. They didn't answer e-mails and it took a lot of time to arrange things.
transfer of credits
Each course is 6 ECTS and a language course is 4,5 ECTS.

<b>STUDENT LIFE</b>	
welcome & orientation programme	There was a welcoming day, but this day was for every foreign student so not especially for your own study. They didn't give a lot of necessary information, it was more a general talk.
accommodation	Before I left, I found an apartment on the site <a href="http://www.ikganaarsevilla.nl">www.ikganaarsevilla.nl</a> . A Dutch woman who lives in Sevilla rents apartments, especially for foreign students. It's a bit more expensive than other apartments and I lived far away from the city centre in comparison with some of my friends. It is recommendable when you want to have accommodation arranged before leaving, but otherwise I would recommend to search when you are arrived.
leisure & culture	There are a few organizations (erasmusclub, ESN and weloveSpain), who organizes trips and parties for erasmus students. It is a great opportunity to visit a lot of cities in Andalucia (Granada, Málaga, Ronda, Córdoba etc.), but also cities in Portugal or Morocco. It is an easy and safe way to travel and to meet new people, but it is also possible to arrange trips by yourself. But also in Sevilla there is a lot of culture, like the Feria or the Semana Santa.
suggestions/tips	Bikes in Sevilla are stolen as many as in Utrecht, so I would recommend to rent a Sevici bike. There are a lot of parkings for these bikes (around the university most of the time they were already used).

<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain	Yes, definitely. Going abroad is a great experience and going to Sevilla makes it even better. It is a wonderful city with a lot of beautiful places, great (tapas)bars and many things to do. It is an opportunity to learn Spanish and to learn more about another culture. I am not really satisfied about the university, arranging things takes a lot of time and sometimes I was really stressed, but enjoy the sun and be patient is my advice.
do you have any additional advice or comments?	Like I said before, be patient and enjoy!



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faculty/college	Social sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Pedagogical sciences
destination city & country	Seville, Spain
name university abroad	Universidad de Sevilla
start date	21 / 09 / 2015 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	03 / 02 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

### PREPARATION

#### exchange application process

For the application process you have to write a motivation, make a studyplan and a financial plan and for Sevilla you need a language proficiency statement. After that you have to complete a learning agreement and grant agreement for the erasmus grant. It is a lot of paperwork but if you begin early it is not a problem.

#### counselling & support at Utrecht University

The support from Utrecht University was good. They helped you if you had questions, you can email them or go to the international office itseld for help. It is quite difficult to find all the information about the university of Sevilla, you have to do that without help, because it is all in Spanish and not everything is clear.

#### academic preparation

I didn't have to do any academic preparation

#### language preparation

I had spanish classes at high school and I chose to follow a 2-week during language course the first weeks when I was in Seville. When I arrived in Sevilla I found out that you can follow a language course there for credits, each week 3 hours.

#### finances

It is important that you save money before you go to Seville. You can also receive the erasmus grant and you can apply for a public transport support (100 p/m). I was also luckily that my parents supported me financially.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

#### study programme (content and organisational issues)

If you arrive in Sevilla you can choose your subjects. I found a list of all the subjects on the internet and choose the subjects I thought I would like. I had problems with the inscription because they told me something else everytime I went to the international office but finally I could choose them. In the first two weeks you can change subjects (maximum of two times changing) and after that it officially starts. I had problems with the classes and the hours so finally I only was able to choose 3 subjects and the language course (22,5 ECTS).

- Psicología social
- Psicología de la intervención social y comunitaria
- Psicología del desarrollo de la adolescencia, la adultez y vejez

#### academic quality of education activities



It is different because you have to do more work in groups, like presentations, assignments and discussions. I felt a bit more like in school for me than University as in Utrecht. For me it was also easier than in Utrecht. There are big groups, medium groups and little groups, in which you do different things. I followed the subjects in a bilingual class but some of the teachers didn't speak English at all, so it's still all in Spanish. One subject was English, english classes and exams. The other classes were in Spanish, one exam the teacher especially made for us in English. Another one would be in Spanish and English but on the day of the exam the teacher told us that it was only in Spanish because he couldn't make/print the English one.

**counselling & support at receiving university abroad**

The support from the University of Sevilla was really bad. When I sent an email I didn't receive an answer, or months later. If I had to find a person who was responsible for, for example, signing the learning agreement, it was not able to find her because she never was where she should be and no one knew where she could be. If you want to go to the international office you have to make an appointment. They can help you with many things but for other things you need the responsible person from your own faculty, that's more difficult.

**transfer of credits**

It didn't happen yet.

**STUDENT LIFE**

**welcome & orientation programme**

The welcome day at the University wasn't really useful, they gave a lot of information in Spanish about the city and university but not important things. The welcome week from Erasmus Student Network was really nice. They organized a lot of activities, like a tour in the centre, a picnic, and a lot of parties.

**accommodation**

I found a room on the website: [ikganaarsevilla.nl](http://ikganaarsevilla.nl). It is a Dutch woman that owns the company, she lives in Sevilla since 10 years. The room was nice and clean. I payed 300 each month. I liked it to be sure of a room when I arrived in Seville but I met a lot of people who didn't arrange anything before they came in Seville. It is easy to find a nice and cheap room in the centre. I lived in Triana, I really liked the neighbourhood and it is not that far of the centre.

**leisure & culture**

There are a few organizations who arrange lots of activities (ESN, Erasmus club Sevilla, We love Spain). Every week on almost every night they organize things (parties, beer tournaments, movie nights, watching football matches) They also organize trips to Cordoba, Granada, Malaga, Marocco (daytrips or weekends). In summer they organize days to the beach as well, that's very nice and a cheap way to go there.

**suggestions/tips**

Try to visit as many cities around Seville in your time there, I would recommend especially Malaga and Granada for a weekend.

Prepare yourself that the classes are in Spanish, so it's a lot easier if your Spanish is good before you arrive. And it is also very nice if you can talk with everyone in class, in shops and when you meet new people.

If you want to eat tapas, you have to go to Blanca paloma (San jacinto, Triana) and a very good and not expensive restaurant I recommend is Ovejas Negras (in the centre, near the cathedral)

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

I would really recommend this destination. I really loved Sevilla, because of the weather, the ambience, the people, the food and the nightlife. I would not recommend the University because I had a lot of problems with



it and for me it was not able to get the 30 credits I actually planned to get. But if studying is not the most important thing of your trip, go to Seville, you will love it!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Be prepared that you have to arrange everything on your own and that it sometimes is really difficult and takes a lot of time. But if you have this in mind, everything will be ok!