



## University of Warwick

2018 – 2019

<b>PREPARATION</b>	
exchange application process	
	<p>This was a difficult and complicated process. When I was choosing an exchange destination, I knew I wanted to go to the UK. I've always loved the country, I wanted to travel around the UK and I wanted to learn more about the common law system. When I found Warwick on the UU website, this became my first choice right away. Warwick is one of the UK's top universities, it's very focused on international students, the region is beautiful and the modules are very unique. For example, I've studied the modules 'Shakespeare and the Law' and "Medicine and the Law", both extremely interesting. However, Warwick is usually a full-year exchange destination. Unfortunately, this was not an option for me since this was already my fourth year and I had an internship and my thesis coming up afterwards. But, one semester at Warwick didn't seem impossible: the UU website said this needed approval of Warwick, and the Warwick website showed many module options for "one term only"-students. So, I didn't give up. Unfortunately, the law-module coordinator at Warwick was not aware of the possibility of one term only-students. When I emailed him to discuss my module choices, he replied by saying I could only study legal modules if I would come for a full year. I was sad by this news, but still found some nice non-legal modules for one-term students that I could study, so I applied. Then, when I got accepted into Warwick for one term, I got in contact with the director of international programmes of Warwick's law department. We spoke on the phone and she told me that it was possible to study law at Warwick for one term after all! In fact, she told me that this happens every single year! However, there was one small difficulty. Because Warwick has a trimester system, exams are usually in term 3. So, she had to discuss with some teachers whether they could provide me with alternative assessment after term 1, because I wouldn't be present for the exams in term 3. This turned out to be no problem, and everyone was extremely nice and helpful. So, I was going to study law at Warwick for one term - after a lot of blood, sweat and tears. But it was all worth it!</p>
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	<p>Because I was the first student to go to Warwick for one term only, Utrecht University couldn't provide me with much information. I had to do all of the research myself, which was quite a lot of work. But the International Office was always willing to send an email to Warwick with any questions or whatsoever.</p>
academic preparation	
	<p>I had to do some work over summer for one of my modules, Shakespeare and the Law, but apart from that I didn't do any preparation before going to Warwick.</p>
language preparation	
	<p>No preparation - Warwick doesn't have any language requirements. But since it is a highly ranked university in the UK, the level of academic English is quite high as well. I would recommend a language course such as LEAP if you know your English is not very good.</p>
finances	
	<p>Luckily, Warwick has a wide range of residence options on campus. I choose to live in one of the cheapest accomodation options, so my rent wasn't that high. This was a relief, because rent prices in the UK was the thing I was most worried about regarding finances. However, the UK is quite an expensive country, so I made sure I saved some money before I came to Warwick. Especially since I wanted to travel. Be aware that public transport in the UK is very expensive!</p>

## **STUDY ABROAD PERIOD**



study programme (content and organisational issues)
At Warwick, you have to study four modules each term. Each module is 15 CATS, which is 7,5 ECTS. The Modern English Legal System was a compulsory module, so I was free to choose three modules. I studied Shakespeare and the Law, Medicine and the Law, Comparative Criminal Justice. I was very happy with all of my modules and I learned a lot - I studied the exact things I wanted to study. I do have to say that it was quite intense to study four modules at the same time in just 3 months. Since the modules are all 7,5 ECTS - the amount of reading for each module is the same as in Utrecht, but then doubled since Warwick has four modules instead of two.
academic quality of education activities
I could definitely tell that Warwick is a highly ranked university. A lot of students that don't get in Oxford or Cambridge, go to Warwick instead. The teachers were all native English speakers, so the level of academic English was very high, as I said before. The teachers were amazing. My Shakespeare and the Law teacher for example, used to be an actor at the Royal Shakespeare Company and is a world-wide famous expert in this field of study. My Medicine and the Law teacher was a victim of the wrong surgery, and decided to teach about medical law afterwards. The modules were extremely fascinating and have been a big contribution to my amazing time at Warwick. Also, Modern English Legal System is a first-year module that teaches you all about the English legal system, but also about how to write a good essay or how to present a case in court - which was very useful.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
I would recommend everyone to come in contact with Warwick's law department director of international programmes right away during the application process. She has been a true great help with everything. In week 1, she also organised a meeting with all the international exchange law students which was great fun. Warwick's International Office organised walk-in hours and high teas for international students every single week (!) and emailed us to remind us about certain forms that needed to be signed. Also, at Warwick you get allocated a personal tutor - even if you're a one term-only student. Your tutor has a meeting with you at the beginning and at the end of the term to discuss any questions or problems you might have. I felt extremely welcome at Warwick and everyone was always willing to help.
transfer of credits
As I said, Warwick works with CATS instead of ECTS. 1 ECTS is 2 CATS. Also, Warwick has a completely different marking system - just as Oxford and Cambridge do. Keep in mind that it might not be possible to do your exchange at Warwick at the very end of your degree, since the transfer of credits takes a lot of time and might even cause some problems.

## STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme
Warwick organises an amazing welcome week each year. This is why I truly recommend everyone who wants to go to Warwick for one term only, to choose the first term. It's really nice to start of together with everyone else. I made some amazing friends during welcome week. The university organized loads and loads of fun activities, campus tours, library introductions, ikea trips and great parties - some especially for international students. You can choose your own welcome week timetable on the website and every activity was for free!
accommodation
One huge benefit about being a one term-only student at Warwick, is that you can apply for a room on-campus. If you study at Warwick for a full year, you have to live in a house off-campus. Campus life is great fun!!! I lived in a building with around 40 other people and shared my kitchen with around fourteen. Most of the other students were native British students, some were also international students. It was really nice to make both local and international friends. I loved my accommodation. We always cooked together and played card games in



the kitchen. And since you live on campus, everything is within walking distance. Also, your kitchen and bathroom get cleaned for you. And, on top of that, two residential life tutors live in each residence hall to help you with any single problem you might come across - whether it's stress or homesickness or just practical stuff. If you will have to live off-campus: don't worry, this is just as fun. Warwick is surrounded by great student cities! Especially Leamington Spa is really nice. The university will also help you find a house. Sidenote: the kitchen is empty when you arrive. You have to buy every pan and plate yourself. If you can, it might be nice to bring some stuff from home.

leisure & culture

I still can't believe how much there is to do next to your studies at Warwick. You will never be bored! You can join hundreds of societies at Warwick - ranging from sports to music to theatre. In welcome week, you will get the possibility to go to the Society Fair to meet all of those societies and join one of them. Furthermore, Warwick's central campus has its own theatre, gym, restaurants, bars, café's, shops, cinema, and... club (with the best parties). I myself worked as a volunteer at the theatre, which was an amazing job. I had to check everyone's tickets, lead them to their seats and then I could watch the show for free. I followed some very useful trainings for this job. Life at Warwick is so much fun!

suggestions/tips

Travel! Warwick is located in the middle of the country so you can practically go anywhere you want around the UK. It's such a beautiful country with so many nice places to visit! Halfway each term, Warwick gives you one week off - which is a great opportunity to go and explore the country!

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

100%! I've had the best time of my life at Warwick. It's such a great university with an amazing campus. I've made so many good friends, travelled a lot, learned so much from my modules, had such a nice job, etc etc etc. The university supports you in absolutely everything you need. I was very sad to leave after 3 months already.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Even though now you know one term at Warwick is possible, my advice is - If you can: go to Warwick for a full year. You won't regret it. Even though you will have to live off-campus. Time flies. Saying goodbye was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. But, if you can only go for one term (like me), definitely go for it! Don't worry about being the only one - almost every single international student I've met was there for only one term. You'll have a great time at this amazing university.

**2017 -2018**

**PREPARATION**

exchange application process

The application process was quite easy. You have to fill in a couple of forms and send it to the coordinator. It is also very easy to contact the coordinator if you have any questions.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

It was quick and easy. I got my answers in a matter of hours sometimes.

academic preparation



Non needed.
language preparation
Non needed. It is in English though.
finances
The UK is quite expensive and should definitely not be underestimated, especially if you are staying in a city like London. It is therefore highly recommend to prepare very well and have an extra cushion if things get out of hand.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)
It is quite similar to the Dutch study programme. The main difference is that almost all modules have one type of examination, which usually is a written exam. You are allowed to pick courses that are not part of your faculty. I would highly recommend doing this because it is a great chance to broaden your horizons.
academic quality of education activities
I find the quality to be very comparable to UU, although it is less taxing because all the exams are in the summer, so you end up with quite a lot of free time. The threshold to pass the exams is much lower than at UU, so passing becomes quite a bit easier. You can pass with a 4 basically.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
You can always contact the faculty coordinator and you also get a mentor appointed. You will never feel abandoned.
transfer of credits
Have not done it yet.

### STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme
We had a welcoming weekend, which I personally did not attend. However, I have heard that it is lovely. The first week at Uni is purely orientation actually: you get to see all the facilities and buildings you need to know about.
accommodation
I had personal accomodation, so I had no roommates. I have been to other people's places and it looked quite good to me. The Uni will send you all kinds of links and forms to help you find a room. If you are staying for the full year, you will not be allowed to live on campus.Ovarall I would not worry too much about accomodation, you will be informed quite well.
leisure & culture
This would probably be one of the highlights of this Uni. There are countless student unions you can become member of and they are all located on campus. I personally became member of the football society, which organises trips to stadions across the country. The entry tickets are quite cheap and I always travelled by coach. It really is a must to become a member of as many societies as possible or else you will miss out.
suggestions/tips
The exams are all in the summer, so travel as much as you can, party as much as you can and just do the stuff you have always wanted to do. Coventry is right in the middle of England so traveling to different cities is a



breeze and much cheaper than in The Netherlands. Just keep in mind that the food is not great; it is the only complaint I have.

### CONCLUSIONS

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

Highly recommended. The education is of high quality, there is a lot you can do on campus and everything else is organised very well. You can choose from a lot of courses as well, even courses that are not part of your faculty.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

None.

### 2014-2015

#### PREPARATION

exchange application process

I experienced the exchange application process as rather straight forward and I didn't encounter any difficulties. Both Utrecht University and the University of Warwick provide clear guidelines that guide you through the application process. However, be aware that it does take some time to complete each step in the process. Furthermore, it is important to keep track of all the deadlines and to email your questions on time to the right person.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The counselling and support at Utrecht University is very helpful and the staff shows real dedication to their job. When I wasn't able to go on exchange to the University I originally wanted, the International Office helped me to pick a great alternative.

academic preparation

The University of Warwick didn't require of exchange students to do any academic preparation. Even if you would some preparation, this would have been inefficient, because the definite module choice is established after your arrival at the university.

language preparation

The University of Warwick didn't require of exchange students to have a certificate of proficiency in English. In order to feel at ease at communicating in English, I did start to read some English books (non related to my study). This helped me to feel well prepared for my exchange programme. Eventually, I was able to express myself well at the University.

finances

Before my departure I made sure to have signed up for the Erasmus+ grant and to change my studenttravel membership to a monetary grant. These funds in combination with my own financial reserve made it possible for me to stay in England without too much financial stress. However, be aware that living in England is generally speaking more expensive than in the Netherlands.

#### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD



study programme (content and organisational issues)
My study programme consisted of the following modules: Introduction to the Modern English Legal System, Contract Law, Tort Law and Global Intellectual Property Law. Some of the above mentioned modules weren't my first choice, but some of my first preferences weren't available anymore at the time I arrived. It took a week before they finalized my module registration.
academic quality of education activities
The academic quality of education is high. The University of Warwick is in England regarded as one of the better University (however less known as such in the Netherlands). The lectures are provided by prominent scholars in that area of expertise and the seminars are often small in number which stimulates group discussion.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
At the time of my arrival the law school was a bit of a chaos. The Law School gave first priority to the national students and as a consequence it took some time before I was able to finalize the registration process of my modules. However, after the first two weeks, things settled down and I enjoyed great support for the rest of my stay without any further complains. It should be noted that during the entire period of my stay the supporting staff was very kind and helpful to me.
transfer of credits
45 ECTS

<b>STUDENT LIFE</b>
welcome & orientation programme
The welcome and orientation programme was well organised and turned out to be an useful period for me to adapt to the new lifestyle. The orientation welcome-team consisted of Warwick students and they welcomed newcomers, showed them around and answered all questioned. The orientation programme is optional, but I would recommended this to anyone if your budget allows it. I met most of my friends during this period and it helps you to settle down in an easy and relaxed way.
accommodation
The University of Warwick offers students different types of accommodation. I myself spent my time in Claycroft which was in my opinion one of better accommodations: it was the closest to the library, supermarket and gym. Two times a week the kitchen (which I shared with 7 other people) was cleaned by the staff. My bedroom was rather small (somewhere around 12m <sup>2</sup> ), but it included everything I needed.
leisure & culture
The English culture is not that much different from the Dutch culture. In general, people are more polite and less straight forward which is something that I would recommended you take into account when communicating with the University.
suggestions/tips
I would recommend that you join as many societies as possible. The University of Warwick has a huge variety of societies (in fact most in whole England) which is a great opportunity for you to explore any interest you might have.

<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain



I would recommend the University of Warwick to anyone who is looking for an academic challenge, but is also looking to expand oneself, for example by learning a new language.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Just do it!

## PREPARATION

exchange application process

The application process seemed very easy. After I was selected, at the 3th of March, to study at the University of Warwick I began to prepare my departure. When I applied myself at the University I received an e-mail from the law department that I could not study at Warwick for the terms that I applied and was selected for by the Univeristy of Utrecht. They told me that I could only do my exchange at Warwick if I came for a full year. I felt very disappointed but angry as well. The University of Utrecht should have known this before they selected me. Eventually the Internatninal office of the UU helped me and this resulted in an exchange to Warwick for two terms after all!

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The international office of the UU is willing to help and support students, but they are majorly understaffed. You often need to wait 7 days before you receive an awnser to a queastion.

academic preparation

I didn't really prepare myself academicy. I only bought a voice recorder to record my lectures. That was very usefull. Native English speakes often talk very fast.

language preparation

I didn't prepare myself.

finances

I used all of my personal savings, the erasmus grant and my student finance. I knew England was going to be expensive and I definitely wasn't wrong about that. I needed all the money I saved.

## STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Signing up for the modules, acadamic facilities and organisational issues was absolutley well arranged at Warwick. If there were any problems with (for example) modules, help was always at hand.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality was quite high in my opinion. I think it is comparable with the quality of the University of Utrecht. Because of the language difference, it was harder. Warwick arranges al ot of aeducation activities such as guest lectures, debates and workshops.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The law department of the University was very well sturctured and helpful. My personal tutor wasn't. I felt like she dind't really care and saw our meetings as a obligation. The Internatnioal office, on the other hand, was very helpful and supportive. There are many (free) groups an institutons on campus where you can turn to in case you have problems.



transfer of credits

The University of Warwick works with CATS. Every CAT is 1/2 ECTS. The study programme offers full modules that are worth 30 CATS (15 ECTS) and half modules that are worth 15 CATS (7,5 ECTS). The system is therefore quite comparable to the system in Utrecht.

**STUDENT LIFE**

welcome & orientation programme

Before my study period I entered the international orientation week. It was a great way to meet other exchange students and a good way to get to know the campus and area. The week was well arranged but a bit dull.

accommodation

I lived on campus which was a good experience. I really liked the whole campus experience but I was the only international student of my flat. Next to that, all my roommates were freshers, so there was a big age difference. A lot of international students lived in an off-campus accommodation, because full year exchange students were not able to live on campus (apparently). When I wanted to see my friends (who lived off campus), I had to take the bus for 20 minutes to go there and 20 minutes to go back.

leisure & culture

The University of Warwick is situated between Coventry and Leamington spa. It is kind of in the middle of nowhere. To go to either Leamington or Coventry, you can take the bus (+- 20 min). Both cities aren't very interesting, but the nightlife is good. During my exchange I traveled a lot through the UK and these trips are definitely the best part of my exchange. British people are very kind and are proud of their culture. There are so many great cities to visit and beautiful places to go.

suggestions/tips

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

I would recommend this university to others in case they are seeking for good education and high academic quality. If you want to go abroad for just the experience, I would not go to Warwick. Leisure activities aren't very fun around campus and it is very hard to travel to either Coventry or Leamington 5 days a week.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you want to go on a part year exchange, I would hardly advise you NOT to go to Warwick. The academic year of the university is not suitable for part year exchange students and most of the exchange students at Warwick come for a full year.

**2013-2014**

**preparation**

exchange/placement application process

Firstly, it is important to pass all the required exams at your home university in order to apply for an exchange. If



you cope with this requirement, you can apply by sending your resume and motivation letter. The Erasmus team will choose you based on your motivation and if you're the lucky one, you'll receive an email. Once you get a confirmation of acceptance by your host university, you have to apply at the host institution. There are a couple of things you have to do at Warwick, like online enrolment and application for accommodation. However, Warwick's is very efficient in their contact and I did not experience any trouble with my application.

counselling/support at home university

Warwick guides you through your exchange from the moment you arrive at the UK. During your exchange you will be assigned a mentor that keeps checking up on you. There are also other contact offices, like the Law Reception that answer all your questions.

academic preparation

You have to pass all the exams in the 1,5 year of Law.

language preparation

Not required.

finances

Accommodation fees depend on whether you live on campus or off-campus. Also, there are different kinds of residences within the campus and the price varies from 80 pounds a week till 150 pounds a week. Your other expenses depend on your way of living and the societies you decide to join. I personally spend an average of 300 pounds a month (excluding university fee and accommodation fee, including study trips and luxury expenses)

**study/placement abroad period**

study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)

I was a part-year student, which means I studied 2 terms. There are several courses you get to choose and every semester I did 4 courses. There are not a lot of contact hours for law and the course requires therefore a lot of self-study. In Warwick the exams are held in the third semester, which meant I could not do the exams. As a solution the part-year students get essays assigned as assessment.

academic quality of education/placement activities

The quality at Warwick is extremely high due to its high reputation as a top 10 University. The students are motivated and the teachers are passionate and enthusiastic. The organisation is very good.

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

Mentor and all your course teachers have visit hours and are always glad to answer your e-mails.

transfer of credits

Your results will be online.



student life
welcome/orientation programme
In the orientation week you get the chance to get to know other exchangers, the campus, the university and the city. it is very well organised and I recommend every student to attend it.
accommodation
I lived on campus in a residency called Rootes. Rootes is one of the many residencies. Rootes is based on the main campus and close to basically everything. It is known as the more social community and is known for its parties. I am very happy to have lived in Rootes, which is perfect if you're a very outgoing person. However, if you mainly want to focus on your studies, I won't recommend it.
leisure/culture
Warwick is full of students from all over the world who do their full degree at Warwick. Therefore you will get to know British people as well as people from all over the world. Because of its high status, Warwick students are mostly coming from wealthy families and there is a prominent culture.
suggestions/tips
Chose for Warwick!
conclusions
would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain
YES! The University is very young (50 years), but managed to become a top 10 University. The quality of education is very high and you'll meet all kinds of people. Furthermore, the University has its own bar and dancehall. Every day you can buy tickets for the Uni Bus that brings you to one of the many clubs in the cities around the University (and the bus picks you up as well!). Furthermore, there are a lot of societies (including a Dutch society!) The social status is incredible and you are guaranteed to make a lot of friends
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Once again, chose for Warwick!

preparation
exchange/placement application process
originally applied for two other destinations but was unfortunately not allowed to go to them. A couple of weeks later I was sent a list of destinations where not enough people had applied for, the so-called 'rest-plaatsen'. Because Warwick is not very well-known in Holland it was still available, after doing some research I found out it was a top-university and decided to apply. I decided to go for two terms because I didn't feel like 3 months was enough to have a real study abroad experience and I thought a year was too long. Getting confirmation from Warwick took quite long but I think that was mainly because I was later than others with



<p>applying because it was not my first choice.</p>
<p>counselling/support at home university</p>
<p>From the International Office in Utrecht there was a preparation meeting in which they gave general information about studying abroad. Furthermore, they have walk-in sessions in which you can ask anything and sign all the documents you need.</p>
<p>academic preparation</p>
<p>I passed all the subjects I needed in Utrecht so I got all the necessary ECT's before I applied. I did not do any other academic preparation. The English legal system is not that different from the Dutch and you don't really have to prepare for it.</p>
<p>language preparation</p>
<p>When I was still in High School I did an advanced english course (Cambridge English: Advanced) and in my second year of university I did a Legal English course organised by Urios Society. It makes it easier if you know certain law-specific english terms but with a high school VWO level understanding of english studying in England shouldn't be too difficult.</p>
<p>finances</p>
<p>The most expensive thing about studying abroad was the accomodation which my parents paid for. I also applied for an Erasmus grant, got ' uitwonende studiefinanciering' and changed my OV so I got money instead of using it for 6 months, this and my savings was enough to pay for food, going out and making trips.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>study/placement abroad period</b></p>
<p>study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)</p>
<p>Before I came to Warwick I had to choose my modules. They have a module guide with descriptions online and you have to choose enough subjects to get enough ECT's, which are called CAT's in England. To get 60 ECT's (for two terms) you have to get subjects worth 120 CAT's. You are obligated to do the course Modern English Legal Sytem, which is a very basic course about English law for first-years and one subject like Tort, Contract or Criminal law, with this you get an extra certificate which says you studied English law. I chose Contract law, which is basically private law specifically about contracts. Furthermore, because in Holland I wanted to go in the direction of family law, I chose the subjects Family law and Child law. I also did Social Theory of the Law, which is a cross between sociology and law and Crime and Punishment which is a more philosophical subject. Modern English Legal System was very easy and was mostly for first years who have never studied law before, if you are in your second or third year and you know basic international law and how to read judgments it is not very difficult. Contract law was fine, especially because I had a very enthousiastic seminar tutor but the reading material could be quite difficult. I really enjoyed Child and Family law, the lecture tutors were very good and I thought the subject matters were very interesting. Crime and Punishment is a little weird because it is not like any law subject I ever had before, it is very philosophical and there is never a correct answer but the lecturer was very enthousiastic and funny. Social Theory of the Law is a subject I would not chose again if I could. It is taught both by a sociology and a law professor and they were both very dry. I didn't like the contents and especially in the first term there was a lot of reading and it was very difficult. For each subject you get a free reader which contains seminar questions, reading recommendations and reading materials. I only bought a study book for Contract Law, for Family and Child Law the book can be found online and for the other subjects all the texts are either online or in the library. It is definitely not necessary to buy all the expensive books for all the subjects. Because I only stayed for two terms, and all the exams are in third term, I only had to write essays. I was kind of apprehensive about this because in Holland we don't have to write essays like this but in the end I was glad I chose this because the exams in third term are said to be grueling. For all my half subejcts (Child law, Family law and Crime and Punishment) I had to write 5000 word essays which counted for 100%. These took me a long time and I recommend that you start as soon as you know youre essay titles but I believe that if you put the work into it and show that you tried your best (and put on your paper that youre an international student)</p>



they almost never fail you. For Modern English Legal System we had to do two online tests and an essay and for Contract law and Social Theory of the Law I had to do two smaller (2500 words) essays. Most important is that you think carefully about which subjects you chose before you go to Warwick because it is very hard to change them once you get there.

academic quality of education/placement activities

For each subject you have one or two hours of lectures and a one hour seminar. It is organised about the same as in Holland. For some subjects they ask you seminar questions which are then talked about and for other subjects like Crime and Punishment and Social Theory of the Law there is more of a group discussion about what you had to read. Seminar groups consist of about 15 or less students. Most of the teachers are very knowledgeable about their subject and they really appreciate it if you speak up and join in in discussions.

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

You are assigned a personal tutor beginning of your stay who I met with two times, in beginning of each term. You can go to her for any academic/personal troubles. If you live on campus there is also a resident tutor who you can go to for personal trouble or problems with your house. I never really had any trouble so I didn't use any of the counselling or support options but Warwick has a lot of support available ranging from therapy, on campus doctor, anonymous talkgroups to language support and academic help.

transfer of credits

Your credits appear online and they are easy to transfer. Just keep an eye on it and go after it quickly if there are any problems.

**student life**

welcome/orientation programme

Because I went for the first two terms I signed up for the orientation programme starting a week before the actual beginning of term. I recommend this to everyone coming to Warwick. The only students who are on campus for this week are the international students. I could stay in my accommodation already so it was a great way to get to know my new house and campus. The programme helps you with getting your student card and health care but they also organise evenings out in the Student Union clubs and tours to surrounding cities like Coventry and Leamington. The activities weren't that special but I found the programme most useful because it gives you time to get used to being in England and on campus before your classes start and it is a great way to already meet some new people. I met my best friends of my student abroad time during the orientation week and because they were also international students we went traveling during term a lot, to for example Ireland and Scotland.

accommodation

Because I was only in Warwick for two terms I was allowed to stay on campus, which I was very happy about since I always wanted to experience life on campus. I really enjoyed living on campus because you can walk to all your classes and there is a supermarket and busstops to go to surrounding cities closeby. I lived in Westwood in a big house and shared a kitchen with about 13 others which was not really a change from Holland for me. My housemates were all British first year students which turned out to be really nice because I really got a chance to integrate with real English people and because they were all first years they had more time than for example last years to go out and do fun stuff together.

leisure/culture

Warwick offers a lot of extra-curricular activities. They have a lot of sportclubs and societies. I joined the Erasmus and European Law society, who both organise a lot of trips and I did thaiboxing and trampolining as sports. I would definitely recommend you to do a sport and a society because it is a great way to meet new people and it's a good break from studying, also most societies and sport clubs organise a lot of fun events. In the orientation week I met a lot of international students with whom I became good friends and with them I made trips to Dublin, Edingburgh, London and Oxford, so if you want to do some traveling in England it is definitely handy if you're friends with other international students since British students don't care for traveling in their own country that much.



suggestions/tips
I would recommend you to go for at least two terms and definitely the first term so you can take part in the orientation week. Definitely join a couple of societies and sport clubs and take every opportunity to do stuff that you can't do in Holland.
<b>conclusions</b>
would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain
I would absolutely recommend Warwick to study abroad at. The University of Warwick is not as well known as Cambridge but it is in the top 10 of best Universities of England. If you don't want to be constantly in a big and very expensive city like London but you still want to be in the center of England from which it is easy to get anywhere then Warwick is definitely for you. It offers a lot of extra-curricular activities, it is fun to go out and I had a fantastic time.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
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## 2012-2013

<b>preparation</b>
exchange/placement application process
In order to prepare for my application I researched a number of things carefully. Firstly, I have a friend who studies law at Warwick University so he was able to advise me about the student life at Warwick and which courses are interesting. Secondly, I looked at the website of the law department and read about the courses they offer and the people who teach them. Then I used this information to write an application saying why I wanted to go to Warwick University specifically and which courses I wanted to take.
counselling/support at home university
I visited studie adviseur a number of times and e-mailed the international office in order to find out about the requirements for a successful application. They were very helpful and answered all my questions.
academic preparation
Before coming to Warwick University I took two courses (one from the student society Sirius and one from the student society JSVU) in Legal English which helped me prepare me academically for studying law in English. I also read a book about common law in order to understand better the English legal system.
language preparation
I took two courses in legal English to prepare me for an academic use of English. Other than this I undertook no language preparation as I was raised bilingual and was already fluent in English.
finances
I knew that living in England would be considerably expensive. Therefore I prepared for the exchange financially in a number of ways. Firstly, while still in Utrecht I lived at home to minimise my expenses and increase my savings. Secondly I worked some part time jobs in Utrecht and saved my salary in order to use it to finance my stay in England. I also applied for studiefinanciering (uitwonend and prestatiebeurs) and for the Erasmus grant.
<b>study/placement abroad period</b>



study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)

I had chosen and registered for all the modules I wanted to take before starting my studies at Warwick. This went smoothly as all the necessary information was on the university's website and the registration went online. There were no problems with this. At a orientation meeting with all the Erasmus students for law we were given our timetables and I even got to choose at what time and days my seminars would be. There were no organisational issues and everything went smoothly. The administrative staff were always friendly and helpful when I had any questions.

academic quality of education/placement activities

In my opinion the academic quality at Warwick University is great. They pride themselves of teaching 'law in context' which means that you learn more than just the application of law. In all courses we were encouraged to think about why the law is the way it is, whether this works well or how it could be improved. We also had to integrate this knowledge into our essays, which was quite difficult for me, because I had no prior practice in essay writing. It was very interesting though and my lecturers were always happy to help me when I encountered difficulties.

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

My host institution provided me with a personal tutor. My personal tutor did not answer my e-mail when I asked to meet her and when I went to visit her during the advertised office hours she did not have time to speak to me. Luckily this was not a problem because I didn't have any issues I needed to discuss. Moreover, the international office and all the lecturers were always available and capable of helping me when I had a problem so I did not need my personal tutor.

transfer of credits

Warwick University uses a system called CATS, whereas Utrecht University uses ECTS. 2 CATS is the equivalent of 1 ECTS and I have had no problems transferring the credits.

**student life**

welcome/orientation programme

Before the beginning of the academic year there was an orientation week for all the international students. I had not signed up for the orientation week because it was too expensive for me (you were provided with on-campus housing for the week, but I had already rented a room off-campus) but I was able to attend most of the activities anyways. This was really great because I was able to make some friends which I spent a lot of time with during the entire year. It also gave me an opportunity to discover the city and to find out useful information about who to contact for different kinds of problems at the university.

accommodation

As a full year exchange student I was not allowed to stay on campus. This was a shame as I was really hoping to experience campus life. However, I was placed in a house off campus together with other Erasmus students, which was a lot of fun. Because we were all exchange students we were all faced with similar difficulties, which allowed us to bond quickly. The accommodation is relatively expensive and did not include internet, gas or electricity bills. Setting up electricity, internet and gas accounts was quite complicated and I wish I would not have had to deal with this. Also cancelling them at the end of our stay was quite troublesome. as the companies were reluctant to cut off all electricity and gas for the summer.

The housing seemed quite old but actually everything functioned quite well and I think it was reasonable quality for student living. It was relatively far from campus so I had to take a twenty minute bus ride to campus daily. This was not a problem however, it just meant a bit more cost to buy a bus pass and you have to plan your day carefully, as you can't 'pop back home' to grab lunch, or your books for the next seminar. Overall though I



enjoyed my accommodation and didn't think these small problems made my exchange less enjoyable.

#### leisure/culture

Warwick University has a large number of societies and sports clubs that students can join. In fact there are so many fun, interesting and worthwhile activities on campus that it can be hard to choose which one to participate in! The university also organised several orientation fairs where you could meet all the different clubs and find out more about their activities. This way it was possible to meet some members and ask any questions before officially joining. Joining the societies is not expensive and there are so many that there is something interesting for everybody!

#### suggestions/tips

The best suggestion I could make to anyone considering to come to Warwick would be to join a society or sports club. In classes it can sometimes be difficult to engage with students from the host country, as they will often immediately recognise you as a foreign student. However, if you play sports in a team, then automatically you have to work together. This means it is very easy to make friends.

#### conclusions

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

I would definitely recommend this host destination to others. Warwick is academically challenging, which makes studying here very interesting. It also offers great opportunities for a fun and active student life. Furthermore, I have found it very helpful that the university helped me find accommodation.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I think going on an exchange is a great experience. Everyone who has the opportunity should do this, as it makes you grow in confidence, experience and independence, as well as being very fun.