



UU Report form - Erasmus 2019-2020

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	Bristol, England
name university abroad	University of Bristol
start date	23 / 09 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	24 / 01 / 2020 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

I took me quite a while to find the right destination, since I was looking for specific units to follow. Eventually, the University of Bristol seemed very interesting to me. After choosing my top three, the application proces went very smoothly.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The international office helped me really well and answered every question I had very considerately, in person as well as in emails.

academic preparation

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language preparation

I had already been abroad before I started studying, so didn't need any language preparation.

finances

I had my student loan and I arranged the Erasmus grant/ov vergoeding.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

When I received my timetable, I found out I had an overlap in units. I tried to make it work by discussing it with my personal tutor, but unfortunately had to change one unit. I didn't like that in the beginning, but the (unwanted) unit grew on me and eventually became the most interesting one. The university really helped me organising it, and it wasn't a problem at all that I had to come to the office a couple of times.

academic quality of education activities

In the beginning it all seemed very easy and less than what I was used to, but the formative assessments were more difficult, because we did not always receive as much help as we hoped for (no time) and the assessments mostly consisted of just one sentence, which was very vague to me sometimes.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

My personal tutor was very sweet and considerate. She was really interested in me and she always wanted to help. She wanted me to feel comfortable and at home.



transfer of credits

For me, this wasn't a problem. 20 points at the University of Bristol, were 10 credits in Utrecht. Utrecht is half the points, which was easy to convert.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Welcome Week was a week full of events and workshops. Unfortunately, you had to go everywhere yourself since we weren't divided into groups. During this week, ESN also threw a couple of events, where I went to. It was fun to meet other Erasmus students, but still I would have liked it more if we had a certain group. Meeting people was completely your own responsibility. I personally think a week is too long for all the students who don't know that much people yet.

accommodation

Since I have been abroad before with an international NGO, I emailed the same NGO of Bristol. The head of it gave me contact details of his vicar, who invited me into her and her family's home.

leisure & culture

Bristol is an amazing city. Very lively, artsy and vibrant. There's loads to do, but is very relaxed at the same time. Everyone lived in the many coffee shops, which I really enjoyed.

suggestions/tips

I would shorten Welcome Week. Besides that, many Erasmus students were homeless in the beginning, it would be good if they were a priority group for student housing as well.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I definitely would. The people in Bristol were very friendly, there is a lot of fun things to do in the city, the university was enjoyable and well organised. The vibe of the city and the university was really nice.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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