



Università degli studi di Trento

2018-2019

| PREPARATION |
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| exchange application process |
| The application process was pretty straight-forward. The only disappointing aspect was that selection took place by chance, therefore your grades or motivation letter were not taken into account by the receiving university. Besides that, the steps were clearly laid out and everything went by without any problems. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University |
| The International Office was always accessible for questions and responded quickly in every instant. |
| academic preparation |
| I did not prepare me in any irregular way in terms of academic efforts, I just checked which courses in English were offered and decided no further preparation was necessary. |
| language preparation |
| I used the Duolingo app to practice some vocabulary, but since the Language Center in Trento provided beginner courses that would start immediately, I did not do more than that. |
| finances |
| No special preparation, except for a summer job. Also, I made sure DUO would pay the compensation for public transport. I figured out a monthly budget and stucked to that. |

| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| I chose to do two language courses in Italian, two courses in the department of Sociology, concerning international politics, Islamic Law and a course that was an introduction to Italian Culture. The UNITN told us that they required students to take 60% of their courses within their own faculty, so I was worried that my choice would be an issue. Luckily, after discussing the subject with the spokesperson who is affiliated with the UU, it was no problem and I could continue doing these courses. |
| academic quality of education activities |
| The quality of all courses was high, and I heard from others that this University is considered one of the best in Italy, especially in the field of sociology and International Studies/Relations. The lecturers were clear, spoke good English and made complex topics accessible. Maybe the Italian Culture course had the lowest level, but the others were outstanding. The tests were nonetheless quite easy. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |
| As mentioned, I was able to discuss my alternative choice of courses and the welcoming period was also very friendly and clear. |
| transfer of credits |
| No problems |

| STUDENT LIFE |
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| welcome & orientation programme |



The first week was reserved for welcoming activities, and I decided to do a couple of them; there was a trip to a nice castle and an introduction of the courses. Other events were a party and a sports day, but I did not attend those. There were lots of opportunities to get to know other international students, so that was well-organized, especially for those not living in the international accommodation.

accommodation

Accommodation is provided for a limited amount of students, and that is in the town of San Bartolameo, 15 minutes by bus away from the Centre of Trento and my faculties. In August I learned that I would not get a place there, and I searched a lot online to find a private accommodation. In the end, I was happy to find the room I got, right in the center, close to the university and living with Italian students. So don't worry if there is no place in the student accommodation, in the end I even preferred this.

leisure & culture

Trento has a lot of opportunities and the Italian culture is even more vivid and present than I expected it would be. There are the mountains which are very close, the towns of Bolzano, Rovereto (with a great museum) and Verona within an hour by train. But also Bologna, Venezia and even München are reachable within a reasonable amount of time by train. The town itself is also beautiful, and in the months I was there, there were multiple festivals, for movies, sport or history. Also the Christmas Market is pretty famous. There are a lot of good restaurants and walking around town is a pleasure in an of itself.

suggestions/tips

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CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend the University di Trento as a destination for an Erasmus Period. The University is good and well-organized, there is a lot to learn from the people here, and there is a lot to do in and close to Trento. You'll feel at home here and learn a lot, so if that is your goal, you should consider it!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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2017-2018

PREPARATION

exchange application process

After I attended the seminar on studying abroad by Utrecht University I started to look into the different destinations within Italy. I chose Italy because I wanted to learn the language. I ended up choosing Trento as a destination because after reading other UU reports and more articles on the University I thought it would be the best choice within Italy. The University has a very high ranking both globally and nationally. Also, according to the student reports other Universities in Italy had a very limited amount of English courses.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I spoke to the international office multiple times before attending Università degli studi di Trento. They helped me when I chose my courses and they also gave me advice on housing in Trento. Unfortunately, something went wrong when they enrolled me and another student so we had to hand in a lot of forms within a couple of days. That was quite stressful.



academic preparation

I did not have any specific academic preparation apart from writing the necessary motivation letter.

language preparation

I already had the required level of English before going (B2). I did not do any intensive Italian language courses before going abroad. I did practice a basic level of Italian through Duo Lingo.

finances

I did not arrange my public transport remuneration in before leaving, which was very inconvenient to do while already being abroad. Furthermore I used my student loan.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

At the University of Trento it is possible to change your courses for a very extended time. I could switch courses until the 31 of march, so until 2 months after my arrival in Trento. There are multiple English courses, beware of the 'partially in English' courses though. I followed the course 'gender studies' and it was supposed to be partially in English. It turned out that the first week was in English and the rest of the course in Italian. I contacted my professor and was able to get a separate exam. Most of the professors are very approachable, as well as the international office of Trento. It does have very limited opening hours.

One of the Issues I struggled with was the fact that a lot of the courses overlap. Some of them have required attendance, which resulted in a lot of trouble during my exams. A lot of the courses do not have any books but solely rely on the information given by the professors during seminars. If you miss a lot of courses you will have to rely on your fellow classmates to give you their notes. Another issue was the fact that some of my courses did not have a syllabus and I would just show up with no idea in what was going to be discussed during the lecture. There were no books to read or assignments to make as preparation (upside: no coursework to do at home).

academic quality of education activities

The courses were of a good academic standard. Università degli Studi di Trento has a lot of visiting professors from very prestigious Universities that gave interesting lectures and presented different perspectives on for example migration and gender.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

As a already stated, the international office is very helpful and approachable. Do not hesitate to ask them anything, because sometimes I wasted a lot of time figuring things out myself.

transfer of credits

The University also uses ECTS. Beware of the fact that for some courses they give out extra language credits to the Italian students for attending these courses in English, because we do not receive those credits at Utrecht University. Their grading system was from 1 to 30 instead of 1 to 10 but that did not result in any difficulties.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The University does not organise any introduction activities apart from one seminar. The Erasmus Network (ESN) on the other hand has a week long orientation programme where you meet all the other Erasmus students and see the faculties.

We did get another seminar from the Faculty of Law, but after 3 months of already studying there so I did not



really see the point of that.

accommodation

What is really great about Trento is the fact that the University has a campus! Through Opera Universitaria you can get a single or double room. You will share a kitchen with around 15 others. The campus is great because you will be together with the other students and it has a lot of nice facilities such as a gym and Mensa where you can eat. They can also provide you with a bike (for free!). There were a lot of parties (they will get shut down if you make too much noise though) and other social activities as well.

leisure & culture

Trento is a very beautiful Italian city with a pretty Castle and a Duomo on a big square. Muse is the name of the museum of Trento, which is very popular and interesting to visit. Trento is also situated in a lot of beautiful nature! Mountains all around, countless lakes to swim and close to the Dolomites. It is also possible to visit lots of cities from Trento such as Verona, Milan, Venice, Bolzano, Turin and Bologna. The city also has multiple festivals in which for example students all climb a mountain and have a big party on top.

If you enjoy skiing, there are a lot of options to go skiing in the neighbourhood! You could even become a ski instructor on the weekends if you are any good.

suggestions/tips

Definitely register as an ESN member and try to participate in as many events as possible! They have a ski trip and 'Evento Nazionale' which is a four day festival with all the ESN offices of Italy. Those events were amazing.

Also, the University offers free language courses for Italian! The English of the average Italian is not good, I personally did not expect that. It is very useful to learn a basic level of Italian for everyday life.

As a final tip, choose your courses wisely. A lot of courses only have papers as a final examination and I personally prefer writing a paper than taking an oral exam. Also, if you choos wisely, you can be done with your courses early and for example use your spare time to travel the region.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would recommend this Univerity to everyone! The Univesity is one of the best of Italy, the courses they provide are of a good quality. Also, they are able to get a lot of visiting professors which is rare in Italy. I for example had a professor from Vermont Law School and the University of Singapore.

Trento is a small city but beautiful and it will feel like home in a short amount of time. The area is very wealthy and there is very little criminality (in contrast to cities more in the south of Italy). It is also situated in a very nice mountain area which is ideal for biking, hiking and skiing.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Do not overlook Trento because the city is fairly unkown, look at the facilities and University!



| PREPARATION |
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| exchange application process |
| It was clear for me how to apply for everything. Utrecht University made a schedule with all the deadlines. The only thing I want to mention is that the state of affairs almost always turns out to be different at the university abroad. I had a lot of uncertainties during my first weeks. Don't worry, just explain what there;s going on and they really want to help you with fixing everything. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University |
| My compliments for the International office of Utrecht University, you can always call them or come to there office hours for questions and I guarantee they help you properly! |
| academic preparation |
| If you go abroad in your 3 rd year of your bachelor you have enough academic preparation in my opinion. It's not necessary to add another kind of academic preparation before you go. |
| language preparation |
| I really wanted to learn Italian, despite the fact it wasn't necessary for my courses. Therefore, I left the Netherlands 6 weeks earlier to learn Italian in Florence at private school called Istituto Europeo. It was an amazing experience to live in a city like Florence for a while and a nice way to get an introduction of the italian language and culture. If you want more info about this language school you can contact me. |
| finances |
| Utrecht University makes you to prepare a finance scheme, therefore it was all clear for me how to finance the whole period. I would recommend you to get a job or make more hours, if you allready have a job, before you go in order to have some extra savings. I know for sure you'll need it (: |

| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| University of Trento has a good department of Law, a few weeks ago they are even announced as the best university of Italy. Of course, I had some struggles at the beginning of my study period. It was for example hard to choose courses without lectures at the same time. They have a good offer of english law courses and you can still switch them in the first weeks in order to have the content you want. Another example is what they call 'the academic quarter'. If a lecture starts at 9am, it actually means it starts at 9.15am, so don't leave the room if nobody is there at 9.05 and just get a cappuccino or something (like everybody else haha). |
| academic quality of education activities |
| University of Trento offers a lot of educational activities. Almost all my courses had guest lecturers from professors all over the world! It's hard to qualify the academic quality, I think it's just incomparable with the system in the Netherlands (with recorded lectures and working groups). In Trento are much more 'traditional' lectures where different professors tell about topics, there isn't something like a working group or much participation in class in my opinion. So, I think it's just a question of which kind of system you prefer. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |
| International office in Trento is open every Monday and Wednesday from 10-12am, sometimes it's hard to get there because most of the time there are mandatory lectures at the same time. It's also almost always really busy but they are kind and really want to help you with every problem, even changing courses at the last moment! I have good experience with the people of the law department. |
| transfer of credits |
| Most of the courses are 6 credits, some of them are 9. You can also add Italian language courses for 3 credits. I don't have any experience with the transfer of credits yet because I'm still in the proces. |



| STUDENT LIFE |
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| welcome & orientation programme |
| There are a lot of welcome activities in the first week(s). Especially when you become a member of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN Trento, you can find them in the Economics building). They organise a welcome dinner for all the Erasmus students and other activities like a citytour. I also attended a lot of trips they organise like the Ski trip and 'Evento Nazionale' (a party weekend in a resort in Tuscany with Erasmus students of all the Italian cities. Besides that, they offer different discounts in restaurants and bars if you're a member. |
| accommodation |
| If you study in Trento it's a 'must' to live on the campus, San Bartolomeo, also known as 'Sanba'. You can rent a room there for €330 a month with your own bathroom (!). You share the kitchen with other international or Italian students. Most of the international students live there cause you can meet a lot of people there and you have all the facilities you want. The only negative point about it is that it's not really in the city centre (25min walk), but they offer free bikes and there are good train/bus connections. To get home in the night is harder but you can always walk with other students or take a taxi. |
| leisure & culture |
| Trento is not that big but there's enough to do in your first period of living there. There are nice restaurants, bars, shops, markets and different festivals. You can also spend a lot of hours in the mountains, walking or by bike. The nightlife is not that big, actually only 2 clubs but there are a lot of students so it's always fun in my opinion. If you get a little bored after a while you can visit nice places in the neighbourhood. There are good bus/train connections with different beautiful lakes and cities like Lago di Levico, Lago di Caldonazzo, Lago di Lamar, Lago di Garda, Verona, Bolzano, Venice, Milan. You can also take flixbuses to further places or even take flights within the country from Verona or Milan Bergamo. |
| suggestions/tips |
| Live at Sanba and become a member of ESN Trento! |

| CONCLUSIONS |
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| would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain |
| I would definitely recommend this university if you want to have 'the real Italian' experience. Trento is not that big as Rome or Milan but therefore most of the people speak Italian and they are not used to many tourists. The university is located in beautiful buildings in the city centre. Besides that, the university of Trento has a big offer of English taught courses and guest lecturers from all over the world. They really want to offer a distinctive and useful content. It sounds weird but I also really had to study during my Erasmus experience, it's not easier than in the Netherlands in my opinion (like you hear a lot from Italian/Spanish experiences), but therefore I'm able to say I really learned something useful in Trento. |
| do you have any additional advice or comments? |
| I think Trento is the perfect combination between studying some useful courses for your Bachelor/Master and having a great time with a lot of opportunities! (Don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to have more info)/ |



2015-2016

| PREPARATION |
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| exchange application process |
| <p>Fist I applied for the University of Lissbon. I did not get selected and had to choose another University from the one's that were left. For me this was a little stressful because the one who applied first had the biggest chance to get chosen for that university. I love Italy and when I saw Pharma, Rome and Trento on the list I knew I would go there. I don't have that much with Rome and the fact that Trento is the best Univerity of Law of whole Italy and in the reviews it seems like a studentcity did me decide for Trento.</p> <p>The application proces went well. I had some struggles with sending the learning agreement and grant agreement because they had to be really small document but readable, took me quite a long time to scan them in. You have to take the time to fill in all the forms, but it is not difficult. Besides that, I found the e-mail that my grandapplication was denied in my spam, so I had apply again (in a short time because I was leaving) with the result that I get my Erasmusgrand while I was already a month in Italy. But the University of Trento replied fast, what was really helpful.</p> |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University |
| Good. Sometimes it took them quite a long time before they reply but that is understandable because they are busy. Besides that if you ask them something you get a really extensive answer, what I really appreciated. |
| academic preparation |
| I didn't have to do any academic preperation |
| language preparation |
| <p>I didn't have to do a language test. The law courses in Trento are in English. There are not that much courses you can follow in English, most are in Italian. I picked 3 courses and that was all they had. Besides that I wished I had learn Italian in the Netherlands before I left. I followed 2 Italian language courses in Trento, one intensive: everyday Monday till Saturday, around 3 hours and the extensive: twice a week 3 hours. I really hoped that I would be fluent after this but Italian is quite hard to learn. Maybe especially in my case, I am really bad in languages.</p> |
| finances |
| <p>Trento is a little bit more expensive then Utrecht. But I think it is especially because of the lifestyle. I have been eating outside a lot. The combination of my love for Italian food and the really good and nice restaurants makes your money fly away haha. Besides that there are a lot of amazing parties and trips organised by ESN (I have seen 11 Italian city's in my semester) so I do suggest to save money. To be sure maybe a 1.000 (it is really a pitty to miss things because you run out of money). I didn't do any savings but with the Erasmusgrand, OV money, student grant on it's highest and a credit card it is doable.</p> |

| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| <p>As I said there are not many courses offerd in English, in my case there were 3. The courses were interesting. Organisational I had twice that I thought there were classes and there didn't were any.</p> |
| academic quality of education activities |
| <p>It is good. I think the level of the courses is less hard then in the Netherlands. Or at least a different way of teaching and studying, for example the exams are almost all oral and the things you need to know are most of the time from the college you get, less out of the books</p> |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |



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| Really good, they helped me really good when I forgot a important deadline |
| transfer of credits |
| I arrived the 8 th of February in the Netherlands and the 11 th of February I recived my Transcript of records. Really fast! |

| STUDENT LIFE |
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| welcome & orientation programme |
| I really recommend to become a member at ESN. It is awesome. In the first week there was a welcome party and besides that they organise the whole year really nice trips and really good parties. |
| accommodation |
| I had found a private accomandation in the middle of the city center. Which was great! I wanted to live with Italian students so that I could improve my Italian. A lot of international friends lived in San Bartelomeo, it is a studentcomplex outside the city center (half a hour walking, 10/15 minutes by bike). I really liked living with the Italian students (I lived with 3) although sometimes they were a little loud. I think I would like San Bartelomeo as well, you have more your own space and a lot of international students around. There are blocks better then others but I don't know which one. |
| leisure & culture |
| Love the food, the tranquillo lifestyle, the wine, the people, the beautiful cities. Two words: Love Italy |
| suggestions/tips |
| Learn Italian before you leave, become a member of ESN and travel a lot, Trento is really good connected by train. |

| CONCLUSIONS |
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| would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain |
| YES! I really recommend studying for a semester in Trento! I recommend the university because it is the best of Italy, it is well organised and good proffesors (sometimes they fly in proffesors from The Netherlands, Germany or other countries). I recommend the destination because Trento is a beautiful city, with really nice people, really nice restaurants, bars, clubs. Besides you can travel a lot, close to the mountains (skying!) which is pretty. |
| do you have any additional advice or comments? |
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2014 - 2015

| PREPARATION |
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| exchange application process |
| The application was quite easy. I only had to send the required documents. The University of Trentor replied really fast and there were no troubles at all with the application process. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University |



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| The international office was an amazing help. They made the contact with the International office of Trento. |
| academic preparation |
| I didn't have to do some academic preparation. I only have to pass the examens in the Netherlands. |
| language preparation |
| I didn't have to make a test or whatsoever. |
| finances |
| Trento is in my opinion equally expensive as the Netherlands. So with some savings and with the Erasmus+ grant you will be fine. Though keep in mind that you want to join all the erasmus stuff or want to travel. So have enough savings! |

| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| The courses were really interesting. But keep in mind that there are only a few courses in English. Most of the courses are in Italian. I didn't speak Italian at all and I followed one course in Italian. The professors are really helpful. So it is possible to follow a course in Italian. Furthermore the courses are only 6 ECTS. But you have the possibility to follow Italian language courses (3 ECTS). S |
| academic quality of education activities |
| It is good. In my opinion it was less harder than in Utrecht. I didn't have to read a lot of literature. For some courses I didn't have literature at all. You only have to pay a lot of attention in class. Furthermore there is only one period instead of 2. So the final months are really busy. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |
| Good. You can always mail the coordinator. |
| transfer of credits |
| I have no idea. At this moment I am still waiting for my transcript. Keep in mind that there is a different system. When you passed an exam. You have to sign at a 'special' moment. Than it takes 2 weeks to get online in the Italian osiris. And then your credits are official. Furthermore you can get points from 1-30. From 18 points you have passed it. But I don't know how the UU will transfer this. |

| STUDENT LIFE |
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| welcome & orientation programme |
| There was a nice welcoming week and they organize a lot of events for the Erasmus students. |
| accommodation |
| I had a private accommodation with Italian flatmates. The University residence is quite far away from the city. I would definitely recommend you to look for a private apartment in the city, but keep in mind that most of the private accommodations require a deposit of three months rent. |
| leisure & culture |
| There are a lot of restaurants. And there is a well connected station so you can for example travel all the way to Rome with a direct train. Furthermore there is a theatre (everything is in Italian). There are a few bars, but there is not really a nightlife. Though all the students organise a lot of houseparties. |
| suggestions/tips |



Learn Italian. The level of English is very low. Even a lot of students don't speak English. And travel a lot. Italy is amazing!

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would recommend this university, because it is the best University of Italy. It is really well organised. You can travel a lot and the weather is amazing. Furthermore the ESN organises a lot for Erasmus students. Though I missed the student life as we have in Utrecht.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

2013-2014

preparation

exchange/placement application process

The application process started way before my exchange to Italy by handing in my application form, motivation letter, study plan and CV to the University of Utrecht. My acceptance was quite easy since I was the only one who wanted to go to Trento. The application at the Italian University was surprisingly easy. They sent me an e-mail with all the information on applying and a link to the application page. This application e-mail came quite early comparing to some of my friends who went to different universities in Italy.

counselling/support at home university

The website of the University of Utrecht basically explains everything you need to know, but for problems I could always go to the international office or call to get help. Also during my stay in Italy I could always send an e-mail for advice.

academic preparation

I did not need any academic preparation, since the courses in Italy didn't require any pre-existing knowledge. I extended my bachelor period with one year in order to go abroad and therefore my results serve only as additional credits.

language preparation

Since I decided in my 2nd year that I wanted to go to Italy I had some time to figure out the different ways to learn Italian. I attended the 'Taalverwerving I and II' courses at the University of Utrecht. I did this in period 3 and 4 before my departure to Italy in September. I would really recommend these courses to anyone who wants to go to Italy. I have learned a lot and I also got to meet people who were also going on exchange to Italy. There is also the possibility of doing an EILC course in the summer (or winter) before the start of your exchange period but I did not do this. I don't feel like this was a problem at all, most international students I met in Trento had the same level or a lower level of Italian. At the University I attended a B1 course, but most of my Italian I



learned from attending law courses in Italian and living with an Italian roommate. If you get the chance to live with Italians make sure you do! It's absolutely the best way to learn.

finances

I took my study financing abroad, applied for an Erasmus grant and got money for my public transport card. Before my departure I had also worked so I had some savings.

study/placement abroad period

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

Most people might already know that Italy is not the best organized country in the world and you can also see this in the University. The quality of the University is really good but the organization is not always. It's quite difficult to follow courses in English because in the first semester there are only about 4 courses taught in English. Since only one of them really interested me I did 1 in English and 2 in Italian. The courses only give you 6 credits so in order to obtain 30 credits you really have to do 5 courses or 4 and an Italian course. Since I didn't need any credits for my program I only did 3 courses and an Italian course. The courses do only take about 6 weeks, so it's definitely possible to do 5 courses. In the second semester there are a lot more courses in English. For choosing your courses you can use the faculty guide, but you can't really decide which courses you want to take until you know the schedule. A lot of my courses overlapped but there is no real obligation to attend the classes. You don't have to register for courses before they start, this will all happen at the international office and it's only important when you need to register for exams (but even that was not always necessary). This gives you the opportunity to just go to the first lesson of a class and see if you like it.

academic quality of education/placement activities

The academic quality is really high. Times considers the university of Trento the best university in Italy and the law faculty has been the best in Italy for many years. Italian students come from all over the country to study in Trento (my roommate came from the far south of Italy). Studying law is also completely different from Holland because it's all passive. You have 3 lectures a week and it's only listening to the professor. Tutorials only exist in the courses taught in English. Luckily they have a big understanding for Erasmus students, because Italian law students really have to know every little detail by heart (this includes the different articles from the code). This is not the case for Erasmus students however. Your knowledge is tested in an oral exam. The professors do speak English most of the time so for one of my courses taught in Italian I could do my oral exam in English for example.

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

The support at the University is good. They have a welcome meeting where all the aspects of the university are explained including the electronic system (like Osiris). Upon your arrival you get a welcome package which even includes your codice fiscale (burgerservicenummer) which you need in order to get a mobile phone card. A lot of Italian Universities don't have your codice fiscale ready for you so it's really nice that they don't make you



go to any public offices. I haven't set foot inside the town hall my entire stay.

transfer of credits

student life

welcome/orientation programme

The ESN Trento group is really active and also organizes a welcome week for students. This was 2 weeks after my arrival, because the law courses start before the other courses do. This was however no problem since I had already met a lot of Erasmus students through my law courses. Since there are not a crazy amount of international students in Trento you get to know everyone really well, which I liked very much. In no time I had found a close group of friends. The ESN group also organizes a huge amount of trips (it's impossible to do them all if you want to pass your courses as well). They included trips to Milan, Rome, Bolzano, Vicenza, Verona, Venice, Munich, Innsbruck etc and they also organize parties and dinners. Every 2 weeks there is the 'tandem café' which allows you to speak Italian with natives. Italy is well connected by train so we also organized a lot of trips ourselves. For fans of winter sports Trento is definitely the place to be. The season starts at the beginning of December and ends in April. You can easily take a bus and just have a skiing trip for one day. ESN Trento also organizes a 4-day ski-trip in March. If you're a fan of hiking or mountainbiking there is also plenty to do in the area around Trento.

accommodation

I lived in private accommodation in the city centre and shared my room with an Italian girl. The University provides housing for Erasmus students but this will always be in a double room. The quality differs extremely, some houses are close to the centre others are a bit further away. The largest housing facility is called San Bartolomeo and is a little bit outside the city centre. This is however not really a problem since the university has a really cheap bike-lending service. If you don't want to live with a roommate that's not really a problem though since a lot of people I met found private accommodation. However having a roommate is the way Italian students are used to live so it might be a little bit harder to find and I have really enjoyed having a roommate. You can also apply for the university housing (just to be sure) and then try to find something on the private market.

leisure/culture

Even though Trento is small there are a lot of bars, some clubs and nice restaurants. Drinking a spritz at 11 in the morning is completely normal to the Trentinos and the typical Italian 'living outside' culture lasts really long. A lot of people even in December still sit outside in their winter jackets. This is possible because of the really nice weather in Trento. The sun shines a lot and it can get pretty warm even in November/December.

The region Trentino Alto-Adige is an independent region which means that they are not really affected by the crisis in Italy. You see this everywhere. It's a really rich, clean and beautiful city where most people speak



English. The area around Trento is also absolutely beautiful and perfect for making daytrips and skiing. Since there are so many beautiful things to see in Italy it's also really nice to make weekend trips to Rome, Milan, Florence etc. Italian trains are a lot cheaper than Dutch trains especially the highspeed trains if you book early.

suggestions/tips

I don't really have any suggestions or tips except to try to find yourself a house with Italians if you really want to learn the language and make some Italian friends as well.

conclusions

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

I would definitely recommend the University of Trento to others because it's the best University in Italy and it has a nice student-life in beautiful surroundings.

do you have any additional advice or comments?