



## ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

Every student receiving an Erasmus+ STUDIES grant has to submit a UU report as well. Writing the UU report is one of the university's conditions to receive and keep the grant. Only after submitting this report your Erasmus+ grant will be awarded definitively.

Your report will be **published** (anonymously!) on the [UU study abroad destinations webpage](#) to inform UU students preparing an exchange or research period abroad. Not all of them are Dutch-speaking, therefore we prefer to receive reports **written in English**.

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family name*	
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permission to publish contact details**	<i>optional; only if you allow students preparing for study abroad to contact you (directly)</i>
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level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	human geography and spatial planning

destination city & country	Berlin, Germany
how did you travel to your destination?	Train
name university abroad	Freie Universität Berlin
start date	05 / 10 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	20 / 02 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

<b>PREPARATION</b>	
exchange application process	The exchange application process is not that complicated. It is important that you have done your research on where you want to go, so which country/city and which institution
counselling & support at Utrecht University	The support from the international office in Utrecht is very good. They are willing to help you with anything you have issues with and they usually respond to emails pretty quickly. I really appreciated their help whenever I felt that I had no idea what kind of documents I had to sign or what my next steps would be. They always



responded to my emails with a detailed and clear list of what I had to do, and how and when to do it.
academic preparation
I personally didn't really have to do any special academic preparation
language preparation
I went to Berlin and was only planning on doing English courses, for which I didn't have to do any language preparation. But in hindsight I would have liked to do some German courses and have some extra German lessons to improve my German.
finances
I save up a little bit of money before going, and the grant that we get from Erasmus helped me out loads.

**STUDY ABROAD PERIOD**

study programme (content and organisational issues)
Officially film studies (but didn't end up doing any courses from that programme)
academic quality of education activities
The 6 different courses that I did were all special courses only offered to Erasmus students. It was very nice to have different courses where we discussed things like the creative city, integration in Germany, or the literary legacy of nuclear disaster. And because these were special Erasmus courses we had a lot of class discussions with people from all over the world, which was always very interesting.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
At the start of the semester I felt like the support was pretty good, and you really needed it because their system worked kind of weird and complicated, and after the classes had started I didn't really need any counseling anymore.
transfer of credits
I did 6 courses of 5 ECTS each, so I got 30 ECTS at the end of my semester abroad.

**STUDENT LIFE**

welcome & orientation programme
I joined the orientation days at the start of the semester, which introduced us to the university, gave us a tour and instructed us how we could register for courses. This was really helpful.
accommodation
I rented an accommodation that was offered through the university. It was a student flat from Studierendenwerk, and it was pretty cheap. However, the location wasn't that great to be honest.
leisure & culture
There's plenty of leisure and culture in Berlin. Whatever you're looking for, you can find.
suggestions/tips
Engage in a lot of social activities as soon as possible. That's where friendships are made.

**CONCLUSIONS**



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

Yes, absolutely. If you love big cities and amazing nightlife, Berlin is the place to be. I also really enjoyed the way courses were taught at the university

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you're really interested in going to Berlin, you can contact me so I can maybe give you some personal advice!

Save this UU report for your own records and upload the report in your Erasmus+ file/application in Osiris within 30 days after finishing your study abroad period and in ANY case before the final deadline!

**NOTE: Please upload in Word (.docx) so we can delete your \*personal details between processing for grant purposes and publication on the website for future UU exchange students. \*\*Contact details will only be included if and where permission has been given.**