



2023-2024

Report 1

faculty/college	Geesteswetenschappen, Universiteit Utrecht
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Frans taal en cultuur

destination city & country	Strasbourg, France
how did you travel to your destination?	I drove by car.
name university abroad	Université de Strasbourg
start date	04 / 09 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	30 / 01 / 2024 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

My admission process went smoothly. Everything was clear, both for the Utrecht website and the Strasbourg website. Mrs. Kremers also helped me a lot, especially during our Team meetings.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Mrs. Kremers and Mrs. Hang provided good guidance in this. Even once in France, she and the study advisors were always there to help me if I had any questions.

academic preparation

Choosing the courses was a little more difficult, because once I got there I discovered that a number of the subjects I had chosen were no longer taught. The idea there was to put together our own schedule, because our home university did not allow us to choose courses that we had already taken, or that had something to do with your current study. That is why I chose ten different subjects, each of which yields 3 credits, ultimately

ending up with 30 credits. The University of Strasbourg gives Erasmus students three weeks to try subjects and change, but a number of university teachers were not informed of this, which sometimes made it a bit complicated. After these three weeks we had to hand in our mandatory documents with the course code, credits, etc. Fortunately, everything turned out fine in the end.

language preparation

Preparation for the language was not necessary for me, because French is my mother tongue.

finances

I financed everything myself (with help from my parents), fortunately I was able to apply for public transport reimbursement for the period I was there.



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
The study program ultimately went well, but as I said before, it was not all easy from the start. I found things messy in Strasbourg.
academic quality of education activities
The quality of the subjects and the material were what I expected. The activities surrounding the University were a lot of fun. For example, as a student you had the opportunity, the luxury, to register for all kinds of sports.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The guidance was good, two young students introduced us to the process of being an Erasmus student and they were always there to help you. You could schedule a conversation with them via email, or just email them and they always answer very clearly.
transfer of credits
The "transfer of credits" went well in the end, even though I thought it took a very long time for some subjects... so I didn't know at first whether or not I should register for an extra subject in Utrecht. Which was ultimately the case because I unfortunately failed two subjects, meaning I missed six credits.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
I really enjoyed the welcome program and I was able to make many new friends there. The weather was also very nice and the activities were outside, which I really enjoyed. This is how we got to know the school, new people and the new city through a treasure hunt.
accommodation
Unfortunately, I did not have a place to stay for the first two weeks, because I had handed in my documents on time, but one thing was missing, which meant that my registration was then considered "too late", which unfortunately put me on the waiting list for a place to stay. . Ultimately this worked out and I had a student room, where I also made many new friends because they also provided fun communal activities such as: "karaoke"
leisure & culture
I didn't actually relax much, school was busy but I had a really nice time. During the weekends I took time for school, but I also tried to do fun things with my friends and discover the culture, the city, etc. We also had a ritual of going to the disco every Wednesday evening. I also stayed a little longer after my Erasmus, to be a tourist in the city and to visit my family who live in that region.



suggestions/tips
No, it was fine. I had a great time.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes, I would recommend this university. Even though it was a bit difficult to arrange in the beginning, I found the overall picture of my Erasmus to be a very fun and unforgettable experience.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
I think that the information from our home university and the Erasmus University could perhaps be more consistent with each other to avoid miscommunications. But everything else was fine.

2019-2020

Report 1

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Language and culture studies

destination city & country	Strasbourg, France
how did you travel to your destination?	By car
name university abroad	Université de Strasbourg
start date	20 / 08 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	17 / 01 / 2020 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION
exchange application process
It was quite easy to apply for my erasmus in Strasbourg. After my motivation letter I got accepted immediately.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
Perfect, they help you very quickly when facing difficulties.
academic preparation
My major is French, so that way I was prepared.
language preparation
Same answer, my major is french. I also did a language cours for international students before and during my semester in Strasbourg.
finances
With the erasmus grant, I could afford more for a first semester in the Netherlands



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
Most of the courses I planned to take weren't available anymore, so I had to change them. It was not well organized at all; it took one month to finish my administrative inscription at the faculty, and to receive my french student card wich gave me acces to a lot of facilities.
academic quality of education activities
Very bad compared to the Netherlands in my opinion. There is no interaction between the students and the professors. You don't have to hand in much, only halfway and at the end of the semester. The course evaluation is based on only three notes on average.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad



<p>They did their best to help the international students by special administrative meetings for them. But I did not really like that since they made me feel sorry to ask things about administrative issues.</p>
<p>transfer of credits</p>
<p>I haven't received my credits yet. It takes a while to do the transfer. That was made very clear during one of the first administrative meetings: the responsible person told us not to email her with the question when the results would be there...</p>

STUDENT LIFE
<p>welcome & orientation programme</p>
<p>At the start of the semester I followed a language course for international students which I really liked. It was a great way to meet other international students and discover the city a bit before the start of the semester. After that I attended lots of activities of the ESN (European Student Network). There I met other new international students, and some french people.</p>
<p>accommodation</p>
<p>I found a 'colocation' with other working people. The university also offers really cheap rooms, but they are very tiny. The studios they offer are okay but quite expensive. So my 'colocation' was a good in between.</p>
<p>leisure & culture</p>
<p>I joined the student choir and took salsa lessons at the university gym (suaps).</p>
<p>suggestions/tips</p>
<p>The university gym offers lots of interesting activities for free: climbing, running, sailing, dancing etc.</p>

CONCLUSIONS
<p>would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain</p>
<p>I would recommend this university if you like france and speak french. It is a beautiful city where you can improve your language skills. However, if you don't speak french, you shouldn't attend english courses here for their educational quality...</p>
<p>do you have any additional advice or comments?</p>
<p>No</p>