



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

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faculty/college	Bètawetenschappen
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Natuurkunde

destination city & country	Edinburgh, Schotland
how did you travel to your destination?	train
name university abroad	University of Edinburgh
start date	12 / 09 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	23 / 12 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	I thought it was a lot of work and very confusing. There are so many forms to be signed by the student and contact persons from both the sending and receiving University. It took me months to get everything done.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	mazing! I received a lot of help from my study advisor. The Bèta exchange coordinator was also very helpful. All my questions were answered within at most two days and I never had to wait long for any forms to be signed..



academic preparation
I did no academic preparation at all, but I don't think it was very necessary. It's not like i would prepare in anyway for courses I take at Utrecht University.
language preparation
I did none because I went to Schotland and they speak English. Before I left my English was good enough to study abroad.
finances
I probably should have worked because going on exchange was very expensive, but I didn't. I did up my student financing and applied for a grant I didn't end up getting.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	It was fine. I took some courses that were a bit too easy to make sure i still had time to party and do fun things. However I also took some very challenging courses that were equivilent to the courses I would have taken in Utrecht.
academic quality of education activities	Very good. I especially liked that the teachers were always around for the workshops. This is something I wasn't used to. The lectures were also shorter than here which was great because that way it was way easier to stay concentrated.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	Not great. The counselor was not aware of the Erasmus rules about credits etc. and was hard to contact. However he did make all my requested schedule changes very fast the first week I was there so that was nice.
transfer of credits	I haven't received my grades yet.

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	Very good and eleborate. It was a full week of activities and parties. We got to meet a lot of people. However this was mostly meant for the first year students, so I didn't really get to meet people from my programme.
accommodation	Very bad. I did not have accomadation for the first few weeks and then only found a very expensive room i had to share with a friend. The university had told us we would get a room, but we didn't. This caused a lot of stress before and during the start of the exchange.
leisure & culture	Edinburgh is a great city to go to pubs and do all sorts of things. The people are super kind and it is very easy to go on trips to beautiful places like the Scottish Higlands or different parts of the UK.
suggestions/tips	Make sure you have a place to stay before you leave. Also make sure you have enough money for emergencies etc. I also found out it is very useful to have a credit card. If you want to go on any of the Erasmus organised trips make sure to early beacsue they sell out fast.



CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes Edinburgh is a great city for a couple months of exchange. The people are super kind and It's one of the most beautiful cities Ive ever been. I would not recommend going longer than one semester because it is quite small and it will get boring after a couple of months.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you go to Edinburgh eat at 10t10Delhi. A small Indian restaurant with AMAZING student offers.



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PREPARATION	
exchange application process	I made a top three of destinations of where I wanted to go. I got selected for my first choice Edinburgh. After this I had to fill in a couple of documents and hand them in on Osiris. It was an easy proces because of the clear guidelines.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	



Everytime I had a question I mailed Science International Office and they gave me clear instructions on what to do. Next to that everyone responds really quick, so there is no issue if you need to have a document signed really quick.

academic preparation

I didn't had to do any academic preparation. In my case the whole study part in Edinburgh was similar to that in Utrecht

language preparation

Because I had already done 2 years of my bachelor in solely English, I didn't need any language preparation.

finances

Sadly the daily life cost in Edinburgh is very high, and student accommodation is way more expensive than in Utrecht. The grant given by the Erasmus program helps a bit, but students going there should be advised to have some personal finances to have a good time in Edinburgh.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I followed the next courses in Edinburgh: Lagrangian Dynamics, Quantum Theory, Advanced Statistical Physics and Fourier Analysis and Statistics. In my experience it was very similar to the way they handle the study programme in Utrecht. Because of this it was very easy for me to adapt to the study programme in Edinburgh.

academic quality of education activities

The quality of the education activities was excellent. As said before it was similar as studying at Utrecht University.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Everyone was really helpful. In case of any problems I had a lot of people who could easily help me. Gladly the contact between student and university was really wel so there were not many problems.

transfer of credits

I got my transfer of credits a month after I was back from Scotland. I'm not quite sure what is going to happen next with my grades.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There were a lot of activities to do and to socialize with other students. The university organises every start of the semester an introweek. In this week there are lots of activities, which you can sign up for, with other students. There are also society activities in this week. In Edinburgh you've got around 200 societies where you can meet people with the same interest. For example the surf society/Dutch society/beer society etc. On the University of Edinburgh website you can see the introweek schedule and sign up for activities.

accommodation

We had to find our own accomodation which wasn't really easy. Because of this we couldn't really enjoy our first two weeks. So be aware that you do not have guaranteed housing in Edinburgh.

leisure & culture

It was a beautiful city and there was enough to do. I joined a student footbal team with whom I played every Saturday. Edinburgh is overloaded with cool pubs, so if you like to drink a beer and listen to some live music Edinburgh is the place to be. If you don't have the money to go to a pub you also just can wander through this beautiful Harry Potter like city. Or make a trip to the Highlands!



suggestions/tips

Be on time with looking for accomodation. If you don't succeed with finding a place to stay on time you'll have to put a lot of energy in finding a room while the introweek takes place, which is not the perfect situation.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, it's the perfect city for students and is one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen. The only con is that Edinburgh is quite expensive. So if you go be aware of that and spare some money before you go.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Be on time with looking for accomodation, because the university doesn't fix a room for you. And as said above spare some money before you go so you can do fun things on your exchange.