



Workshop How do I choose my destination?

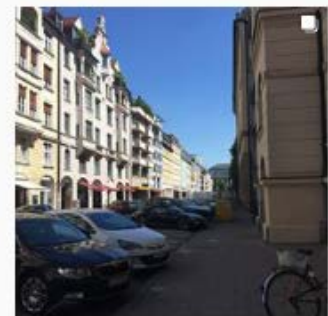
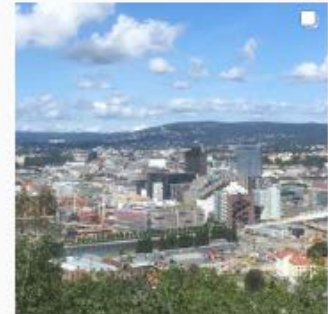
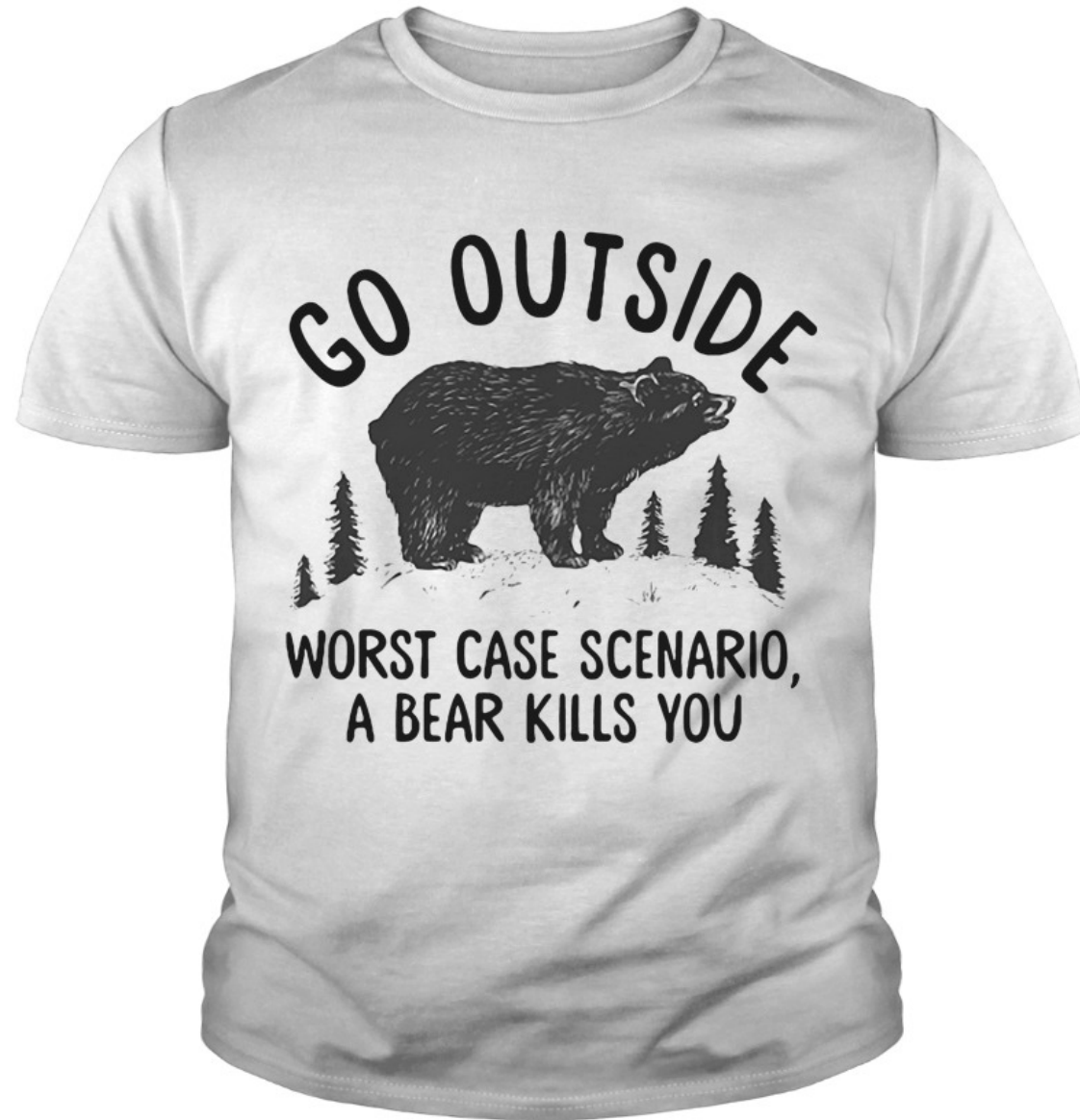
Exercise 1 : Eliminate

In the chat, click on the link and choose the document with the name of your faculty in the title.

If you just look at the list by location only, where **wouldn't you want to go?**

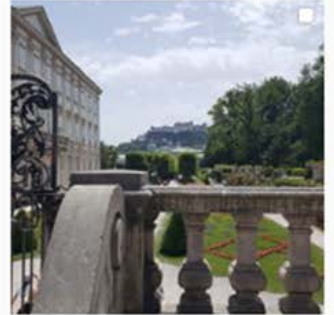
Delete these destinations in the Word document.
How many remaining options do you have?





How do you find the right destination? Criteria:

1. Academics
2. Language Requirements
3. Costs / Cost of Living
4. Location
5. Size of the University
6. Housing
7. Academic calendar
8. Culture of the host country
9. International environment
10. Number of available places
11. Where did other students go?
12. Available destinations



Exercise 2: most important criteria

- Check for yourself what the 3 most important criteria are that your destination should meet.
- Which are *Must haves*, which ones *Nice to have*?
- The document with all the criteria will be dropped in the chat
- Discuss these criteria in the breakout room.



Ask yourself some questions (1 out of 6)

1. Academic Requirements

- Are there enough interesting subjects available?
- Does the university offer courses that match my possible master's programme?
- Do I meet the entrance requirements of the host university, e.g. average grade, entry requirements for courses?
- Ranking / reputation / of host university?
- How do the courses fit in my programme (free electives, replacement of minor)?
- Does the academic culture appeal to me?



Ask yourself some questions (2 out of 6)

2. Language

- What is the language of instruction?
- Do I speak the language spoken in that country?
- Do I expect to meet the possible language requirements?

3. Costs / Cost of Living

- What are the expected total costs?
- Which scholarships are available?
- Can I / would I like to save / borrow some extra money?



Ask yourself some questions (3 out of 6)

4. Location

- What kind of city best fits you? A large city or a smaller one?
 - Large cities generally offer more opportunities (places to go out, culture), but perhaps it is easier to meet people or feel more at home in a medium-sized or small town.
- Close to nature or in urban areas?
- Close to public transport (looking at travel possibilities)?
- Distance to the Netherlands / home country? As far as possible or rather close-by?



Ask yourself some questions (4 out of 6)

5. Housing

- Via university or arrange it yourself?
- On campus or in the city?
- Share a room or do you prefer a private room?
- Costs?
- House rules (for example: do not invite guests; curfew)

6. Size of the University

Small universities may offer more personal attention where large universities offer a wider range of courses and facilities. What is more important to me?



Ask yourself some questions (5 out of 6)

7. Academic calendar

- Do the semester dates match your study programma at UU (no overlap)?
- For example Australia: mirrored semesters

8. Culture of the host country

- What does / does not appeal to you when looking at the culture of the host country?

9. International environment of the university

- How many international / exchange students does this university have?
- Does the university offer welcome / orientation / introduction days for exchange students?
- Are there buddies or international student associations ?



Ask yourself some questions (6 out of 6)

10. Number of places available

- Are there enough places available within your top 3?

11. Where did other students go to on exchange?

- How did they review this destination?

12. Available destinations

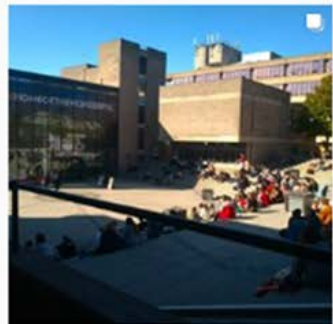
- Destinations from your faculty and or programme specific
- University wide destinations



Take home assignment 3: criteria & destination pages

Have a look at your remaining destination pages keeping those criteria and questions in mind.

- Can you delete some more destinations?
- Are there any questions relevant to you, that you can't find the answer to?



Questions?

