



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*	
first name*	
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permission to publish contact details** <i>See end note for * and **</i>	<i>optional; only if you allow students preparing for study abroad to contact you (directly)</i>
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faculty/college	Geosciences
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Sustainable Business and Innovation

destination city & country	Barcelona, Spain
how did you travel to your destination?	Airplane
name university abroad	University of Barcelona
start date	05 / 09 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	03 / 02 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	I applied in the second round of application periods. There was only one spot left for Barcelona and I got it.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	There was a presentation by the International Office, and the mail contact helped as well.
academic preparation	



To be honest, I had no background in the courses I took at the University of Barcelona. This was because the Geoscience faculty has a contract with the Earth Science faculty in Barcelona, so I ended up doing courses from the master Reservoir Geology and Geophysics, as this was the only master taught in English.

language preparation

I took a Spanish course in Barcelona. My English level was sufficient.

finances

I got the Erasmus grant.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Like I mentioned before, I had no background in these subjects, this was very difficult in the beginning. However, I managed to pass all my courses as I picked it up quite fast. When I arrived at Barcelona I did not know what courses I was allowed to take part in, this was supposed to be organised in the first weeks. However, they were very slow with this, so I missed a few classes. Also I wanted to take half of the courses at the Business faculty, but this was quite difficult to arrange as well. In the end I managed to find English courses that did have overlap with each other but I just did not go to all the lectures, because there was no other way.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality was good, however it was difficult for me because I had zero background.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The University in Barcelona was not always helpful, especially the first weeks, and they did not speak English. The international office was not always reachable, but I managed.

transfer of credits

Has not been done yet.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There was a welcome session, but that was it from the university. Of course there was ESN for other introduction activities for Erasmus students.

accommodation

Found it via a friend

leisure & culture

Barcelona is amazing for leisure and culture, you will never be bored.

suggestions/tips

There is a big Dutch people in Barcelona community, if you would like to join, there is a groupchat.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Overall, I had an amazing experience and it was worth all the trouble and stress. So yes I would recommend going here. However, have some patience with the computers... they are very slow.



do you have any additional advice or comments?

You will definitely meet people so fast, so do not worry.

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.