



UU Report form – Erasmus 2022-2023

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| faculty/college | Social Sciences |
| level | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD |
| name study programme | Culturele Antropologie en Ontwikkelingssociologie |

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| destination city & country | Canterbury, UK |
| how did you travel to your destination? | By plane |
| name university abroad | University of Kent |
| start date | 16 / 01 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 7 / 04 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The application process was fairly clear. However, there was a lot of administrative work and emailing back and forth. This was a little bit stressful for me, especially because it was during the Christmas period. So, offices were busy and you definitely had to wait for a while.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

UU didn't give a lot of counselling and support beforehand. It was mostly an individual process. However, if something was unclear to me, I could always email.

academic preparation

I didn't feel like I needed much academic preparation for my courses, for they were in line with my studies here in Utrecht.

language preparation

The language of study was English. This wasn't hard for me, as English is sometimes the teaching language in UU courses.

finances

I received a part of the Erasmus grant beforehand and DUO also ran, so that was alright. However, I do recommend saving much more money, because you will be looser with your money. Furthermore, I didn't have a part time job during my exchange.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

It was a good experience for me. I followed 4 modules, which were all interesting and the pressure wasn't too high.

academic quality of education activities

I was very pleased with the academic quality. At the University of Kent, self study hours were prominent. So, I didn't have that many contact hours per module. However, these contact hours were of high quality: the core materials and discussions were well handled in this time. Furthermore, the literature given was interesting and helpful.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad



I didn't use any counselling or support at the University of Kent.

transfer of credits

The credits haven't been transferred yet.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There were two orientation programmes. They were nice and this was a good opportunity to meet fellow internationals.

accommodation

I stayed on campus. The accommodation was comfortable. In my case, I had my own room, my own shower. The rest was shared, so the kitchen and the toilet.

leisure & culture

On campus, there were loads of activities and clubbing nights (there is a club on campus, Venue). In town, there were many clubs with student nights as well. Other than that, there were a lot of societies. I actually wanted to join the Dance society. However, it is hard to get in half way through the year as an international student. This was the same for the cheerleading society. Overall, I would say that you can do lots of nice activities in Canterbury.

suggestions/tips

For me, I hung out with my flatmates a lot, they are originally from the UK. It was pure luck that I found a nice friend group, because I didn't connect that much with fellow internationals. My advice is to be open and go out of your comfort zone.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend University of Kent, because of its high quality education and fun student culture. This was honestly the highlight of my year, because I grew a lot as a person and I got to meet incredible people.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I would save up if you want to go on exchange in the UK, because everything is quite expensive.