



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*	
student number*	
permission to publish contact details** <i>See end note for * and **</i>	optional; only if you allow students preparing for study abroad to contact you (directly)
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faculty/college	University of Utrecht
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	sustainable development

destination city & country	Manchester, UK
how did you travel to your destination?	Airplane
name university abroad	University of Manchester
start date	19 / 09 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	19 / 01 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION
exchange application process
The application process takes some time and can be, at times, confusing. I would recommend starting on time and to take into account that the supervisors at the University abroad do not have all the info that you would expect them to have.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
There is a relatively fast response from the international geosciences office if you would need anything. Therefore, I would take advantage of this office if you would need any help, especially during the application



process
academic preparation
I would say that the level of education is similar to UU and as such not a lot of prep is needed. However, depending on the course, the teaching style can differ so prepare for the fact that e.g. the structure of classes is different.
language preparation
The speed with which is spoken may be a bit faster but overall it is very doable if you are already used to having classes in English. There are a lot of internationals so in some classes the teachers adjust to the amount of international students.
finances
Accommodation by the University is not cheap so take this into account. I would go for private accommodation if you want to get a cheap apartment.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
Often times you follow courses from different department. I had most difficulty with choosing courses that did not overlap as they do not have all the information on when the courses are during the week
academic quality of education activities
The quality is quite good although grading takes a very long time. The teachers do have a lot of knowledge readily available on the subjects they teach so I was quite impressed with that.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
I did not receive counselling. I would recommend talking to an advisor if you would want counselling.
transfer of credits
Different grading system so your grades do not count back at UU. You get a pass or fail instead.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
A lot of activities the first week for which you can sign up. There are sports events but also a lot of parties where you can meet likeminded people.
accommodation
University accommodation is small and costly. However, it is an actual student community of which you will become part and that is in my opinion a big positive addition to the abroad experience.
leisure & culture
Northern Quarter has a lot of nice café's and bars to go to. Overall, there is a lot of nice music in the city as well as art (a lot of graffiti e.g.)
suggestions/tips
Go to Peak district or lake district to hike and to see nice cottage villages. Visit museums because they are mostly free in the UK

CONCLUSIONS



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

I would because the city has good student life and the accomodation really helps with finding other likeminded students. However, if you are looking for nice weather, I would go for another destination.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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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.**