



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

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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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faculty/college	Geoscience Faculty
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Earth System Governance

destination city & country	Milan, Italy
how did you travel to your destination?	Train
name university abroad	University of Milano-Bicocca
start date	01 / 10 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	28 / 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	The application process was a bit complicated because it was not completely clear which courses will be offered during the semester in Milan. My advice is to just write to the professors of the courses or the secretariat of the faculty and ask for a up to date list of courses which are taught in English.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	The support of the Utrecht University was okay but sometimes also a bit confusing because the international office can not give you advice on your own study plan or the rules of your Master's program. You have to



contact different people to gather all the information needed. That was a bit annoying.
academic preparation
language preparation
I took Italian classes before I went to Milan and also continued taking some during my stay in the beginning.
finances
Milan is quite expensive if you compare it to other Italian cities. I would say the 300 Euro you get per month are definitely needed.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
I took four courses from the Marine Science Master at Bicocca and really liked the courses content wise. The organisation was not very good and sometimes it was difficult to plan ahead because the professors could tell you the dates for exams etc. But in general everyone was very nice and flexible with the exam arrangements and dates so that was also a positive side.	
academic quality of education activities	
The quality of the courses differed and highly dependent on the professor. In general I would say that the courses and exams are a bit easier then in the Netherlands, but I had to attend a lot of lectures, so the studying was quite time consuming.	
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
Bicocca has some student advisers only for Erasmus exchange students (the Bicocca Angels) and you can asked them everything regarding the organisation of you stay. Nevertheless, the courses for example are very unorganised.	
transfer of credits	

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	
We had two orientation lectures but a lot of information were missing and you had to figure stuff out by yourself. Asking other exchange students or local students helps a lot.	
accommodation	
Finding accomodation in Milan is very difficult and expensive. I lived in San Siro which not even close to the center or university and paid 600 Euro. Often students share a room to save money and a lot of Italian students do not live outside of Milan at their parents house because they can not really effort to move into the city.	
leisure & culture	
Milan is a nice location to make day trips to the lakes in the north or to the coast. The city itself does not have a high life quality because it is expensive and is missing green spaces and easy transportation at night.	
suggestions/tips	
I would recommend to start looking for a place very early and try to find something close to university or to districts with bars. At night there are only night buses and it can take very long to get home. Biking in the city is also not so easy as noone is used to bikes on the streets and there are most of the time no bike lanes.	



CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would not recommend Milan as an exchange city, because its size and bad transportation system at night make it very difficult to enjoy going out. Also it is expensive compared to other Italian cities and the housing situation is horrible.
do you have any additional advice or comments?

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.