



**UU Report form - Erasmus 2024-2025**

Faculty/college	Faculteit Sociale Wetenschappen
Level (bachelor's or master's)	Master
Name study programme	Sociology: Contemporary Social Problems

Destination city & country	Johannesburg, Zuid-Afrika
How did you travel to your destination?	Plane
Name university abroad	University of Johannesburg
Start date	07 / 07 / 2024
End date	30 / 11 / 2024

**PREPARATION**

How did you experience the exchange application process at Utrecht University?

That all went very well. I had an appointment with the international office because I had a question about whether I could still go on exchange. Since it was after my master's, it meant postponing my graduation. They explained very clearly what was possible, how to check which course you can take at the university, and what documents you need to submit as motivation if you want to go abroad. I also always had good contact via email.

How did you experience the counselling & support from the International Office?

That was really great. I could have a meeting right after booking an appointment online. Additionally, there was a large gathering with all the students who were also going abroad. Everything was clearly explained through a PowerPoint, and students who had been abroad shared their experiences.

Did you do any language preparation? If so, what did you do?

No, that wasn't necessary for me. I went to Johannesburg, where all courses are taught in English. That made it easier for me to choose courses because I had a lot of options. Additionally, I didn't have to take a test or submit any document to prove my English.

How did you finance your exchange?

I paid for it myself. I couldn't get a scholarship for it. A scholarship might be possible. You can always try, but it didn't work out for me.

**STUDY ABROAD PERIOD**

How was the organisational process regarding your course registration?

- Was it difficult to find and/or change selected courses?
- Can you say something about the language of instruction for the courses available?
- Which courses did you end up taking?

It was easy to find courses. You can check available courses online. However, during the first week, as part of the introduction, everyone meets with the head of the faculty to discuss their course selections. This process was very smooth, and they were very helpful. I also made some changes during this meeting. After the first week, I switched to a different course, and the transition was easy without any issues. I took courses in Political Sociology and Urban Sociology, as well as an Afrikaans course. I was allowed to take Afrikaans because I speak Dutch and could pick it up easily. The first two courses had around six students, which allowed for engaging discussions and in-depth article analyses, which I really enjoyed.

How was the academic quality of the courses?

The quality was fine. It's not exactly like in the Netherlands. Don't be surprised if many students, or even the professor arrive late. Things just run a bit differently. I had to write a lot of article, and that went well. There



were also some exams, which I found a bit more challenging, but overall, all the exchange students found it manageable.  
 One thing to keep in mind is that the semester system is different. I had just finished my master's and went straight to the semester abroad in July. The second semester in Johannesburg started in July, and I was done by the first week of November.

How did you experience the counselling & support from the host university?

That was really great. During the first week, they helped us a lot. There's a woman named Lisle, and she helps with everything. Additionally, you can easily ask your professor questions, and we were also assigned a student who helped all the exchange students. It went really well.

## STUDENT LIFE

How was the welcome & orientation programme?

It was amazing. The orientation week was well organized. You're picked up from the airport. I arrived late in the evening, so I came a day earlier and stayed at a guesthouse that Lisle recommended. Then the people from the guesthouse brought me to the university. On the first day, we had lunch, and on the second day, we went for lunch again and had a conversation to get to know each other better. At that point, there were about six exchange students, and more arrived later, but they weren't there for the orientation week. On the second day, we also went shopping to get things we still needed for our homes. On the third day, we did a guided tour of all the important places in Johannesburg. On the fourth day, we registered everything, and we also went to the Apartheid Museum. On the Saturday of orientation week, we had a safari at the Rhino and Lion Park with lunch. Everything was well organized, and we were helped a lot. It was a great start to the exchange, and it helped us get to know each other well. For the rest of the time, we did a lot with all the exchange students.

How was the process of finding housing? For example, was it difficult finding housing, how was the rent, was it what you expected?

There is one house for the boys and one for the girls. You don't need to arrange anything yourself. I was the first to arrive and could choose my room right away.  
 You get a private room with a bed and bedding, a wardrobe, a small cabinet, and a desk. So, you don't have to share your room. The house accommodates eight people. I lived there with the other exchange girls, but since there were very few of us, some South African girls also stayed in the house, which was really nice. However, if there are more exchange students, the house will likely be filled with only exchange students.  
 We shared a bathroom with four people, and someone came weekly to clean, keeping the shared spaces tidy. We also shared a kitchen. The house next to ours accommodated the exchange boy, so we saw them often. A short walk away was the laundry room, where you could easily do your laundry.

What did you do for leisure & culture?

When I arrived, I sent a message to the university's rowing club. I saw on Instagram that there were many sports clubs. I got a reply saying that I could join the women's rowing team. I didn't have much experience, but they were fine with that. It was really fun, and through it, I met a lot of people. Several times a week, I trained with the team, and we even went to Port Alfred for a week to compete against other universities. I was very lucky to be able to join, as they made a spot for me. This helped me meet a lot of people.  
 The exchange boys joined the university's soccer team, and one of the girls did ballet. There are many sports at the university, but they are not well advertised. You have to take the initiative, send a message, and see what is possible. One of the guys joined the university choir, which he really enjoyed. He also sent a message himself to check if it was possible. A great tip is to take action yourself – This way you meet a lot of nice people.  
 There is also a squash court where you can play squash, which I did a lot as well.  
 On weekends, we sometimes went out, and in the evenings, we often went out for dinner. Eating out is not as expensive compared to the Netherlands.  
 Here are some great places to visit in and around Johannesburg:  
 - 44 Stanley: A great spot with restaurants and shops. It also has a cinema.  
 - Victoria Yards: Is a great place to walk around, with a lot of nice shops.  
 - Melrose arch: Is a nice place with some good restaurants.  
 - Parkhurst: The Jolly Roger Parkhurst. This is a great place to visit, and right across from it, there's a nice bar where you can go in the evening for a fun night out.  
 - Sin + Tax: Is a great cocktail bar in Rosebank.  
 - Kanpai: Is a great restaurant in Rosebank, and there are many other nice restaurants nearby as well.



- Melville: Is a great neighborhood next to the campus. It has many cafes and restaurants where you can go for some coffee.

- Pablo House: It is a nice restaurant near the campus.

- Olives & Plates: At the Wits University there is a nice restaurant.

- Linden Market: Once a month, they have the Linden Market, which is definitely a recommendation. You can stroll around and get something to eat. It is at the Botanical Garden, and I sometimes went there for a run as well.

- Everard Read Gallery and the Goodman Gallery: These are great art galleries to visit. The entrance is free, and it's worth checking out.

I did a lot with the exchange students. For example, we went hiking in Drakensberg for a weekend, rented a car to go to Mozambique and Kruger Park, and we also spent a week in Mauritius. You get a week off between the blocks, and I finished in November, so I had a lot of free time. It is easy to plan many activities, and it is definitely doable. Additionally, there are university rugby games that are fun to attend.

## CONCLUSIONS

Would you recommend this university/destination to others? Please explain.

I would definitely recommend this university and location. The university is very helpful, and they will support you well. You live nicely on campus with other students, and there are many courses to choose from. I also like that the language of instruction is English, which made it easy for me to participate in the rowing club, and people didn't have to adjust to English because everyone spoke it. I took Sociology courses, which are very interesting in South Africa. Johannesburg can be seen as a dangerous city, but I personally didn't have any bad experiences. If you stay alert everything will be fine.

Do you have any additional advice or comments for students who would like to go here?

My advice is to start early with the visa appointment. If you already have the idea that you want to go to South Africa, make an appointment at the embassy in The Hague as soon as possible. My appointment at the embassy was in May, and I got my passport back with the visa just two days before I left in July. It takes them a really long time, and they won't provide much support. You need to make the appointment online in advance, at this appointment you submit your passport with all the required documents at the embassy. Make sure to visit the embassy beforehand to collect the document you need for your visa. You get a list, and you need to gather everything, such as a certificate of good conduct (VOG), a document approved by your doctor, and proof of sufficient financial means, which you need to print out and have verified by your bank. Additionally, you need a document proving that you are enrolled at the University of Johannesburg. This is important for your visa. You will receive instructions on what to fill out, and Lisle will arrange this for you. You may need to follow up a few times, so it is important to start early. I contacted the international office, and they connected me with Lisle. There's a lot of paperwork, but it is doable if you plan well and make sure everything is submitted on time before the appointment. I don't want to scare you, but if you take care of everything on time, it will save you a lot of stress. There were several exchange students who arrived late because their visas didn't come through on time, and it is unfortunate to miss the introduction week. So, make sure your appointment is scheduled at least 1.5 months before you leave. My appointment was in May, and I left in July, and my visa came on time. It is really manageable, and if you go through the list, you will be fine. It is just a bit of work.



## UU Report form - Erasmus 2023-2024

faculty/college	Faculty of Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	UU Study Abroad Programme

destination city & country	Johannesburg, South Africa
how did you travel to your destination?	By plane
name university abroad	University of Johannesburg
start date	04 / 02 / 2024
end date	22 / 06 / 2024

### PREPARATION

#### exchange application process

The exchange application process was pretty straightforward. The information evening and the website about studying abroad were informative enough for my application. I had to write a motivation letter and fill in a study plan for the rest of my studies. The deadlines were clear and I knew the outcome within two months.

#### counselling & support at Utrecht University

The University of Utrecht has been a big help for me. I had email contact with someone from the international office and she was able to help me with every question. She was very fast with sending and signing documents. It is your own responsibility to arrange everything with the university abroad, but the UU will always assist you.

#### academic preparation

I did not need any academic preparation for my specific programme.

#### language preparation

I did not need any language preparation for my specific programme. Everything was in English and the University of Johannesburg did not ask for proof of my level of English.

#### finances

This is different for everyone. Studying abroad is going to cost you more than staying at home, but Johannesburg is definitely one of the cheaper destinations. The plane ticket and the rent had a familiar price, but the food and the activities were cheap compared to what I am used to in the Netherlands.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

#### study programme (content and organisational issues)

I wanted to follow religion modules at UJ, but when I got there I found out that they no longer taught those modules. I was a little disappointed, but luckily it was pretty easy to find other modules that I was also allowed to follow. The study programme is very similar to what I am used to at UU. You have lectures and tutorials and you write papers and make exams, but you follow four modules at once for the whole semester.

#### academic quality of education activities

This can also be different for everyone, but I personally had to work less hard than I would have at the University of Utrecht. I already expected that beforehand. I could relax more while studying and I had more time for activities and traveling than I would have back home.



counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I had contact with someone from the international office at UJ. She was very kind, but the communication was not always that clear. I still had some questions right before I left. Once I got there everything was arranged as agreed upon and I could sort the last things out with her. Do not expect Dutch efficiency beforehand or when you are there. Things take longer than you are probably used to and things are not always clear, but people are more than willing to help you. Just be patient.

transfer of credits

This process was very clear. Once I knew my modules I had to get approval from the examination committee at UU via Osiris. They were very fast with their response. When my studies were finished my transcript of records was send to the international office of UU and my credits were transferred within a day.

**STUDENT LIFE**

welcome & orientation programme

I loved the welcome & orientation programme of the University of Johannesburg. I arrived a week before I would start my studies. This way I could settle before I started studying. In this week they had information meetings and activities planned out for us. This was a really nice way of getting to know the university and the other students.

accommodation

Everything that I needed was there. I was very happy that the University of Johannesburg arranged a place for me on campus. Especially in the beginning this was very valuable, because in the first couple of days you are not sure what is safe and what is not. I could do my laundry and grocery shopping on campus. They also have a gym on campus. I had my own room and I shared a bathroom with 4 people and the kitchen with 8 people. Men and women live separately. The basic facilities were there.

leisure & culture

The people that I have met are absolutely amazing. They are very curious and full of energy. I felt very welcome and people love talking about and showing you their country. There were also activities organised by UJ or by our residence. You could play or watch sports and there were game nights and barbeques.

suggestions/tips

Soweto tour, Apartheid Museum, Pilanesberg, Babylon the Joburg Bar, Gold Reef City, Constitution Hill, Rosebank Sunday Market, Rosebank Art and Craft Market, UJ Rugby Game and so much more.

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

I would definitely recommend this place to others. I really enjoyed my time in South Africa. It is such a special place nature and history wise. The people are so open and kind. If you want to experience something outside of your comfort zone, Joburg is definitely a good place. Do not be scared away by the stories people tell you about Johannesburg. It is not the safest city, but with the right precautions you are able to enjoy its beauty.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you have any questions feel free to contact me :)



## UU Report form - Erasmus 2022-2023

faculty/college	Sociale Wetenschappen
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Psychologie

destination city & country	Johannesburg, Zuid-Afrika
how did you travel to your destination?	Vliegtuig
name university abroad	University of Johannesburg
start date	10 / 07 / 2022
end date	20 / 06 / 2023

### PREPARATION

#### exchange application process

The application process was easy. The website of UU was of great help, because the different steps were described in detail. I only had to follow them.

#### counselling & support at Utrecht University

International Office was easy available. They responded fast on emails. Questions regarding South-Africa were not always easy answered by them however. I think it is because the location is not as popular, which made them not as experienced in the Visa process and all that. Besides this, I liked the communication.

#### academic preparation

The only preparation that was necessary was to decide which modules you want to do while you are there. These were a little difficult to find, but eventually the woman in SA and International Office of UU helped and then it was fine.

#### language preparation

For my exchange, I had to talk English. So, I did not really need language preparation, because I am used to reading in English and some modules in Utrecht are also English.

#### finances

UU has an example or a begroting, which was of great help. It gave me a clear overview of the different costs I had to take into account. Besides this, I did the finances myself. I think it is difficult to get a scholarship. I did not get one, but maybe I did not see one I could apply to. This was too bad but the living expenses are not as high as I expected.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

#### study programme (content and organisational issues)

For my study, psychology, the perspective interested me. Here, we are used to a more individualistic point of view, while there communities and family are more important. It looks at the bigger picture. It was interesting and I really feel like I have learned things I would not have in the Netherlands.

In SA, they are not as organised as we are here. Sometimes changes in the timetable were communicated the day before or deadlines kept on changing. For me that was no issue. I think I have gotten used to this really quick and after you also just live on another pace.

#### academic quality of education activities



The academic level was not as high as I was used to in every module. I experienced this in the modules for the second year. Third year modules, I believe, were of good quality and on a good level. I felt challenged but not too much that it is demotivating.

The activities we had to do for the modules were comparable to the Netherlands, like writing essays and tests.

**counselling & support at receiving university abroad**

The woman in SA, Lisle, was of great help. She was easily available, even before we arrived.

**transfer of credits**

Two credits in SA are the same as one ECT in the Netherlands. The amount of credits you get for a course, however, depends on the level of the module. A second year module is worth 8 ECTS on average, while a third year module is worth 11 ECTS.

**STUDENT LIFE**

**welcome & orientation programme**

The first week I arrived, the university had arranged a lot of activities to do with the new exchange students group. It was nice, cause it made it easier to get to know each other. They also organised activities which were related to the culture and history of the country, which I really liked. We ate South-African food and went to musea. It made me feel at ease very easily.

**accommodation**

We had a nice house. It was not the most pretty one, but it was nice. We lived on campus which was relaxed, because you are close to the university and it is also safe. Johannesburg is not the most safe city of course, but I did not feel unsafe at all at home.

**leisure & culture**

South-Africa is a beautiful country, so during recess or long weekends I recommend to go on trips as well. But do not forget to explore Johannesburg. The city has a lot to offer.

The culture in South-Africa is also very interesting. Especially because the country has a lot of different cultures. There are 11 national languages in the country and all of these have different stories. The music, food and events are all very nice things to give you the real SA-experience.

**suggestions/tips**

The going-out life is very different, the music, dancing all that. Going out and hiking were the things I loved the most. I really recommend this. I can imagine it can be a little scary in a new city, especially Johannesburg, to go out and all that, but take it step by step.

Another tip is to take things easy in the beginning. You have to get used to a new environment and there is no real comfort zone in the beginning. Do not be too hard on yourself, give it time. Experience, reflect and learn from it. After this experience you will feel so much stronger.

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

I would definitely recommend this university and this place. I loved loved loved South-Africa. I was only supposed to go for 1 semester and eventually went back for another one. The modules were interesting, the place was beautiful and the people were amazing. I have had an amazing time. I wish I could go back again!

**do you have any additional advice or comments?**

When you are on an exchange, it is easy to just stay in your group of exchange students. Cause you are all new and are on the same level. But go meet people from the country as well! You will learn so much more of the country and the culture when you really mingle. I have made so many new friends. The experience is worth it!



## UU Report form - Erasmus 2018-2019

Faculty/college:	Humanities/social sciences
Level:	X bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> master <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> other
Name degree programme:	Pedagogische wetenschappen

Destination city & country	Johannesburg, South-Africa.
Name host institution and/or company/organisation	University of Johannesburg
Purpose of exchange	X study/courses <input type="checkbox"/> work placement <input type="checkbox"/> field work <input type="checkbox"/> other
Departure date (dd/mm/yyyy)	16-07-18
Return date (dd/mm/yyyy)	12-12-18

### You are requested to write on the following topics.

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#### Preparation

Exchange/placement application process:

It's some work, and it might take some time to get everything together. So start on time! But if you just read everything well and make sure you do everything in time it will all be fine.

Counselling/support at home university:

They are very helpful. They will try their best to help you with your questions and answer quick. They helped me to figure everything out everything I wanted to know.

Academic preparation:

Not much. It's a bit weird to follow English classes at first. Especially since you also have to ask all your questions in English and have to make your exams in English, but you get used to it very fast.

Language preparation:

I didn't have any preparation for this. If you can just follow your English classes at your own university, you will be fine in Johannesburg too. Everybody speaks English very well and if you don't get it they are always willing to explain.

Finances:

You have to save up enough. In Johannesburg you travel with uber. It will be little amounts but in the end it all sums up together as quite some money. Further most of the things are less expensive than here, so I was fine with the money I saved up when I calculated before I went. ( rent of the



room, books you have to buy, travelling, amount for food in a month)

### **Study/placement abroad period**

Study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues):

At first I had some problems with my modules. I picked 4 modules before I went there, but when I got there it turned out that I couldn't follow 3 out of 4 classes I wanted to do because of requirements or the semester they took place in. So I went back 2/3 times. Once classes started I didn't like one of them, but I was able to switch to another class pretty easy. So don't worry too much about this just make sure everything is planned before classes start. Just go to the faculties etc. they will be very helpful.

Academic quality of education/placement activities:

I think it's a bit different than in the Netherlands. What I struggled with is that some classes literally just examine what you learned. You don't really have to apply the things you learned. Even essay questions are very theoretical. While I for example had a third year class that did expect you to apply the theory. So they really differ in how they examine. Thereby you have to do more. I had weeks where I had 5 weeks in a row with an exam or assignment every week. So it can be a lot, but if you just attend the classes and study the sheets you will be completely fine and it's easy enough to pass. In the end it's definitely easier than in the Netherlands to pass your modules. They give grades in % and 50% of your mark is literally 50% of the exam questions, so that makes it easier to pass in general. Even in the busy weeks there will be enough time to hang out with friends, visit places in the weekends or party a bit.

Counselling/support at host institution/organisation:

They are willing to help, but you have to try your hardest. Before going there you should just email them again and again if they don't answer and once you're there you should just keep pushing and find out yourself with the international office, your faculty or your department. They will find a solution and they will help but you really have to put effort into it and need some patience.. they really do have African time.

Transfer of credits:

Figure this out before you leave South-Africa!! If you don't pay your rent or whatever you have to pay, they will not show your examination marks. You also need an official academic transcript for the exam commission here in the Netherlands for them to validate your marks. All of us have been back for more than 2 months now and some still don't have their marks or academic transcripts because there are problems with things they already paid or don't even have to pay. They respond very late and it just doesn't work this way. Through email it's also hard to get your academic transcript, you will have to pay and stuff.

If you just get everything done before you leave- that means paying your debts, getting your examination results unblocked and getting your academic transcript, it goes very easily because you can just go to all the departments and take care of it- no further problems then.

### **Student life**

Welcome/orientation programme:



I had the best week of my life. It's the first week and you will immediately get used to the African time – all be there at 10 strictly! And at 11 you're still waiting for the bus to leave but we did a lot of cool things and already learned a lot about the country. Also you already get to know the other internationals very well which is also really nice.

**Accommodation:**

Really nice. The house has 2 floors. We lived upstairs with 5 girls & 3 boys and downstairs there were 8 boys. Some of the others got placed in a house with people from SA, so it depends. The campus is pretty big, so you might get lost at first, but everything is close. You can do laundry and the supermarket is on walking distance. You have to walk to another gate on campus first, but from there it's on the other side of the road. The rooms are small but nice and have everything you need, I definitely felt at home there.

**Leisure/culture:**

I totally loved the culture. What I experienced is that the people are very nice and welcoming. Their culture is just heartwarming. They will always be willing to help and are very kind. Try to travel in your vacations, weekends or towards the end too! South-Africa/Africa has a whole lot of beautiful places and cultures to see.

**Suggestions/tips:**

Try to sort out everything on time. also try to meet people outside your international group. It's very easy to stick to the group but it's really easy to meet people while being in class, going out or even while just walking around on campus. They can show you a lot more in the environment or about their culture and that made my experience even more amazing! I also worked at a bar, jo'annas melt bar. That was pretty awesome too. Don't do it for the money, but could do my groceries with it. That way you will also meet some new people and experience Johannesburg.

**Conclusions**

Would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? Please explain:

Definitely! I completely fell in love with South-Africa, its culture and its people! I enjoyed every moment and met some people, made some trips & made some beautiful memories I will definitely never forget.

Do you have any additional advice or comments?:

Just be careful. I have been completely safe, but you have to be aware. Don't walk alone outside of campus/campus square, do not walk outside of campus in the dark ever, don't use taxi but uber and don't walk around with your phone clearly in sight. If you just don't act stupid and listen to what the people there tell you to do or not to do, you will be completely fine.

If you have any questions or want to know something about UJ, travelling there or whatever, please email someone to contact me!



## UU Report form - Erasmus 2017-2018

Faculty/college:	Humanities/ social science
Level:	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor
Name degree programme:	Child and Youth psychology

Destination city & country	Johannesburg , South-Africa
Name host institution and/or company/organisation	University of Johannesburg
Purpose of exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> study/courses
Departure date (dd/mm/yyyy)	July 17th 2017
Return date (dd/mm/yyyy)	December 15th 2017

### Preparation

#### Exchange/placement application process:

request exchange on uu website - follow steps on website  
<https://students.uu.nl/en/academics/study-abroad> make sure you have all the documents you need.  
 its a little bit of paperwork.

When accepted you get an application form from the host University. more paperwork. After that, you need to obtain a study visa for permission to enter the country, a lot of paperwork. make sure you have enough time for this step. It took me a couple of months to get my visa. finally received it two days before I left.. Very stressful, please plan ahead. It's a process, but definitely worth it in the end!

#### Counselling/support at home university:

My contact person at the University in Johannesburg (UJ) was Lisle. She is really kind and makes you feel welcome and safe in South-Africa. The only thing to keep in mind is that Africa is a bit less organised than in Holland, so thinks with paperwork or administration can take longer than that you're used to. But lovely people and you can always knock on there door if needed.

#### Academic preparation:

not much.. I just went.. In the beginning it felt a bit weird to do everything in English, but after the first essay you'll get used to it.

#### Language preparation:

I didn't do much for language preparation. I was a bit worried that my English wouldn't be good enough to keep up with the classes, but for a lot of people in SA, English is not their first language either. I had no problem with the language barrier at all.

#### Finances:

I didn't have a scholarship so I paid everything by myself. Try to save money and to be honest, borrowing from DUO helps a lot. I still have problems with the payment though. They will not show me my exam results until the 'outstanding fees' are paid. But I think that's more a personal problem to solve.



**Study/placement abroad period**

Study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues):

I followed 4 courses during my stay. You can do 5 but 6 will be too much.

- Positive Psychology, sec year class
- Anthropology, thr year class
- Sociology, sec year class
- Psychotherapeutic models, thr year class

you can choose your courses when you get there.

Academic quality of education/placement activities:

The way of teaching looks a lot like they do at UU. You have big lectures and smaller tutorials. In my opinion the classes differ a lot. So classes are very easy to pass, other classes are harder. But compared to UU they're all not very difficult. But maybe that's because you don't have any obligations besides your study and thus all the time in the world to get better grades.

Counselling/support at host institution/organisation:

There is a counselor for you if needed. never went, so I can't say anything about the quality.

Transfer of credits:

yeah.. I have been a bit stupid and did not check the credits of the classes yet. So maybe I took them, for nothing.. We'll see the experience was definitely worth it.

**Student life**

Welcome/orientation programme:

There is a small orientation, 3 or 4 days. But I clicked with my international group quite fast and you'll just puzzle through everything together.

Accommodation:

I lived in a house on campus. With 8 boys and 7 girls. The boys lived downstairs, the girls upstairs. Amazing group. The house itself is fine but it's the people that make it a home!

Leisure/culture:

I went travelling to various different places during my stay. Please contact me personally for tips. I know some awesome places.

Suggestions/tips:

try to make friends outside your international group. It is very easy to be around them a lot, but please try to make local friends that can show you the city, you will love it.

**Conclusions**

Would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? Please explain:

definitely!! I learned so much and this experience opened my eyes in so many ways! Apartheid ended not that long ago in SA and you can truly see the damage it has done to the city and the country. I learned so much about racism & inequality. nevertheless is Johannesburg a city that is alive, it has culture and tradition, but is also growing very fast as a country. I can only recommend to just go and experience for yourself.

Do you have any additional advice or comments?: