



UU Report form - Erasmus 2022-2023

faculty/college	Social Sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Social and Cultural Anthropology

destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
how did you travel to your destination?	By train
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	20 / 02 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	01 / 07 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

I would say the application process was quite okay and clear. The Utrecht University site on studying abroad shows all the steps you go through when choosing to study abroad. I made the study plan and wrote the motivation letter. In the end I got placed in Vienna.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The International Office is very helpful and always replies quickly to emails with any questions you may have.

academic preparation

I did not do any academic preparation.

language preparation

I also didn't do any language preparation. I only followed courses in English so I did not need a high proficiency in German.

finances

I had my student loan, got OV compensation and applied for the Travel Green grant and the Erasmus grant. In this way I could cover all my expenses.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I followed courses in social and cultural anthropology. As there were not a lot of English courses in the bachelor's, I also followed one course in the master's programme. In my experience, the courses often were less ECTS than in Utrecht, for example 3 or 4. This meant that I did 6 courses at the same time all through the semester. This requires some planning. All the courses I took were very interesting.

academic quality of education activities

I would say that the academic quality of the offered courses is very high. What I especially liked was that my courses were all in a kind of workgroup setting, with small groups of students. In this way you interacted more with each other and the teacher. Each course worked differently however, with how they were organised and how you are graded. Overall, I found my courses more challenging than the courses I took at Utrecht University, but this may also be due to the fact that I was new to social and cultural anthropology.



counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The International Office of the University of Vienna has office hours so you can drop by. They were always very helpful with answering questions. The teachers are also very approachable and think with you to make things work.
transfer of credits
I am still waiting on the transfer of credits.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The university organised several orientation sessions. I went to one in February. Here they explain to you how the university works and what is expected from you in terms of planning etc. The ESN had a two week welcome week which was really nice. There were a lot of activities you could sign up for. I went to several and met most of my friends here.
accommodation
I found my accomodation through WG-gesucht, an apartement in the 15 th district that I shared with my boyfriend. WG-gesucht is a good platform to find (shared) apartments or rooms.
leisure & culture
As Vienna is a big city, there is much to see and do. There is a great nightlife, with clubs like das werk, pratersauna, grelle forelle etc. In summer there are a lot of things happening in the city, like raves, concerts, pride, foodmarkets, festivals etc. You can also swim in the neue donau or go to one of the many parks and fields in and around Vienna. Besides this you also have a lot of beautiful museums and there are endless things to see and do in Vienna.
suggestions/tips
Some of my favorite places in Vienna were café Phil, the fleamarket Wild im West and das Werk. As I said before there are many cool places to see and things to do in Vienna. A tip would be to follow some Instagram accounts of Vienna that share some of these places, activities and things happening, for example 1000thingsinvienna.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would definitely recommend this university. First of all, the University of Vienna is a very nice university to study at. My university building was in the first district, which makes for a very nice surroundings while going to classes. The main building is beautiful and its inner courtyard was my favorite place to study. Furthermore, my seminar classes were small and in this way you had great relations with your teachers and classmates. Vienna as a city exceeded my expectations and I think it is amazing. There are a lot of international students and the city is very big. During my exchange I found myself endlessly discovering new places and people which made the exchange amazing! The central location of Vienna in Europe also makes it easy to travel and do little trips to other cities/countries.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Apply to go on exchange to Vienna!



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faculty/college	Utrecht University
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Psychology

destination city & country	Wien, Austria
how did you travel to your destination?	Plane
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	26 / 09 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	05 / 02 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

At the UU site there is an explanation where you can find all important documents. Also I received e-mails from the international office with the steps explained. I found it sometimes a little confusing/ a lot and had to write a lot of e-mails, but the university helped me a lot!

counselling & support at Utrecht University

If there were things I didn't understand, the uni was helpful by reacting to my e-mails. I also liked it that there would always come new e-mails when it was time to arrange new things

academic preparation

I went on exchange in my 4th bachelor year. I wanted to have no stress about having to pass a lot of courses. I left out a course in my third year so I would have space left to go on an exchange. I did however already finish my bachelor thesis! I study psychology in Utrecht, but in Vienna I did some sociology courses. I thought it would be a great expansion of the knowledge I already have!

language preparation

I have lived in Austria for 3 years and my father is 1/2 German. I did speak German fluently already before going to Vienna. I didn't need any language preparation!

finances

Because I would get an Erasmus grant (300 per month) I didn't stress too much about the money. Vienna is also very comparable with the Netherlands when it comes to expenses. Some things are even cheaper (alcohol, some groceries ...) I do get "sponsored" by my parents and I also have a student loan, which helps me with my finances.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Courses in Vienna are very different from Utrecht. In Vienna you have courses with ECTS differencing between 2-8. In Utrecht all courses are 7,5 ECT. This is something to think about while filling in the learning agreement. I think the learning effort however is much lower in Vienna than it is in Utrecht. Some courses don't even have exams (just presentations and/or essays). The only issue I had with selecting my courses, is that you have to find out everything yourself. Things like, am I allowed to follow this course, which days/times do they take place... It costs a bit of time! Also you have to register for the exams at another time, extra (sometimes with first come,



first serve where not everybody comes in) which is kind of stupid if you are an Erasmus student with only one Exam opportunity.

There are a lot of German courses (with locals or German Erasmus people). You should really know the language when you enroll in these courses, otherwise try to do the English ones!

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality is good! As I said the learning effort is lower when I compare it to Utrecht, but you have to follow more courses to achieve the same amount of ECTS (some are only 2 ect).

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

It is hard to have contact with the "Professors". Most of the time when you have questions, you have to find out who the studentassistent of the professor is to get in contact with them. They do respind very quickly tho! There are also service points at the uni if you have urgent questions.

transfer of credits

ECTs differ from 2-8. Depends on which courses you choose (you can choose it yourself, but make sure to fulfil the minimum).

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There was an Erasmus introduction day, where there was information about the semester and all practical stuff. Here you also met other Erasmus people from very different places! I would recommend to become a member of ESN Wien. Here you can get a buddy (wich I loved) and ESN organises a lot of activities and parties. The univerity itself di'dn't have that many welcome programmes.

accommodation

I found my WG (Wohngruppe) on facebook. I wanted to live with "locals" rather than with internationals only. I wanted to speak German at home and not English. I lived at a great location (Praterstern) with all public transport nearby and on walking distance of the city centre. If you would want to live in a shared apartment with students check out the facebook group: WG-Zimmer und Wohnungen in Wien gesucht.

leisure & culture

I had a lot of free time. Even tho I had 30 ECT courses, I still had so much time left for stuff outside of uni! I went to all christmas markets, different museums and a lot of other things. I think Vienna ist the most beautiful, romantic city full of culture. The buildings are gogeous and I miss the food already! I also like the Viennese dialect the people speak! I met so many nice locals and can't wait to go back again!

suggestions/tips

I have so much lists! I will not put all of them in here. I put my e-mail in here, so if you ask the International office for my e-mail I will share ALL my lists with you haha (museum, food, parks, stores, cute citys around...)

CONCLUSIONS

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

100% YES. I think it is the best city ever. Maybe I am a bit prejudiced. But the culture there is amazing! Also Vienna has the best living quality (RTL nieuws, 2017-now). So I would want you to experience it!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Just go to Vienna for a Semester. It is woth it.



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name study programme	Social and Cultural Anthropology

destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
how did you travel to your destination?	Train
name university abroad	University of Vienna
start date	01 / 10 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 01 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

Easy, but a bit more work than I thought, it is not something you can do in one afternoon. You can not do it all at ones, but you have to do it in little steps. If you finish one step you have to wait a few days before you get an email with the instructions for the next step. Because I could not finish it in one go, it felt like I was working on it the whole time and I was never really done with it. In total is is not much but it felt like a lot. For me personally this was a little bit stressful.

(The information about the whole process and the deadlines were sometimes unclear to me because I got so many emails from different email addresses and different documents en links with different information.)

counselling & support at Utrecht University

When somethings was unclear the international office was very helpful and replied quickly on my emails.

academic preparation

I didn't do any academic preparations, I only chose English courses (including 2 master courses, because there are not many English bachelor courses).

language preparation

I knew a little bit of German before going, I am able to order food in a restaurant and ask for directions and I practiced a bit on Duolingo. If you follow only English courses (like me) you will be fine! (Almost) everyone speaks English.

finances

I got the Erasmus grant, green grant and OV compensation (and DUO). Vienna can be a bit expensive.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The University of Vienna has very different courses from the ones in Utrecht, which I really enjoyed, such as: "Introduction to Visual Anthropology" and "The anthropology of India and South Asia: An introduction", and the master courses "Anthropology of Food - From the Beginnings to Current Debates" and "Anthropology of the global south". There were also some courses more oriented towards practical anthropology and career focused like: "Indigenous Peoples' and International Processes - A Practical Guide for Anthropologists" and "Anthropology in practice in the field of international development cooperation".



The semesters have a different structure than I was used to in Utrecht. In Vienna, you probably have to take 8 courses at the same time for the whole semester to get all 30 ECTS. I only did 23 ECTS (including 2 master courses) and that was (for me) about the same workload as in Utrecht. So the workload during the semester is quite high, but the exams and papers are easier, (but mostly all at ones in the end of the semester). I found it quite easy to get high grades. Also the courses have a different structure. In Utrecht I always have a lecture and a working group in a week of the same course. I prefer this structure, because you are able to process the information from the lecture and literature by discussing it in the workgroup. In Vienna they only have courses that consist of only lectures or only seminars.

I still have to write three big papers for the deadlines in March, which is a bit annoying because I also have two difficult and time consuming courses in Utrecht now.

academic quality of education activities

The quality was fine. Some teachers are easier to listen to than others, but that is always the case. And like I said, I learn more if I have a combination of lectures and seminars, so in my opinion this was a minus, but the content of teaching material is interesting and relevant.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

If you have any questions they are very helpful for the few times I had a question. For example it was quite easy to get extra time for my exams (because of my dyslexia). It is a small department and they are very helpful and things are organized very direct with the teachers, very approachable and personal.

transfer of credits

I still need to write three papers and the deadlines are in March, so I don't have all my grades yet.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome meeting was very formal and with (a lot of) helpful information. The university didn't really organize anything social to meet other international student, but ESN had a lot of fun activities during the first few weeks and throughout the semester. I recommend to participating in as many activities as possible in the beginning! On the first activity I made some very good friends, with who I spent a lot of time with during the rest of the semester and with who I still keep in touch with.

accommodation

For me it was very difficult to find a place, but I started a bit late. So start on time. After two weeks in a hostel looking for a place to stay, I found a nice apartment with two other international students. I found it on WG-gesucht!

leisure & culture

You won't get bored in Vienna, I promise. Vienna has way too much to do. I signed up for two sports lessons (<https://www.usi.at/>). I took a yoga course and a ballroom dancing course! I have also visited many museums, I did hikes, city trips, pup crawls, concerts and opera's. You should go to the opera if you are in Vienna! Students can go for a few euro's. (app: ticket Gretchen). I have visited Graz, Bratislava, Boedapest, Brno.

suggestions/tips

There are many cities nearby like Bratislava (1 hour), Budapest, Brno, Salzburg, Graz! In Vienna there are many concerts, operas, many beautiful museums, palaces, hiking trails in the hills and vineyards, climbing halls, ski resorts nearby, and nice cafés and restaurants, clubs, (even the main library is beautiful!) You can also go to a Ball!

CONCLUSIONS

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



If you want to live in a big city, with many students with beautiful architecture, near the mountains, and follow a few very interesting courses! Yes go to Vienna!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Rent a Swap bike, you get to know the city in no time! There are quite a few bike lanes, it is very doable



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faculty/college	Faculteit 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	Vienna, Austria
how did you travel to your destination?	By train
name university abroad	University of Vienna
start date	21 / 02 / 2022
end date	17 / 07 / 2022

PREPARATION

exchange application process
I searched a lot on the websites, asked a lot of information from the international office, did a lot of research and read a lot of student reports.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The people from the international office are very helpful and responded very fast on my e-mails. During the stay however, I didn't receive that much from the international office. If i had a question I could still text them, but there was never a moment of reflecting or something like that.
academic preparation
had none
language preparation
I only took the language test before, but that is a obligatory part of the erasmus grant
finances
the erasmus grant, the travel green grant, and before going abroad i worked to safe some extra money

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)
Sociology, I could only do sociology or antopology at the university of Vienna. But I atually study psychology. I thought that sociology could still be interesting, but there were not a lot of English speaking courses to choose from. In the end i didn't really like my courses.
academic quality of education activities
The quality of the English speaking courses was learly less then I am used to in the Netherlands.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The international office responded very fast to my e-mails and questions. In the beginning, before the semester started, there was this week full of activities which they organized, by which I got to learn a lot of people right away, that was super nice!



transfer of credits

It is pass or fail, but until now I didn't receive all my credits yet and so I cannot transfer them yet.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There was a welcome week, one week before the semester officially started. In this week, the international office organized a lot of, and different kind of, activities. This was super nice because I met a lot of people then and got to get to know the people I already met better.

accommodation

I found accommodation via this website 'WG-Gesuchte'. At first I tried to find accommodation via one of those dorm sites, but I was a bit late with it and they could only offer me a shared room. Via WG-gesuchte I found a super nice room in a big shared apartment, where I lived with three others. They were all from Austria, I liked that too. I was super nice with my room and the location was very great too.

leisure & culture

In Vienna, there is always something to do. From iceskating in the middle of the city centre, a big open air concert at the Schonbrunn Palace, open air cinema's, music festivals (mostly for free), to a lot of museums to visit and a lot of nice bars and clubs. I have been very busy, it was super nice!

suggestions/tips

I followed some of the Instagram accounts of Vienna, where they announced some of the activities that were happening in the city. This is super nice because there was almost always something going on, but sometimes it is hard to get to know about those things. But via accounts like that, and the right friends, you will find all the nice things to do!

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend Vienna as a city and also the university of Vienna. The city is super relaxed and very safe, with a lot of nice things to do, you don't ever have to be bored. And if you're a little bored, the location of the city is so central in Europe, you can go to all the places and cities around very easily, this is so nice!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I would recommend, even if you don't have to pass your courses anymore for your bachelors degree, it is way more fun if you are interested in the courses you follow. I missed this a little, and this was a bit pitty, but nevertheless I had a great time.



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level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Social and Cultural Anthropology
destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	27 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 01 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

I experienced the application process as easy. The International Office provides you with enough information and sends you the required documents that need to be filled in, so actually all the tools you need are handed over to you. It's up to yourself how fast you start "dealing" with these documents and thus start thinking about how you want to give shape to your period abroad.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The International Office answers super fast and I did everything online. I've never been to the IO in person.

academic preparation

I didn't prepare much. I already knew from the beginning that I wanted to follow courses taught in English only. This made it easier to choose/pick courses, because there weren't that much left. Still there were enough nice anthropological courses left and you were also able to follow courses outside of the bachelor's programme as well as follow anthropological master courses. To create your own schedule and to decide which courses you want to follow and which not, takes time. The University of Vienna doesn't provide you with a schedule, you need to create your own and avoid overlap. Still, I found it quite fun because you, as I said, are free to choose whatever you want!

language preparation

I did not do any language preparation. I only followed courses that were taught in English. Also, a lot of people from abroad who did choose some courses taught in German, changed them. It's often quite difficult to understand everything word for word.

finances

My parents supported me with a small amount of money every month and I got the Erasmus Grant as well as the money from my OV. It didn't took a lot of preparation, you just need to fill in the documents, get the signatures and hand it in on time!

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

One thing I didn't know before starting my exchange is that it was also able to follow a different bachelor than at your home university. However, looking back to the anthropology courses I followed in Vienna, I wouldn't have wanted to follow different ones. I actually really enjoyed all of my courses, also the ones from the Master of Antrhopology as well as the ones outside of the bachelor programme of Anthropology (e.g. STS, English



Studies). The lectures are different than in the Netherlands in the sense that here I always was in some kind of "workgroup setting", with 12 or 20 persons attending the course. But I actually liked these small groups and didn't miss the lectures given in big halls as I know them from the Netherlands.

academic quality of education activities

The level of English was very good and the courses weren't too difficult. Still, the courses were challenging (in a positive way) and provided me with new insights, tools and skills.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The teachers are very willing to help, as well as the IO and the Department of Anthropology. The University of Vienna and its IO have a very useful internet website on which they acquire you with a lot of useful information for during your period abroad.

transfer of credits

I still have to hand in a paper in March even though I'm already back. So it will take a while before I will receive every grade. However, if I understand correctly, my grades will appear on some kind of Blackboard site (only then a different one from the University of Vienna of course), and from there I can download the document and send it to the University of Utrecht.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There was one orientation day, but that only was one hour. They introduced the school system and the possibilities of student networks and organizations (ESN), as well as organizational stuff. It was really helpful! I signed up at the ESN and EBN and those organizations provided further welcome activities (speed friending, hiking tours, welcome dinner etc.) and tours around the city and university, via which I met a lot of nice other internationals.

accommodation

I got my room via WIHAST. It was recommended on the webpage of the University of Vienna. I shared the kitchen with 5 others and the bathroom with one other girl. Internationals and locals were mixed, which was nice. It was comfortable and cheap (only 319 a month). It was close to the U-bahn (metro) which I really recommend as well!

leisure & culture

Vienna is very central in Europe so I traveled a lot in the weekends to other cities. Also, ESN and EBN organize a lot of nice activities where you can meet new people very easily and get to know the city as well. A lot of people think Vienna is the city of Opera and Classical Ballet etc. However, this is just one part of Vienna. There is a really creative, youthfull scene in Vienna as well, with a lot of partying (techno) and beautiful art and nature parcs!

suggestions/tips

Buy beer in the supermarket, because in the club a beer could cost 5 euros very quickly. You also have to pay entrance in clubs (around 10 euros). But for the rest I don't really experienced Vienna as being a super expensive city. The prices are comparable to Dutch ones. I just think that during your exchange you eat more in restaurants, do more cultural stuff like visitng museums or nearby cities, in comparison with your live in the NL. But Vienna is not like live in Prague or Budapest, where live is waaay more cheapier than in the NL.

CONCLUSIONS

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

YES! I didn't know anything about Vienna before I got there. It's a great and beautiful city with a lot of nice bars. At first I was scared, because I know Austria only from wintersport, and it was my first trip on my own.



However, Vienna is amazing, you will meet a lot of nice people and also learn more about yourself. You will meet people all over the world and Vienna is definitely a city to come back for.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

You won't regret choosing Vienna!

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

destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	25 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
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You are requested to write on the following topics. Text boxes will expand automatically while typing!

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	I orientated on destinations for an exchange, Vienna was my first choice so I wrote a motivational letter why I'd love to study there. I also made a studyplan, a financial plan and a plan how to prepare for the German language.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	I thought it was really nice to have a pre-departure meeting from IO UU. Here I met two girls who were also going to Vienna. We exchanged phone numbers and helped each other with all the preparations we had to make. Also the International Office responded really quick to the mails with questions we sent them, that was nice too.
academic preparation	I am a Psychology student and was going to follow subjects from Sociology. In my studyplan I choose some introduction courses, therefore I did not prepared much on academical level.
language preparation	I prepared the German language by playing a lot of Duo-Lingo. That was good for my knowledge of words but you don't really study the grammar with that app. In Vienna I choose to do a language course. Before you start with that, you have to make a placement test. I guess when I'd studied the grammar a bit more I could be



placed in a higher level. In the end it was quite sad: I was placed in a A2/2 group (not super bad) but you can only bring the course in when you followed a course in the B level.

finances

I worked during the summer holidays and applied for the Erasmus+ grant. I also made a deal with my parents when I'd have financial troubles they were going to lend me money. After my exchange I'll be working fulltime for half a year so then I could eventually start paying them the money back I eventually lent from them.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

At first I thought there were a lot of courses to follow, but you have to make sure you read the course description very carefully. A lot of the courses were given in German and I must admit that I really underestimated the difficulties that'd bring. Normal German is quite okay for me, but academic German about a subject (sociology) I didn't know a lot about was really hard for me. Just your high school German is not automatically enough to follow the courses smoothly.

academic quality of education activities

I actually only took Voorlesungen (lectures) and didn't do any working group courses. The lectures were okay, but because of the language difficulties I sometimes didn't understand it all.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The International Office from Vienna was really helpful with all the questions. Also the mobility coordinator (the responsible person from your faculty) from sociology was very nice. Both parties organised a welcome meeting and from sociology I also signed up for a buddy programme. They linked me to an Austrian girl who also studied sociology in Vienna. She also helped me a lot with signing up for exams for example.

transfer of credits

When all my grades are in the moodle-system (some kind of blackboard), I can ask the International Office from Vienna if they could print it, sign & stamp it, scan it and then send to my IO in Utrecht. I have to ask them myself but they are really helpful so that wouldn't be a problem.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

We had to sign up for a meeting (in september/begin of october) where we'd get a welcome word, our student card and some information. The IO also organised a welcome meeting, but it was in November so a bit late. The ESN (Erasmus Student Network) organised a welcome week for all the exchange students. During this week there were all kinds of activities to get to know each other, the city and the university better.

accommodation

I found my accommodation via housinganywhere, I had a flat with two other french girls. It was a nice flat with very spacious rooms. I was happy with the apartment. Some friends of me rented a room in a dorm, which was also really funny. I prefer to rent a 'normal' room in a flat and pay a bit more but I also understand it's something fun to have done for four months.

leisure & culture

The university has a sports centre, but the registrations for the lessons they give already open in September (Winter Semester)/february (Summer), so a lot of the courses were full already. Still I signed up for Jazzdance and for Hip-hop dance. It was not expensive and funny to do these courses. The teachers taught in German, but mostly I understood it all. After all the Kaiserschmarrn & Apfelstrudels I also committed to a gym and went there two times a week.

About the culture: there are a lot of things to do in Vienna. Sometimes the ESN organises something nice, but



mostly we organised it ourselves with my friends. If you don't have any inspiration there is this website (in English) which can help you: www.viennawurstelstand.com

suggestions/tips

If you have the time, you can start with an intensive german course in september / february. I didn't do it because I didn't had the time, but one of my friends did. They had German course every morning and in the afternoon the language centre organised a lot of fun activities!

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, definitely! Vienna is such a beautiful city and doing an erasmus anyway is a opportunity I would recommend to everyone.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Check out the IO UU website for some blogs written about Vienna and ofcourse other destinations! :)

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

destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	University of Vienna
start date	03 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 01 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION

exchange application process

For the application process it was all very clear from Utrecht University what had to be done. Vienna was my first choice.

counselling & support at Utrecht University



There were several meetings from the international office in Utrecht, and the people from the IO were always available for questions. They respond to email very fast and were good help.
academic preparation
none
language preparation
I did a language course German B1 level at the language center from the university of Vienna. this was really nice and improved my german a lot. I would definitely recommend this course for anyone going to Vienna. I also got to take 4 ECTS with me on my learning agreement. I also met a lot of nice people because many were doing this September Intensive course prior to the start of the semester.
finances
I saved a lot of money plus the Erasmus grant

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
In september I could apply for courses. They change every year so you can't look into the courses prior to september. Keep in mind that sometimes they can reject you for the course, so I would recommend that you sign up for as many courses possible, also from other studies (for example sociology). I found out that some courses were very vague and didn't want to do them, but if you sign up for many courses then you can choose which ones you would like to attend.
academic quality of education activities
The level of education in Vienna is pretty good. All courses are very differently organised from each other, so you have to figure out what they expect from you with every course. Some are very clear, some are not so.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The people from my uni were always helpful and if you werent sure about something you could always contact them and make an appointment.
transfer of credits
Same as in Utrecht

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The ESN network is pretty big and active in Vienna so it was very easy to get in touch with fellow exchange students this was really nice. Not only ESN from Uni Vie, but also organisations from other universities in Vienna were very active and you could attend all activities from all organisations (ESN TU Wien, EBN WU). ESN organized 2 welcome weeks (september and october) for new students where they had an activity every day for a week. after that still a few things a week that was nice to meet people. I would suggest, just go to all the activities the first week and you will meet a lot of people and after that you can just hang out with them.
accommodation
I stayed in OEAD housing Molkereistrasse. The location of this dorm was perfect: close to the U2 metro which brings you to the University really fast. There were a lot of students in this dorm and mostly internationals. It is a nice place to stay and I would definitely recommend this accomodation.
leisure & culture
Vienna has a lot to offer, culturewise. Many museums and nice buildings and you won't get bored easily. there is always something to do here, culture and other leisure activities. Vienna is also very centrally located, so



many weekend trip opportunities (Budapest, Bratislava, Prague, Salzburg, Skiing, etc.). Also clublife in Vienna is good, many different genres (Techno, house, disco, psytrance, drum n bass), but also many nice Erasmus parties and ofcourse Travelshack is nice to meet people and do karaoke etc.

suggestions/tips

If you like pool, The Lizard pub & billiards is a nice Irish bar where you can play pool and it's not expensive. Best club for techno: Grelle Forelle. Best cocktails (6 euros): Bar Mon Ami. Best for a Tuesday night: Travelshack. Best for beers: Beerstreet.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Definetly. I had an amazing time in Vienna. There are a lot of exchange students from all over the world in Vienna and you will always find people that you share interests with or with whom you will get along. Also, Vienna is a beautiful city with a lot to offer (for example the WU Ball, a classical Viennese bal which was a very nice experience). Not just culturewise but there are also a lot of nice cafes and bars that are very trendy and upcoming. Also the University was a good one to study at, they offer interesting courses and they are not too easy but also not too difficult.

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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	Sociology
destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	03 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 01 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application process went quite easily. The process was from the beginning on really clear and easy to follow. But just give yourself enough time to write a motivation letter and let them check by friends and/or family.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I got enough support and I always had the possibility to come by the International Office with questions about the process. Besides that you could also easily make contact by email or telephone; they answered always really quick.

academic preparation

I did not really have any academic preparation.

language preparation



I followed an intensive German course in September in Vienna, one month before the start of the winter semester.

finances

I had my student loan, the Erasmus Grant, some savings myself and every month I received money from my parents. In my opinion this should be enough, but be prepared that it will cost you a lot of money since you'll probably make a lot more weekend trips than usual, do a lot more of sightseeing, lunches, going out for dinner and partying.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Sociology; I had to choose at least 15 ECTS within my own field of study (sociology) and the rest of the courses I could choose myself. The program to register yourself for courses and exams is easy to understand, but I would definitely recommend to choose courses in English instead of German. If your level of German is high enough, than ofcourse you can try to follow courses in German, but for me it was too difficult since the German accent in Austria is hard to understand.

academic quality of education activities

In general the quality can be compared with the academic quality of Utrecht University. Although I think it is a bit easier to receive an higher grade in Vienna than in Utrecht.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

They were really welcoming and helped me during the semester with all my questions.

transfer of credits

I do not know this yet, since I still have to hand in some essays with a deadline in March, so I do not have all my grades back.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

ESN (Erasmus Student Network) offered a welcome week in the beginning of September (and in October in case you did not follow a German course) with a lot of different kind of activities. I went to this week and after that I had met so many new people that we just started planning our own trips and activities. So definitely go there this first week to meet a lot of new people!

accommodation

First I stayed in an apartment which I found on Housing Anywhere with two other girls. After three months I moved to another accomodation, which was a room in a student dorm which I find via Oead.

leisure & culture

There are enough things to do and see in Vienna! From seeing all the beautiful culture, like museums, palaces, churches, to drinking beer in bars and pubs in the Bermuda Triangle and dancing and clubbing in the biggest clubs.

suggestions/tips

The best thing to do for finding a room is to register yourself at Oead. They offer accomodations for internationals in whole Vienna and after registering it is not that hard to find a room for a normal price.

CONCLUSIONS

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



I'd definitely recommend the university of Vienna and the city itself! It is such a beautiful city and by far the most relaxed city I have ever been; one of the reasons why I felt home so easily!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you're still in doubt of going on exchange, definitely go! It is so worth it!!

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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	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	01 / 10 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	30 / 06 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application process consisted out of a lot of documents, which had to be completed. I experienced it as a lot of organisation work and much to think about. However, the content was clear and the International Office provided a clear overview what to complete, before which date etc.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The International Office helped me a lot with answering questions, getting stamps and providing a clear overview what to do, which step had to be followed. They were always available and replied quite fast.

academic preparation

My academic preparation was good to study at the university of Vienna. I could follow the courses really good. Sometimes I even felt like being a bit a head of my peer students, because I for example already had learned about a certain author or researcher.

language preparation

The main language in Vienna is german. I did the final exam of german (B1) in high school in the Netherlands, this was enough to study at the unversity of Vienna. To feel more confident and to have a little recap of german, I decided to take part of language course in september. It was a intensive language course of three weeks and it helped me to recall what I had learned in school. Especially with the grammars it was nice to repeat and practice. I finished the exam of B2/2.

finances

I do not have a really big budget and the grant of the Erasmus programme was not enough. Directly at the beginning of my stay in Vienna I looked for a job. It was quite easy to find something and already in the mid of september I could start with working in a cafe. I worked two days in the week beside my studies. Due to this I could finance myself much more easily.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)



At the beginning I was really confused because the university of Vienna provide a lot of small courses. This means that I had to take six or seven courses in one semester. As we ar having in Utrecht normally only two courses at the same time, I was quite a bit overwhelmed to focus on six courses at the same time. Furthermore, I had a few problems with my signing up for exams. In Vienna you have to sign up for the course and also for the exam. Somehow I missed this information and I did not sign up for my examns. With two exams it was no problem and I could still take the exam. Unfortunately, one exam I could not write because I was not on the list with names. They did not let me take part of the exam.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality was not for all the courses on the same level. Some courses were in my opinion not so good or motivating. Only about a few courses I am content. The lectures are during in general 90 minutes without a break and I think that is quite exhausting. The quality of the course was really teacher depended. With some lectures I could not keep my attention, due to the language (German or even Austrian dialect, which was harder to understand) or the presentation of the teacher - for example to much text on the powerpoint. Most often I could not concentrated myself 90 minutes long without any break.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I did not got a lot in contact with my receiving university. I've been only twice at International Office, more was not necessary. Some really useful support I got from my buddy. I was linked to local student and he helped me especially in the beginning with signing up for courses, showing me where I could print or helped me with my questions.

transfer of credits

I am still in process of transferring my credits. I have to get two more marks, before I can transfer my credits. In my opinion the deadline of 1st of July for handing in my grades at university Utrecht is really unrealistic. Just three days before the deadline I still wrote exams and I have to hand in two more essays.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

As I already stated before I was linked to a local student. My buddy welcomed me in Vienna and showed me a bit around, that was a really nice start. Furthemore, I was one month earlier in Vienna because of the language course. It was nice to have some time to explore the city and find a job before the semester started.

accommodation

I found quite easily a room via www.wg-gesucht.de. I skyped with my future flatmates and they chose me. The appartement was in the 16th district, a bit further away from the city centre but I could still reach everything easliy, because the public transport in the Vienna is really good and I bought directly a bike to transport myself. I had the room only for 6 months because the owner of the room was also staying abroad for those months. When I decided to extend my stay, I had to move to another place. Via friends I found another room in the 2nd district. I really like the 2nd district and everything is more close now.

leisure & culture

There is a lot to do in the Vienna. I joined every week a soccer game with friends of the university, I joined a painting course on saturdays and I joined the choir of a colleage of my. Furthermore, there are a lot of musea, really cosy coffee places and nice clubs to explore and go on adventure. Also the nature in and around the city are really nice to explore. You could for example go for a swim in the Danube or hiking on the Kahlenberg and drink some self-made Viennese wine.

suggestions/tips

To get to know more people I think it is really helpful to participate in activities outside the lectures. For example joining a sport team, singing in a choir or something similar.



CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would absolutely recommend the University of Vienna. Overall is studying at the university not so stressfull and I learned a lot. I experienced the city also as really nice and welcoming to live in. I felt safe, met really nice people and explored a lot. There is a lot to do and a lot to see. Escpecially the summer time is really nice, than it feels like the city and the people are really coming alive and there are a lot of activities outside.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
No.

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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	Cultural Anthropology
destination city & country	Vienna/Wien, Austria
name university abroad	Universitat Wien
start date	01 / 03 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	30 / 06 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION
exchange application process
The application process was some work, but in the end it's not that complicated as long as you make sure to really follow all the instructions. Just do your research and make sure that where you want to go is really where you want to go, because once you've made a decision it's pretty final. (And trust me, you don't want to go through the whole process again/mess something up and not be able to go.) Hand things in on time, be precise, and remember that it's all actually gonna be worth it.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
Utrecht university provides very clear instructions, and if you have any questions, just message the international office. The workers there are super helpful and normally respond within 2 days.
academic preparation
I didn't do much academic preparation, I didn't have to order any books, just had to figure out how to sign up for courses.
language preparation
If you're gonna study KSA like me, be prepared that almost all, if not all of your courses will in fact be in German! I did vwo German, which was fine, but looking back i think it would have been good for me to at least watch some German movies beforehand, just to get a feel for it again.
finances
I had my grant and saved up a little, but mostly my parents supported me a little. This was needed, otherwise i would have had to borrow money for sure. Vienna is expensive. You'll probably end up spending more money than you intended to, but it's all up to you.



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
<p>There are a LOT of courses to choose from and it's all very confusing at the beginning (actually still kind of is). So if you can't figure out on your own, you're not the only one and it's ok to ask for help. Also, be prepared to take a lot of courses compared to the Austrian students. I had 9, which people found crazy. The average is 4-6. Most of them will be in German, some will be (way) better organized than others . 9 courses is also a lot of work, especially for me seeing German isn't my first language. It gets easier over time, but be prepared. Also, sometimes i had 5/6 hour long seminars, which is very long and was kind of annoying at times. Still, my weeks weren't that packed though, just had to do a lot of studying at the end. Austrian students can choose to make their exams at different points throughout the year, but as an international i all had to do them in June, which was a lot of work in my last couple weeks.</p> <p>Now on a more positive note, i did enjoy my courses! there is a lot to choose from which is actually also kinda nice (its just a bit of a puzzle figuring out which ones to do/fit together.) Professors in most cases really do want to help you, you can always write your exams and papers in English, and although the lectures are quite different from the ones at UU, they're still (mostly) fun.</p>
academic quality of education activities
I would say the level of the courses is definitely lower, as in, it's easier to pass. For me what made them difficult was the fact that they were all in German, which really was a challenge sometimes.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
Uni Wien's KSA department gave me a buddy, which was really the best thing ever, because she explained so much to me. They also responded to emails pretty quick, and were very helpful overall.
transfer of credits
Has yet to be done.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
Doesn't really exist, as in, the uni only provides an orientation session, which doesn't include everything. ESN uni wien does offer a lot of activities though.
accommodation
You can either live in a WG or studentenwohnheim. I chose the section option, and rented a place through OEAD in the 9 th districts. Rent is about as much as in Utrecht, and I would say it's a little easier to arrange housing as well than it is here, but still to save yourself stress look into it on time.
leisure & culture
Vienna is so so so beautiful! It's a city of culture, with theaters, operas, art, rich history, many museums. It's truly such an amazing place, and i completely fell in love with it. The city really has everything, I always found something new to see and explore, and in addition to that its really clean and safe as well.
suggestions/tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sign up for super cheap sport courses at USI - If you study KSA you'll have classes at the NIG, which is in the 9th district, so if you wanna live close to uni, that's where you should go (or the 2nd, 1st, just do some research) - Get a semester ticket for public transport cause it'll be much cheaper -Keep up with all the fees you gotta pay in Austria and everything you gotta hand in for your grant



CONCLUSIONS

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

For sure! I had the most amazing time, completely fell in love with the city and its people, and am even considering going back there for my masters!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Make sure your German's good enough, don't underestimate it, because academic german literature isn't that easy. I really like that because of all my German courses my German has greatly improved though! If you go do your erasmus, regardless, remember that you're doing this for you. You're not gonna make 200 friends and have the time of your life within a week (well maybe you will) but just remember that it takes time, and in the end you'll see you'll have made so many meaningful memories and connections. I am so glad I went to Vienna, and wouldn't trade/change my experience for the world.

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

destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	01 / 10 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 01 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

There are a lot of things that you need to do, before you can go. And that isn't always nice, because it is a lot. But it is worth it. For me it was sometimes a little bit stressful, because there are a lot of dates when you need to hand in papers. Also you need to sign an before learning agreement, but we had difficulties with this, because not all the courses were available. Erasmus helped us with this, that was very nice.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

When you have a question of you need something to arrange you can always send them an email and they will help us.

academic preparation

For academic preparation I did nothing because it wasn't clear before where we were going what kind of courses we could follow.

language preparation

I didn't language preparation, because I did the courses in English and it wasn't required.

finances

I save some money, but not really much. But I had to pay a deposit for the room, that was 900 euros. So that was much. Before I was going I did mine study grant higher, so I could spend more money there.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD



study programme (content and organisational issues)
The study program we followed there was social science. In the beginning it was difficult to get them agree with our learning agreement, because they said we had to have half of the study points in the department of sociology, but that wasn't possible in English. But when we had an appointment, they were really nice and they helped us. So everything was fine.
academic quality of education activities
The most teachers are really nice and are willing to help you. and they speak good English I found the exams hard, but maybe it is because the topics we had were really different from the netherlands.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
At the beginning of the stay we have a small welcome dinner, that was very nice, because we also met other erasmus students.
transfer of credits
I don't know this yet, because I don't have all my grades yet.

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	There is an orientation programma from ESN, I did not so much of the things, but the things are nice and there are a lot of possibilities . From the University we had an information day. But further nothing.
accommodation	We had an accomodation from Oead. We (Chantal and I) lived with two other students and had 2 badrooms and one kitchen. We lived in Gasometer and it was a nice room and there came cleaners, but they don't clean verry wel. With 20 minutes we were at school and the city with the metro.
leisure & culture	Vienna is a really beautiful city and in the winter semester there is also a lot of things to do. There are a lot of christmas markets and you can ice skate. Also from vienna you can do really nice trips. I went to Budapest, Praque, Brno, Hallstatt and Mariazell. This are really nice things to do and it is not really expensive and you meet othet people.
suggestions/tips	Enjoy of your time abroad, because the time goes really fast.

CONCLUSIONS	
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain	I really like the city Vienna, but when you study pedagogic sciene I wouldn.t recommend this university, because they have no courses who are related to pedagogic. Also if you want to study courses in English, they have not so much courses in english. The most courses are in German. The city is really beautiful and there are a lot of things to do for erasmus students, so that is really nice. Also with christmas there is a holiday of three weeks.
do you have any additional advice or comments?	Going abroad is really nice and you learn a lot of people and you can see very nice things.



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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	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	University of Vienna
start date	22 / 10 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 01 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The process went very well and quick. The University of Utrecht and Vienna responded quickly on my emails and signed all the documents on time.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Utrecht University was really supportive and approachable. They provided good information and always responded really quick on my questions or emails. They also provided clear information about all the documents we needed (for the Erasmus+ grants for example) + their deadlines.

academic preparation

I didn't do any academic preparation!

language preparation

I choose all my courses in English so I did no language preparation. However, if you want a broader choose of courses (because there are not that many courses in English) I recommend you to also take some courses in German, so than it might come in handy to do some language preparation before the semester starts.

finances

I knew I would receive the Erasmus+ grant and also some grants from the state. But this isn't enough to cover all your costs abroad, you spend a lot of money when you are on an exchange (trips, food etc.) so it would be wise if you save some money before you go abroad!

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The university of Vienna offers a wide range of courses. The only problem I had was that there were only a few courses in my study field (Sociology) in English, and my German is not that good, so in the end I also had to take some courses from other faculties. This takes some time and some courses also have limited places, so it is possible that you're placed on the waiting list. So my advice is to take your time for choosing your courses, because it takes some time to figure it all out! At the end I ended up with some courses that I didn't find that interesting (but they were in English so that was why I choose them) so I recommend you to also take a look at some German courses because in this way it offers you a lot more to choose from + you get a chance to improve your German!

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality of the courses was good! But comparing to the courses and education at the Utrecht



University it wasn't that hard I would say.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The University of Vienna offers great support, especially the International Office there. They were always friendly and prepared to help you with any questions or problems!
transfer of credits
They have another system of grading in Austria. They have a system from 1 to 5. I don't have my grades back yet so I don't know how they will be transferred. The ECTS from the University of Vienna however was transferred into the same ECTS at the University of Utrecht, so that was nice.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The welcome programme was really good in Vienna. ESN and EBN are student networks who organise a lot of events for exchange students, especially in the first week of the semester. In this way you meet a lot of new people, so I highly recommend you to join a lot of events from ESN/EBN in the first week! It is a great & easy opportunity to meet new people and get to know Vienna!
accommodation
During my semester abroad I stayed at a big student dorm from WIHAST. The location was a bit out of the city centre, but there live many other students, and the dorm is quite cheap for Vienna. I would have preferred to stay more in the city centre and in a smaller house, but I started my search for an accommodation too late. I advise you too start your search for an accommodation in Vienna on time, you have a lot more options than! It depends on what you are searching for of course, there are many options: dorms, student houses, particular houses etc. Most of my friends rented a room from another student for a couple of months, and most of them had a really nice room on a good location, so I recommend you to search for something like that on 'WGgesucht.de' for example. But the public transport is really good in Vienna so if you live a little further from the city centre it is also not a problem (in the weekend the Metro network goes on the entire night).
leisure & culture
Vienna is really beautiful and has an amazing culture, there is so much to do! For example in the winter around Christmas time, they have Christmas markets everywhere, and you can go ice skating on several places. I really liked the ambience in Vienna. Vienna offers everything you can search for in a city: restaurants, bars, lot of places to go out, museums, parks etc. ESN and EBN also organise a lot of activities and trips during the semester. I went on the skiing trip with ESN for example, really recommend it! Overall, Vienna is a great city to live in!
suggestions/tips
Join all the ESN/EBN activities in the beginning of the semester, it is a really good way to meet new people! Also start your search for an accommodation on time to find a nice room.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I really recommend everyone to go to Vienna! At first I wasn't that sure, but at the end I wouldn't have wanted to spend my semester anywhere else. Vienna is really beautiful and there is a lot to do! The University and the courses are also good (just take a look at the University building - this wonderful building already convinces you to study in Vienna!).
do you have any additional advice or comments?



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faculty/college	Faculty of Social Sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Pedagogische Wetenschappen
destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	1 / 10 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 1 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

I experienced the application process as intense: the deadline came quick, you needed to hand in a lot of documents and there were many choices you needed to make. It put a lot of pressure on me to combine the application with studying and working. After I got my final destination I thought most of the work was done. This was although not the case and there was a lot of work to do to get documents signed, find a place to live and preparing my departure. After all, this was all totally worth it since it made me able to study abroad.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The counselling in the application process was okay I would say. The people in the International Office were always very willing to help, but could not always give the right information. Because of this I needed to find a 3th destination on the day of the application deadline, this was very stressfull. After this application period the International Office did a wonderfull job and answered their e-mails always very quick and signed document wihtin a couple of days.

academic preparation

I did not do much academic preparation before I left. I knew I would have courses within Social Sciences and in English, therefore I did not feel the urge to prepare myself any further.

language preparation

Since I knew I would only take courses in English, I did not do any language preparation. I knew my english level was good enough to fulfill studying abroad.

finances

I spend as much money I expected to do on beforehand. Living in Vienna costed around €450-€500 a month. My incomes were: I saved €1000, got €200 a month from my parents, €280 a month from the government and an erasmus scholarship. The living costs in Vienna were a bit higher than in the Netherlands; doing groceries was quiet expensive. Besides your regular costs I spended my money on sportingclasses, going out for dinner and making trips around Europe. Sporting classes were very cheap at the USI (sport accomodation of the university), I paid €26 for an entire semester to have 1 lesson a week. The nightlife in Vienna is pretty expensive; for most clubs you pay €10 entrance (although this is mostly worth it). Going out for dinner is cheap compared to the Netherlands. Travelling around Europe is cheap from Vienna; a lot of nice cities are close and traveling is easy and cheap.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)



Because I was nominated by the field of sociology, the university of Vienna made me do at least 15 ECTS in sociology courses. I was not very happy with that because I was totally unfamiliar with sociology and find my own studyfield of child psychology the most interesting. To get 30 ECTS in 1 semester I needed to take 7 courses; 4 of sociology department, 2 of the linguistic department and 1 of the educational sciences department. After all I really enjoyed all the courses of linguistics and educational sciences and was very unhappy with my sociology courses. The sociology courses were difficult, uninteresting and took a lot of effort. Although I heard from the other students they did like these classes. The organisation in Vienna was well organized; I was easy to apply for courses, all the department coordinators were helpful and all the teachers very pleased to welcome erasmus students.

academic quality of education activities

The quality of the education was good; the teachers knew a lot about their topic and were very friendly. The amount of studywork was okay and there was enough time to enjoy the city. The only thing that was very different compared to the Netherlands was, how much information there was provided by the teachers of the course about the requierments in the course. With every course it did not became clear what the exact assignment was and/or what needs to be studied for the exam. Although the teachers were very helpful, they were sometimes unclear and let you quiet on your own in assignments. Luckily everything mostly worked out in the end.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The counselling and support of the University in Vienna was okay. They were mostly helpful but there were a lot of unnecesairy rules you needed to follow as a student. For example when I wanted to get my learning agreement signed, I needed to go to 4 different people to get my signature. They were also quiet strict about the rules and always answered their email extremly slow. In some occasions this was very annoying but I managed to fulfill all the requierments.

transfer of credits

I do not know how my credits will be transferred and how my grades gets translated to the Dutch university system. I find it unfair they are not open about this from the beginning. Thereby are most of my courses graded as being a level 1 course which I would now state as very untrue. The courses graded as level 1 were extremely difficult were my courses graded at level 2 were easy. I understand it is difficult for the examination committee to decide this from the Netherlands, but now I feel like my credits are not worth what they should be.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcoming programme of the university was a welcome word where they provided all the information you needed during your stay. This was very helpful and you could start with all the actions you needed to do, right away. I was happy after all I choose to have this welcome programme 2 days after my arrival, so I had enough time to fulfill al the actions needed to be done. Thereby organized the ESN community a entire welcome week with a lot of activities and oppportunities to meet new people.

accommodation

I started looking for my accommodation in the end of june when on the housing site wg-gesucht.de a lot of temporary appartments came online. I was very very happy with my apartment since it was very modern, it contained a big livingroom, everything was clean and it was in the 8th district. I lived together with 2 austrian boys which was very nice too. Any new students going to Vienna I would recommened to also look for privat housingsites in stead of big dormitries because they were never very nice I have seen and heard.

leisure & culture

The culture in Vienna is amazing; the architecture everywere was so beautiful and there plenty of cultural activities to do like visiting the opera of a museum. Thereby is the erasmus community in Vienna really big; a lot of erasmus students are coming every semester and they organizing activities almost every day. Thereby is the



nightlife amazing and can you have a lot of fun. This was super nice because you could enjoy your erasmus life to the fullest. I totally did not expect this before my departure since this image of Vienna is quiet boring I would say; but this city is not definetly my favorite city of all times.

suggestions/tips

- Do not live in a dormitry and find your place to stay on time.
- Join the erasmus community ESN.
- Make a lot of trips around Europe, the location of Vienna is great and Prage, Budapest and the mountains are close.
- If you are into sporting; look for sporting classes at the USI. They organize classes in every sport you can imagine of.
- Pay a lot of attention to the unversity website and the UU website to be on time with all your documents so you do not get into trouble.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would totally recommend the destination and university. I had the best time of my life and it was an amazing semester. I met so many people from all around the world and I made friends for life. Vienna is awesome for it's nightlife, culture and location in Europe.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Go to Vienna, you will have the time of your life!



UU Report form - Erasmus 2016-2017

faculty/college	Faculty social science
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Interdisciplinary Social Science
destination city & country	Vienna, Austria
name university abroad	Universität Wien
start date	29 / 9 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 1 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

As I did not plan to go abroad in the first place, I started with my application only at the beginning of April. I decided I wanted to try to go to Vienna and went in person to the international office, because on the 'restplaces' I did not see a place in Vienna. By pure luck the place was not on the website due to the fact someone else had claimed to go there, but as he/she did not make the deadline I could take over the place. Very happy, I could now start to prepare myself for my stay in Vienna.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Because my interest for a stay abroad was so late, I already had missed all the meetings that were planned for the exchange students of the first semester. To prepare me for my exchange I got a private meeting with one of the international office workers.

academic preparation

For the academic preparation I had an appointment with the study advisor to see how my exchange fits in my study plan.

language preparation

My English is over the year before my exchange already improved, due to the fact I had followed some English courses. To prepare myself for the German language I signed myself in for a German course from the university of Vienna which started in September.

finances

Financially there haven't change that much. Normally I work on the side to pay for my studies. In Vienna I didn't plan to do work, because it would be difficult due to insurance reasons. I got the Erasmus funding, which was enough to cover the cost I normally work for.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

It was difficult to find the courses, within my department there was a limited amount of courses taught in English, therefore I applied for as well a lot of courses in German, where it was not allowed to follow courses outside of my department (at least not that much).

academic quality of education activities

I had for two courses new teachers, which I was not that happy about. The lessons were very chaotic and in the end I did not really have the idea I have learned a lot in these classes. Other classes were super good.



prepared and clear what where the ideas behind it.
The quality of the teachers I had was in some cases amazing. They are very passionate about their subjects, which makes it more interesting.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The international office at the university of Vienna is very helpful and friendly. The times when they have office hours is a bit complicated, but they are really helpful in the maze of papers and organisation which comes with an exchange.

transfer of credits

Did not yet happen, I do not have all my grades yet.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

As I did an language course I was able to already join with the first introduction events. I had a wonderfull time and I have met amazing people, as well trough the whole semester. The ESN in Vienna organised a lot of events, I was not really active in this due as well because of financial reasons. But all the small events I joined I had a good time.

accommodation

I found my place by accident trough airbnb, not trough an organization. But I know the facebookpage in which people offer there places is very populair and succesfull if you look for a new place (WG Wien).

leisure & culture

The culture in Vienna is amazing (imperial). There are a lot of beautifull places you can visit in the city. As well I really liked the people in Vienna, they just let you be as long as you do not bodder them, there is not that much of a judging culture. Where in contrast formality is more on site then we know in the Netherlands, for example in the titels etc.

suggestions/tips

I did a ballroom course, which you can registrated for trough the University Wien sportwebsite, I really can recoment it, not only because it's fun to do and you met wonderfull new people, but as well because almost everyone in Austria is able to dance at least the Wiener Walz. Where I was on an new-years eve party where everyone started dancing the WienerWalz at midnigt, and I even danced it once in a technoclub.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I will definitely recommend it to others. I had an amazing time over there and I can only wish others will have the same experience.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I will advice to start with a language course in the summer, so you already have a group of people you know there. I had such a nice group which became my friends trough the whole semester.