



ERASMUS+ STUDIES UU Report 2015-2016

Every student receiving an Erasmus+ STUDIES grant has to submit a UU report as well. Writing the UU report is one of the university's conditions to receive and keep the grant. Only after submitting this report your Erasmus+ grant will be awarded definitively.

Your report will be made available (anonymously) to UU students preparing an exchange or research period abroad. Not all of them are Dutch-speaking, therefore we prefer to receive reports **written in English**.

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family name	
first name	
student number	
e-mail address	<i>optional; only if you don't mind students preparing for study abroad contacting you directly</i> @
faculty/college	Geosciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Earth Sciences

destination city & country	Leeds, England
name university abroad	Leeds University
start date	16 / 09 / 2015 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	24 / 01 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION
exchange application process
It took quite some work and time, I was confused at first about all the forms that have to sorted, but help was there through the whole process. So everything turned out fine.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The people you need are easy to get in touch with and are willing to help you. However, sometimes it was not entirely clear what is expected from you. Like what exactly they want you to write in certain forms, or in some cases the University could have made things more easy for us. But when you let them know you need some more guidance, they'll give you that.
academic preparation
The academic preparation was not really necessary for me, since I followed the courses within my study programme. Therefore my general knowledge on these topics were sufficient to start with.
language preparation
I went to an university in England, so I didn't really need any language preparation.
finances



You always spend more money than you expect. So I had to loan some money from the bank, which of course I was already aware of that I needed to do that, but luckily I also had some savings to help me out. And especially the Erasmus grant was really a big help.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I had some problems with the modules that I had chosen, because apparently they changed the period of teaching from semester one to two, so I had to choose other ones. But that was arranged pretty quickly, so I didn't turn out to be a big problem. The content of the modules were very well structured, including field trips and interesting lectures. I don't regret any of the modules I have taken.

academic quality of education activities

I considered the academic quality really good. Most teachers are really enthusiastic about their field. The only problem that I experienced was reaching them after the lectures. Because afterwards we only have 10 minutes to go to another lecture that can be on the other side of the campus. So separate meetings were needed or e-mailing the teacher if you would have a question or needed extra help. They are however always able to do that for you, which was really nice! And educational activities like fieldtrips, tutorials and exercises were set up, which I learned a lot from and it was fun!

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Support was always easy reachable. You did get a tutor, but as a study abroad student you don't really need one. I only had one appointment at the beginning of the year, but that's it. If you would face any problems, of any kind, there is a place where you can go to, and they are able to help you out with everything you need.

transfer of credits

The grades were known quite quickly, so that is sorted pretty soon and easily.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

I liked the welcome and orientation programme very much! The university organized a Fresher's week, with many different societies that you could join; like sports, politics, religious, anything really. And they show you around campus, set up events to meet other people and many more activities. They also performed a culture shock drama, to let us know what real British culture is like as a comedy sketch, it was really funny. So yes, the whole campus life there is very vibrant. There is always something going on.

accommodation

The accommodation was pleasant. I stayed at Montague Burton residences. The rooms were clean, warm and the kitchen was large and nice. The only thing is, that it is quite expensive, but actually all the accommodations on campus are anyway. It's worth it though, since it's a big plus is to live so close to uni (5 minutes walking), and also to the city center (around 15 min walking), which is really convenient.

They arrange that for every study abroad student, you only have to fill out a form and choose your preference and they will try to sort that out for you. They pretty much guarantee you a place.

leisure & culture

I had enough free time. Almost every weekend I was able to spend with the society that I joined, or on travelling and just hanging out with friends. There are also enough events organized and day trips that you can join! The British culture doesn't differ that much from the Netherlands, but there are still some things that you'll have to get used to. But for me, it was quite easy to adapt to it.



suggestions/tips

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes absolutely! I had an amazing time, and met so many people from all over the world. The organization is really good and also the quality of teaching. There is always something going on, and you get the full campus experience. The city is also really nice, just like the local people! I would definitely recommend it!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Well, just in general I would advice you to just go to events that seem interesting to you. Try new stuff, talk to people, and just get out of your comfort zone. You'll gain a lot from it!

Save this UU report for your own records and send it as attachment to verslagen.internationaloffice@uu.nl within 30 days after finishing your study abroad period and in ANY case before the final deadline!