



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	GEO-Sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Natuurwetenschap& Innovatiemanagement/ Science of Innovation Management

destination city & country	Manchester, United Kingdom
name university abroad	University of Manchester
start date	15 / 09 / 2015 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	01 / 02 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	To be considered for studying abroad, I had to upload a motivation letter, my grades and my preference universities abroad in Osiris
counselling & support at Utrecht University	I didnt use that much counselling. Just applied and talked to people who went abroad the semester before me, to hear what I could expect.
academic preparation	At the University of Manchester, I didn't need academic preparation.
language preparation	In order to receive a grant application, a language test should be completed before and after your experience abroad.
finances	I applied for the Erasmus scholarship. You need to fill in the learning agreement as well as the grant application



papers and upload them to Osiris. I received about 260 euro per month extra. In addition, I also worked a lot before departure.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

At the University of Manchester I studied geography. Because it was a faculty exchange, I wasn't able to have modules about Innovation Sciences since that study area belonged to the faculty of business school rather than to Geosciences. In addition, I had a lot of problems in scheduling my modules since I attended both first, second as third year courses. Nevertheless, until two weeks after the start of the semester I was able to add and drop different modules.

academic quality of education activities

I really liked the way of teaching in Manchester. You're expected to read my articles each week, providing knowledge outside the lectures. Also, the modules were very interactive. I had to write papers of 3000 words about topics enhancing the knowledge which you needed for the module.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

non

transfer of credits

In Manchester, you need 60 credits (30ECTS) as well. Nevertheless, it takes ages before they send your transcript of grades. After 1 month I still don't have my transcript

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The orientation programme was amazing. Many parties and activities such as city tours, campus tours, tea-drinking parties to socialize and the largest event was Pangaea, a large festival in the first week.

accommodation

I stayed in a student house which I arranged by myself with the help of the website studentaccommodation Manchester

leisure & culture

there are many societies at Manchester University. I became a member of the squash club and the wine society. Also I attended several kickboxing trainings. There are also many parks in Manchester where you can chill, enjoy and relax. Also, there are many museums such as the Manchester University museum and the textile museum, art galleries, cinemas, pubs and clubs, etc.

suggestions/tips

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, I would recommend Manchester University for sure since you meet a lot of people in a short period of time, the orientation week stimulates meeting other internationals as well as locals, the education programme is outstanding and facilities in the library are as I have never seen before. Also, there are many opportunities to travel around in the UK and many things to do in the city.



do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you go abroad for only one semester rather than one year, than you need to arrange your own accommodation. Make sure you have a room before arriving there!

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!