



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	Manchester, United Kingdom
name university abroad	University of Manchester
start date	17 / 09 / 2015 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	29 / 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	The exchange application process went fairly smoothly. There are quite a few documents which need to be signed by both Universities, which is not always the easiest thing as the University abroad is not always as punctual. But in general, it did not take a lot of time to finalize the application.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	The support and counselling at Utrecht University was really good. They gave a lot of information and always helped in the best way possible when requested.
academic preparation	I did not do any academic preparation as this was my final semester for my bachelor, so all the courses were on my level or 2 nd year. I chose my courses with care, but whilst arriving in Manchester, it became clear that some of the courses were not given in the first semester. At Utrecht University, all the courses can be picked a long time before the semester starts, whereas in Manchester, the courses could be picked a week beforehand and could be switched two weeks into the semester.
language preparation	



My level of English was already at C2 before going to Manchester, so I did not do any kind of language preparation.

finances

During my time in Manchester I had a study loan, money of my own and financial support from my parents.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

My study programme abroad was different than my programme in Utrecht, as I chose courses from Geography as well than just from the Earth Science programme. The courses are chosen in the first week upon arrival and can be switched during the first two weeks. Overall, the courses I took in Manchester were different in content and set-up. The examens were very different as well. The organisation was good.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality of the courses differed, some courses were more difficult and a challenge than other courses. Overall, the academic quality of the University of Manchester is very good.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The support at the University of Manchester was not as good as the support at Utrecht University. It took a long time before emails were answered and the availability of some teachers was not clear or the communication of the teachers was not always that good.

transfer of credits

My credits have not been transferred yet, as it takes a longer time in Manchester to gather all the grades and to make a transcript of it.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome week and orientation programme for new students was very extensive. This very much helped with settling down in your new surroundings and with making new friends as well.

accommodation

Arranging the accomodation was, for most people, very chaotic. There was no accommodation on campus available for students who stayed for one semester only. The communication about this to the students was very bad, so most students had to arrange something very quickly otherwise they would not have any place to stay at. The communication could be much better.

leisure & culture

There was so much to do in Manchester, you would never get bored. It is an excellent city to live in as a student, it is not as expensive as the south of England, it's very central so trips to the north or the south are very easy to make and in Manchester itself is enough entertainment.

suggestions/tips

My suggestion would be to be very sure of your accommodation before going abroad. Some people like to arrange it when arriving, but the uncertainty of your stay somewhere is very stressful.

CONCLUSIONS

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



I would definitely recommend this University and destination to other students. The University is very good, beautiful and the people are very friendly. The city is excellent to live in, it's not too big and in the city centre is almost everything within walking distance. There are a lot of places to go to and the overall vibe of the city is very nice.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

No.

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!