Pilot project XChange

Goal:

*Using your experience abroad to strengthen your personal and professional development.*

Veronique Schutjens
Programme

- Practical information (13.30-13.50 hrs)
- Experiences exchange students
- XChange: Veronique Schutjens
- Presentation EGEA
- Pitch Housing Anywhere
- Questions exchange students
Gathering information:

- Website Study Abroad UU
- Website Study Abroad GEO
Prejudices

Studying abroad delays my study at UU....

Going abroad is expensive...

Geo-partners are not interesting enough...

Too much paper work.....

Too much figuring out myself.....
1. Planning

- Start in time
- Deadlines
- Documents
- Grants
2. Requirements

• Fulltime UU student

• 60 ECTS at start of exchange

• Ba-students: Graduation within 4 years

• Ma-students: Permission Master coordinator
3. **Destination**

- Independence
- Language
- Cultural shock
- Courses
- Experience
- Cultural learning?
- CV
GEO VS UU

- Academic vs Exotic
- Enhancing study programme vs Other
- Selection vs Allocation

Both:
- Broaden academic + personal horizon
- International experience = job market
4. Application

- Prepare documents
  - Study plan
  - Motivation
  - CV
  - Financial Plan
  - Language proficiency

- Study abroad application Osiris
  - Deadline December 1st
Study plan

- Fill out whole form
- Programme requirements
- Electives?
- Internship
- Thesis
Course selection

• Language of instruction

• Back-up courses

• Contract conditions

• Level of contract (ba/ma)

• 50% or less courses other faculties
Financial plan

• **Erasmus Grant** (Europe)

• **Holland Scholarship** (Hong Kong and Sydney)

• **Other grants**

• Student travel product restitution (OV-vergoeding)
Student travel product restitution

If you have a ‘OV-Studentenkaart’ you can get a monthly allowance of approx. 100 EUROS

Read all about it on this page
Other Grants

- WILWEG.NL
- Fulbright Center
- AMGEN
- Duitsland Instituut
- Via EP-Nuffic per land
- Japan
- U.S.A.
- Germany
December 1st
The day after....

- Evaluation application (IO + Study Advisor)
- Selection (if necessary)
- Half January final selection
- Nomination
After selection/nomination

• Pre-departure meeting
• You need to have permission to undertake the exchange when it is part of your programme.
• Courses: [course approval form approved by board of examiners]
• Thesis/internship -> Supervisor
• Grades will be converted to UU-grades by International Office Geosciences
Thesis Abroad

- Permission to do thesis abroad
- Have a supervisor at Geosciences
- Find a partner that allows you to do thesis
- Have a supervisor at partner university/organization
- Only awarded and graded by Geosciences
Internship Abroad

• Self service
• Start with supervisor -> International contacts
  Permission of study advisor or master coordinator
• For credits or not
• No deadline, but register in Osiris approx. 6 weeks before departure
• In Europe – Erasmus Grant
• Outside - https://www.wilweg.nl/
Help!!!!

For problems related to your study plan: Student Advisors

For problems related to your applications or documents: International Officer GEO International Office UU

For questions about your Erasmus Grant: erasmus@qdesk.uu.nl
Help - Student advisors

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- 12.30 till 14.30 hours

International Office is closed on **Wednesdays**

Appointment: [international.geo@uu.nl](mailto:international.geo@uu.nl)
International Office UU

Sahra Farah
Ingrid Dijkstra
Clim Gorissen
Nyncke Kramer
Marleen van der Ven
Good luck!!!
Experiences

- Marieke van Zijl (Hafencity, Germany)
- David Riedinger (University of Leicester, UK)
- Wesley de Nooijer (Southampton, UK)
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2 questions:
1. How can we make you more aware of the learning outcomes of international mobility?
2. How can we make employers better understand learning outcomes?

Reflection is key to learning

Reflection by the exchange students?
Students available for questions

- Hannah Jewell, University of Manchester
- Alexander Kopka, University of Hannover
- Odalys Donis Munoz, University of California, Irvine
- César Roncero Serrano, Complutense University in Madrid