



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

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

destination city & country	Graz, Austria
name university abroad	Karl-Franzens Universität Graz
start date	17 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	01 / 02 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	I had to choose Graz as a last-minute pick in the list of leftover places as my initial pick of the University I wanted to go to changed it's requirements of studies last minuten which meant I could not meet their standards anymore. It was quite a hassle to find another option so quickly, but the international office were very responsive
counselling & support at Utrecht University	After the initial email telling me I could not go to my first-choice university and having to resort to choose a university with last-minute places, the international office was very responsive and very clear which steps I had to undertake and what I had to do to make my application finalized. So, while initially I was quite upset by the way the application was going, their responsiveness made up for it
academic preparation	I did not take any specific courses or diplomas to go abroad. I just had a semester of free time.
language preparation	Most of the courses were in German, but I could not understand German that well so I resorted to only choosing English-taught courses of which there were quite a few
finances	An Erasmus Grant was provided to me as well as the Dutch-state monthly loan and some of my personal savings.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	I took 23 ECTS, which was very doable. However, choosing the courses was quite difficult, as their course catalogue is extremely unclear in the beginning. There is a link to all the English-taught courses, but at the time of filling out your initial Learning Agreement, this is not updated yet. However, I would not worry too much as when the process is going everything will be clearer. I registered definitely for all my courses while I was already



in Graz and they give you a whole little seminar about the course catalogue, it is just a bit confusing in the beginning.
academic quality of education activities
The courses I took were of quite low quality. Discussions and seminars themselves were not that engaging, and they did not really teach me anything really new. It was still interesting, but it is definitely not as challenging as the courses at UU.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
I did not really seek any counselling or support, but my professors were usually responsive whenever I send them an email. The international office and academic advisors however were extremely poor in replying to emails. Some emails I sent they have never even responded too, so beware when you need them for signatures or anything and you really have to stop by instead of only emailing them.
transfer of credits
Still to be done

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
I had a small welcome week, which was only education-related. There was no welcome non-study related activities organised by the university, which was really a shame. A lot of people who were there earlier and took the German intensive course before studies started had made friends already, but if you just go to the welcome week to make friends it is quite difficult as it is only for like 2 hours a day for 3 days and you only sit in a lecture hall. You really have to go out of your way to meet people. Also the ESN network is horrible in Graz, they have very little activities during the first few days and the activities they do present you have to wait in line for for 30 minutes.
accommodation
Most friends I made I met in my residence. I was housed at Zinzendorfsgasse by the OeAD which was a beautiful residence extremely well-located (5 minute walk from KFU). Amazing people live in each of the residences and I really recommend choosing OeAD as most international students are housed there and making contact is really easy.
leisure & culture
Graz has a lively culture. The Christmas markets in december are really wonderful so that's really to be recommended! Other, a lot of clubs and bars can be found in the university district as well as nice restaurants. That is really the place to be
suggestions/tips
Clubs: Kottulinsky, Revolution, Three Monkeys, Kultus. Bar: Dizzy's, Posaune, Propellor.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes. Graz is a relatively small city, but you have everything near. You can reach everything on foot in 15 minutes and it is a beautiful city to walk around in. It takes some time to get used to, as does every city but it is really nice. Just do not go for the quality of courses as that left some to be desired. If you choose a nice accomodation, you will make friends in no time which you will see every day. The city has a very nice atmosphere and especially during Christmas its beautiful. The big park is very nice to relax during nice sunny days.



do you have any additional advice or comments?

Just put yourself out there and enjoy! You have to show the first initiative in meeting people or undertaking activities, but you will see that everybody is eager to do go out there as well, so really do not be shy.



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faculty/college	Social Sciences
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Culturele Antropologie en Ontwikkelingssociologie

destination city & country	Graz, Austria
name university abroad	Karl-Franzens Universität
start date	01 / 02 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
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PREPARATION	
change application process	I took quite a while for the university in Graz to send a mail with the confirmation that I was nominated and telling me what to do next to make sure my application to the university there would be completed. I did, however, still have enough time to make sure everything would be arranged on time, I just feel like they could have sent me an email way sooner.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	I think the counselling and support that I got from Utrecht University was really nice. For example, when I applied for the Erasmus fund, the university in Graz did not respond in time for me to arrange everything in time. But as I could show to Utrecht University that I had done everything I could to maybe still get it fixed in time, they still granted me the grant.
academic preparation	At the university in Graz I followed courses that did not really fit within my bachelor programme in Utrecht, however almost all of them were introductory courses, so I did not really need any academic preparation.
language preparation	My courses were English and the Erasmus test showed my English level was already on C2, so I did not prepare anything to upgrade my English. The university of Graz does offer an Intensive German course in the beginning of the semester which I really recommend to take it, since it really updates your German (or teaches you the basics if you don't know any German).
finances	To prepare myself for financing my stay abroad, I worked a lot of the year before the exchange to save a lot of money for all the trips I was going to do. Austria is not necessarily much more expensive than the Netherlands, as an international student it is just easier to spend a lot of money. So if you're planning on doing some trips during your stay, make sure you saved up some money.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	The university of Graz offers very little course in English, but enough to get the amount of credits you need. The general level and intensity of the courses is a little lower than what I am used to in Utrecht. In my opinion,



the organization of the courses in Graz was very poor with a lot of changes in organizational matters in the middle of the semester and classes getting cancelled last minute for which things had to be made up later on.
academic quality of education activities
As a student in Utrecht, the courses in Graz were fairly easy to complete, which resulted in me having enough time to properly explore Austria and its surrounding countries. Sometimes, because of the academic level I got a little bored and thus lost my motivation to make the most out of the courses and I think that is a shame. So if you're looking for some academic challenges, I would not recommend going to Graz. If you're looking for a semester full of opportunities to explore the region, than I would recommend.
unselling & support at receiving university abroad
Very poor. As I mentioned before, it takes really long for the university of Graz to respond to emails, even if you have a deadline to meet. In the beginning, when I had not arrived in Graz yet, they would answer (after some time) to my emails, however, after arriving in Graz counsellors never responded to emails anymore and would only help if I came to see them at their (very limited) office hours.
transfer of credits
I don't know yet as I did not get all my grades back.

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	During the first week the university of Graz organized a very functional orientation programme in which we were told what to organize in our first weeks in Graz and how to register to courses. Unfortunately, the orientation programme did not include any fun activities to meet new people and explore the city, which I had hoped for. Also, the welcome reception with the mayor did not happen until May, which was the for last month of our stay in Graz.
accommodation	The university of Graz offers no support in finding an accommodation, except for offering a list of dormitories that you can apply to. Graz has a lot of dormitories which are all okay in their own way. I would recommend getting a room through either OeAD or Home4students. I ended up living in a dormitory at the Moserhofgasse through OeAD which I paid 405 euros per month for. It was a dormitory that was a little further away from the city than others. I would recommend applying for the dormitory at Zinzendorfasse.
leisure & culture	As Graz is a student city there are plenty of activities to join as a student. For example, if you want to do sports, the university has a variety of sports programmes (from paragliding to work out courses to yoga) which you can apply for in the beginning of the semester that are really cheap and happen once a week. I ended doing two but you can join as many as you want as you pay per course. Austrian culture is a little more conservative than the Dutch one, resulting in shops being closed on Sundays and holidays and having to pay with cash at a lot of places. I think in general, Austrian people are very friendly and would definitely help you if you need it.
suggestions/tips	I would highly recommend attending the intensive german course that takes place in the beginning of the semester. It does not only upgrade your German knowledge in a very fast pace, it also makes it really easy to meet new friends as it takes place before the orientation week. I think that I got to know most of my close friends in Graz because of the German course.

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



I would recommend going to Graz as the city really made me feel like home. However, if it fits in your field of studies, I would recommend going to the technical university (TU Graz) as everything is way more organized at this university, Also, if you're looking for a destination in Austria, I really think Graz might be the best destination, but you should also have a look at Vienna and Salzburg.

you have any additional advice or comments?

You should go on an Erasmus, in the end it doesn't really matter where you're going as it is going to be a great experience anyway, even if it sometimes seems impossible to arrange everything. I am writing this report while I am backpacking through the Balkans together with some friends that I met during my Erasmus, and I think that says a lot about why you should go abroad and just experience it all.



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PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application process was fine, it wasn't very difficult and everyone responded very quickly, if you did have questions.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The counselling from Utrecht was very good: we had meetings about the exchange and every time we had a question, we could e-mail about it and we would get a reaction very soon. There's a lot you need to think about, so it's good that you get a lot of help.

academic preparation

I didn't do any special academic preparations before going to Graz. I was planning on taking courses that would fit in my Bachelor perfectly, so I wouldn't need any more knowledge than I already had from studying in Utrecht.

language preparation

I had a lot of courses in German in Utrecht already, but because I was afraid my German level wasn't high enough to be able to keep up with the Austrian academic German, I took a language course at Treffpunkt Sprachen before the semester actually started. It was a lot of fun and I met great people there. Because I was in



the higher level of the German course we didn't really learn new words or learn how to read newspapers and the like, but we got taught a lot about the Austrian culture and that really helped me with my time in Graz (I learned for example how you drink Sturm).

finances

I knew Graz and my time there was going to be expensive, but it was slightly worse than I had thought. I wanted to do a lot of things and that was quite expensive. I took a job in the Netherlands that I could do from home, so I had some money, plus the Erasmusgrant helped a lot.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Finding courses was the hardest. There wasn't a real overview of all the courses I could take, so I just had to work my way through everything that sounded remotely interesting. I think there was an overview for the courses taught in English, but since I wanted to study German Literature that didn't help me anything. A real overview we got in the introduction week, but by that time, we needed to have chosen several courses already. I studied German Literature and liked it, but some courses were a lot different in real life than they sounded on the website.

academic quality of education activities

I think that the academic quality of the courses in Graz is lower than in Utrecht. A lot of courses were mainly about stuffing information in your head and not really about being able to use the information. In several courses I was with Austrian students who had never written a paper before and there was a lot of help from the teachers. One of the lecturers gave us a summary of everything he had said during his lectures every week, which was immediately everything he would ask on the test.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

There was a lot of help from the KFU, if there was something we needed to do or to fill out a form or something like that, the international office would always remind us and tell us where to go. In the beginning there were a few introduction days, where they explained everything and told us who to mail if we needed something.

transfer of credits

I don't have my credits yet, because I still have to get several notes for my exams.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome programme was very good. Of course, when you get in Graz you don't really know where to go yet and where all the university buildings are, but they sent us maps and instructions to be able to get where you needed to be. I had also signed up for the buddy programme, so on my first day in Graz I was shown around the city and I learned a lot about Graz, that was very helpful! During the welcome days they showed us around campus, told us how to enlist for courses, where to have food and told us everything about ESN (the Erasmus Student Network), who arrange great trips and evenings!

accommodation

I lived in the dorm at the Neutorgasse and I got that dorm by registering very early via home4students.at. I got a single room in a big dorm, where I shared the bathroom and toilet with one girl and the kitchen with 16 others (the kitchen was very big).

leisure & culture



There is a lot to do in Graz: they have lots of musea, a house of literature, events close to the river, events on the so-called Schlossberg, numerous musical performances throughout the city when the weather is still good, a beautiful castle close to the city and so on. I always had the feeling that where-ever you go, something is always happening, there's always some event taking place. And the best of all is of course the Christmas market, which lasts about 4 weeks and offers everything you could possibly want. I loved it.

suggestions/tips

Make some friends and experience this beautiful city together. Go to Schloss Eggenberg, see Graz from the top of the Schlossberg, go into the beautiful nature surrounding Graz and just enjoy being in a city that has so much to offer.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Definitely, it was the time of my life, for several reasons that had to do with the city and the university. The city is very compact, everything is always within reach, so you're never really far from anything. I had a bike and Graz is a very bike-friendly city (compared to other Austrian city's), which made everything easily reachable. By public transport it's easy too, I've been told.

I thought the university was good too, even though the level wasn't always as it is in the Netherlands. The people are friendly, the university is very old, which was cool too and the courses were interesting. The student life is great and the Erasmus community is pretty small, so you'll feel at home pretty fast. ESN in Graz also organises awesome trips, so you'll see a lot of the beautiful country that is Austria. I would 100% recommend this city and university.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

As said, Graz is a pretty 'small' city, even though it is the second largest one in Austria, it feels like a big village, where you know everyone and always know where you are. It made me feel right at home , I hope for future Erasmus students it will too!



UU Report form ~ Erasmus 2010-2011

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> master <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> other
name degree programme	Language- and Culture Studies
destination city & country	Graz, Austria
name host institution and/or company/organization	Karl-Franzens University
purpose Erasmus grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> study/courses <input type="checkbox"/> work placement
departure date (dd/mm/yyyy)	01 / 02 / 2011
return date (dd/mm/yyyy)	02 / 07 / 2011

preparation
exchange/placement application process
My application process started one whole year before I left to Graz. I submitted my application in Februar the year before and so, after I was accepted, I had a long time to prepare myself. It was a lot of paperwork and I had to call the International Office several times for clarifications, but in the end, the University provided clear information on how to apply.
counselling/support at home university
The University supported my exchange fully, since there were no problems with my application. However, the International Office was not always very easily accessible. Sometimes no one answered the phone or my emails and I had to call or send an email again. But, after trying a few times, the right person could always help me out.
academic preparation
I have not done any extra academic preparation for my study abroad. Since I am in my fourth year of Bachelor-studies, I figured that the level of courses in Graz would not be too hard for me.
language preparation
Before my actual study in Graz started, I attended a 'German intensive Course' of three weeks at 'Treffpunkt Sprachen', which helped me to prepare for my courses in German. By speaking German all day with my new friends from this course, my German skills developed quickly.
finances
I saved some money for my time abroad which helped me in Graz to do a lot of extra stuff, for example making trips in Austria and Central Europe. Furthermore, I received (the first part of) an Erasmus grant, a travel allowance and a small loan of DUO/IB-groep. My parents provided me with some financial support as well.
study/placement abroad period
study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)
Besides studying History, I focused in my study programme on improving my German language skills. After the



<p>German Intensive Course, I attended the following classes: Deutsch Oberstufe, (level C1); American History; War and Gender; Global History. Furthermore, I attended in a 'tandemprogramme' which means that you meet someone who can help you improve his/her native language (German) and you can help him or her improve your native language (Dutch). My study programme existed out of nine contact hours. The rest of the time I had to study myself. Two of the courses were lectures and the other two were practicals. Three courses were ended with an exam (oral, written or both) and one course (Global History) ended with a presentation and discussion participation.</p>
<p>academic quality of education/placement activities</p>
<p>I have the idea that the quality of courses at the Karl-Franzens University is very variable, but the history department is unfortunately bad arranged and many courses have a poor academic quality. Furthermore, I have to say that my German course (C1 Oberstufe) was not as good as I expected. The course programme was chaotic and the teacher never corrected the homework. One other course (a masters' course) was mostly bad because of the teacher, but the content of the course was also not clear. The other two courses were better, but I think the level of the content was that of a first year bachelor course. For me, the fact that the courses were given in an other language, didn't upgrade the level. In general, I think that the courses with a high level of practical instructions are the best academic courses, but in conclusion, I would not recommend studying History at the Karl-Franzens University.</p>
<p>counselling/support at host institution/organisation</p>
<p>The Karl-Franzens University prepared everything very well for the incoming students. We had several introduction days in which we got a lot of information about the University and its facilities as well as information about Graz and useful advices for a pleasant stay in the city. When I had questions about my study I could easily get in touch with the international office. The people there were really nice and helpful. In my department, it was not difficult to consult the professors and to discuss matters or problems about the study. They took into account that I was an Erasmus-student and they were willing to think with me. To be honest, one of the reasons that I wanted to go to Graz, was because of the clarity of the University and its facilities and the way they prepared my stay.</p>
<p>transfer of credits</p>
<p>I have not received all of my credits yet and therefore I don't know how many ECTS I will get. I will submit my transcript of records as soon as possible and hopefully Utrecht University can transfer my Austrian notes into Dutch notes. Until now, I just know I got six ECTS for my German Intensive Course, which was appreciated with an 'excellent'.</p>
<p>student life</p>
<p>welcome/orientation programme</p>
<p>As sad before, the university organised several introduction days. These were really good for getting to know the university. But the best way to get to know people and to feel home in Graz was the German Intensive Course. Starting almost immediately after my arrival, these classes offered a good day spending and were especially good to get to know people very fast. I really think that everything was good prepared for the incoming students, also for the ones who didn't do an intensive course, but I would recommend this course highly because it was much easier to adapt in the city.</p>
<p>accommodation</p>



I stayed in the newest dorm of the ÖAD, the Austrian Exchange Service and I am really happy I choose this dorm. Everything inside is brand new and well-equipped. There is a common room and a party room in the basement and also a big laundry room. Everyone who stays in this dorm is an Exchange student. This means that it is really easy to make new friends and there is always someone to eat, drink or chat with. A disadvantage could be that it is much more hard to meet Austrian students or people, but if this is really what you want to do, there are many other ways to meet them. A bigger disadvantage is the way the ÖAD wants to control the dorm and an example of this is the cleaning lady. This woman comes every week at a fixed day and cleans the shared facilities in the top and a bit in your room as well in order to check if you leave everything oke. If not, you will immediately hear this and in the case you broke something or didn't cleaned the pan very well (for example) you have to pay a fine for this. A cleaning lady looks really great, but you also pay a lot for this service, without the opportunity to refuse it. If I had had the choice, I would clean my own room and the shared facilities and not paying for her services. Nevertheless, I was really happy with my dorm. My room was about 11 square meters, fully furnished and also bed linen was provided. I had to share the kitchen and bathroom only with one other girl.

leisure/culture

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) organizes a lot of events, trips and party's which you can attend and that is really great. You never have to be bored and when the ESN organises nothing, there are always other Erasmus students who make plans to go somewhere or to do something. Graz is a small city but to my opinion, there is enough to do. There are museums, nice pubs and café's, a wonderful park and the surroundings are beautiful. You are really fast outside the city and in the nature where you can go hiking or cycling. Because Graz is situated in the middle of Europe, there are a lot of possibilities to see other countries and capitals and it does not necessarily cost you a lot of money. For example, I have been to Vienna, Ljubljana, Prag, Bratislava, Salzburg, Klagenfurt and Innsbruck. In the skiing saison you can go skiing one or two hours away from Graz. Gras is a lively student city (but not on Sundays and in the holidays!!) with a lot off events organized for students.

suggestions/tips

Take the chance to explore a bit of Central Europe when you are staying in Graz for a longer period. Also, because of the beautiful Austrian landscapes, it is great to go hiking or cycling in the mountains or do some other (outside) sports.

conclusions

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

I would really recommend Graz to everyone, especially when you like a small city where it is easy to find each other and where you can reach everything easily by bike. Furthermore, I think that the Karl-Franzens University is a nice univesity with a lot of different departments. However, the courses that I took (history courses) were unfortunately less interesting than I had hoped and I wouldn't recommend to study history in Graz. One last thing that I liked a lot about Graz: the Austrian students, as well as the people living in Graz are super friendly and open-minded and always willing to help you. I found the (Dutch) prejudice that Austrians are introvert or closed, not true at all!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Buy a bike at the beginning of your stay because Graz is a really bike-friendly city with few hills. You will not regret choosing Graz: with more then 500 exchange students and the real open minded and friendly inhabitants of Graz, you will have a great experience living and studying in this city.


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preparation
exchange/placement application process

The exchange/ placement application process was a lot of work. It was way more work to manage and arrange everything to sign up to study abroad. It will be a good idea to make a new good and complete check-list.

counselling/support at home university

The counselling and support at my home university was not that good. The studyadvisor was almost not available, or working at home and there for not able to help me at all times. Further things were pretty clear when it comes to papers and documents.

academic preparation

I did not had a lot of academic preparation. But its a good idea to search in the courselist before going there. Because when I came here I found out that some courses I wanted to take were given in the other semester. And its good to search extra courses and to sign up for them, because when your classes already started they can still change the times certain courses are given. And then you can have to courses at the same moment, so you wont be able to attend both of them.

language preparation

I did not took a German language course, because I already speak German. One thing you can not prepare for is the local accent. It is one of the hardest German accents there is, so that will take a while to get used to.

finances

Make sure you have a nice amount of savings. Because what I did not knew and expected is that all the Erasmus students in Graz go on a lot of extra self-organised city trips, because you are very close to a lot of European capital and or big cities. These trips are not that expensive, cos you will go by train or bus and stay in a hostel. But all together you will easily spend over 250,- each trip. Also groceries are quit expensive. At least a lot more then in the Netherlands. Going out for dinner, student dinner like pizza or schnitzel, is cheap (5,- for the food). For going out and partying you have to pay an entrance fee at the big clubs and drinks are more expensive there!!



study/placement abroad period
study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)
My study plan was not that hard, because I already had enough ects to obtain my bachelor back home. But if you need the ects you will have to consider it really good. Because the courses given at the Karl Franzens University wont give you a lot of ects (most courses will give you 4 ects). And its impossible to take 8 courses (the amount you need to get 32 ects).
academic quality of education/placement activities
Academic quality is really bad!! The most of the times I found the level of the courses comparible with high school. Some of the teachers do not take their course seriously. And teachers are not familiar with international authors and discussion-leading professors. Further the do not subscribe books and there is a lack of well known internation literature. Then your fellow students attend class late and leave before the class is over.. Also the testing is weird. Teachers do not decide in the beginning of the course how and when they will test your knowledge.
counselling/support at host institution/organisation
Really good arranged!! I got a lot of usefull information, university catalogue etc before I left for Graz. When we arrived there was a good welcome speech with more usefull information!! And to discuss our curriculum there were appointments made to meet your study advisor who will check your curriculum with you.
transfer of credits
Transfer of credits still needs to be done, because my classes did not finished yet and I do not have any grades yet. But the woman of the International Relations Office is always really strict and she will make sure our grades are send back to our home university in time.
student life
welcome/orientation programme
Welcome was good. Because I signed up for a buddy who helped me out in the first weeks. Further there were a lot of ESN (the organisation for international students in Graz) events you could attend. There was also a city-tour you could attend and through the semester there were even more trips and events to explore Graz and the Steiermark.
accommodation
I lived at ÖAD Steyrergasse. I found this dorm through the information of the host university. This dorm is really nicely located, clean, fun and perfect. It is close to the city center and not that far away from the university. I had a appartment in the dorm together with a really nice french girl. Together we had a lot of fun and it was also really nice to meet new people together!! We also made a lot of new friends in our building!!
leisure/culture
Graz is really full of culture and nature. The buildings in the city are well protected by UNESCO cos the most of them are build in the middleages. This spring Graz was also elected as UNESCO City of Design which was celebrated with a nice big free festival. There are also a lot of nice parks in Graz; the big stadpark and Schlossberg area.



suggestions/tips

Attend as much events and excursions as possible in the beginning. It is the nicest and easiest way the meet new people!!

conclusions

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

Yes and no. Graz is an awesome place to live for one semester!! You can meet a lot of nice people, experience the Austrian Culture, travel a lot and do other nice things. But if you want to learn a lot and have to earn a lot of ects you should not go there. Because the education is not as good as in the Netherlands and its impossible to obtain 30 ects in one semester.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

no