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Report 1

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Language and culture studies

destination city & country	Strasbourg, France
how did you travel to your destination?	By car
name university abroad	Université de Strasbourg
start date	20 / 08 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	17 / 01 / 2020 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	It was quite easy to apply for my erasmus in Strasbourg. After my motivation letter I got accepted immediately.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	Perfect, they help you very quickly when facing difficulties.
academic preparation	My major is French, so that way I was prepared.
language preparation	Same answer, my major is french. I also did a language cours for international students before and during my semester in Strasbourg.
finances	With the erasmus grant, I could afford more than in the Netherlands.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	Most of the courses I planned to take weren't available anymore, so I had to change them. It was not well organized at all; it took one month to finish my administrative inscription at the faculty, and to receive my french student card wich gave me acces to a lot of facilities.
academic quality of education activities	Very bad compared to the Netherlands in my opinion. There is no interaction between the students and the professors. You don't have to hand in much, only halfway and at the end of the semester. The course evaluation is based on only three notes on average.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	

They did their best to help the international students by special administrative meetings for them. But I did not really like that since they made me feel sorry to ask things about administrative issues.

transfer of credits

I haven't received my credits yet. It takes a while to do the transfer. That was made very clear during one of the first administrative meetings: the responsible person told us not to email her with the question when the results would be there...

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

At the start of the semester I followed a language course for international students which I really liked. It was a great way to meet other international students and discover the city a bit before the start of the semester. After that I attended lots of activities of the ESN (European Student Network). There I met other new international students, and some french people.

accommodation

I found a 'colocation' with other working people. The university also offers really cheap rooms, but they are very tiny. The studios they offer are okay but quite expensive. So my 'colocation' was a good in between.

leisure & culture

I joined the student choir and took salsa lessons at the university gym (suaps).

suggestions/tips

The university gym offers lots of interesting activities for free: climbing, running, sailing, dancing etc.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would recommend this university if you like france and speak french. It is a beautiful city where you can improve your language skills. However, if you don't speak french, you shouldn't attend english courses here for their educational quality...

do you have any additional advice or comments?

No