



ERASMUS+ STUDIES UU Report

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	Human Geography

destination city & country	Joensuu, Finland
name university abroad	University of Eastern Finland
start date	01 / 09 / 2016 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	17 / 12 / 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 application process wasn't that difficult. Once you know to which university you want to go it is not that hard to apply.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	I didn't feel like I got a lot of support from the university. I was confused sometimes about what form I needed for example. You just have to figure things out by yourself.
academic preparation	I didn't do any extra academic preparation since I already finished two years at the university.
language preparation	Since there are English courses to choose from I didn't do any language preparation.
finances	Life in Finland isn't cheap, but I personally didn't spend much more than I usually do.



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
Geography
academic quality of education activities
The academic quality overall was good. Some of the courses are more difficult than others. If you study at the UEF you will probably write a lot of essays and this is really good practice for your writing skills and your English.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
There is always a person to go to for questions. All the teachers are very approachable and want to help with any problems you might have.
transfer of credits
At the UEF you can earn different amounts of credits per course. You might have a 4 credit or 5 credit course for example, so you have to make sure you enroll in enough courses.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
There is an introduction week. Before you go to Finland you will get an email from your tutor (Finnish student) who is going to help you for at least the first week. You can always contact your tutor if you have questions.
accommodation
The best way to find accommodation in Joensuu is probably Joensuun Elli. They offer rooms to international students. Just be sure you send them your application on time. They have limited rooms.
leisure & culture
If you go to Joensuu you have to go to the national park called Koli. There is a lot of beautiful nature. You can also decide to do sports, go to an ice-hockey game or go to parties/clubs.
suggestions/tips
If you want to go on a night out I suggest Bepop on a Wednesday night.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would recommend a university in Finland if you are interested in the area. You will learn a lot about Russia and the Baltic States as well. It is also interesting to see how the Finnish culture is different from your own.
do you have any additional advice or comments?

Save this UU report for your own records and upload the report in your Erasmus+ file/application in Osiris within 30 days after finishing your study abroad period and in ANY case before the final deadline!

See *Erasmus+ Studies timeline and instructions* for more details. Please **upload in Word (.docx)** so we can delete your personal details between processing for grant purposes and publication on the website for future UU exchange students.