



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> @students.uu.nl
faculty/college	Geo Sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Human Geography and Planning

destination city & country	Leicester, United Kingdom
name university abroad	University of Leicester
start date	20 / 09 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	17 / 01 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	This process occurred smooth with sometimes a small problem. After I received from the University of Utrecht (UU) their approval of my study abroad programme to Leicester, I got directly in touch with the responsible person at the University of Leicester. They send my Emails in time about what I needed to do. Whenever I had a question they helped me very quick and gave me good suitable information.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	If I had any problems or questions in regard to my exchange programm, I always could send an Email to the study abroad counsel and they answered and helped me very fast most of the time. They give me good advice. However, it would be nice to speak with the same person during your process, because sometimes I received different answers on the same question. This was sometimes a little confusing. After all, I was very glad with the counselling and support offered by the UU.
academic preparation	I did not really prepare on this subject. I just expected they same education level as at the UU. Since this has not been a problem I was not really worried about this.
language preparation	



I needed to do a language assessment test offered by the EU to check my level of English (I scored C2). I was not worried about speaking English since I do it a lot. So I did not really prepare for this at all.

finances

I made a financial plan before I went to Leicester, because it is important to know how much money you need to live there. Study abroad is pretty expensive especially if you live with your parents. Since I had to pay for it all by myself. However, with the students grant and the DUO loan it was affordable.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

In the introduction week we had to check our shedules for time clashes. At first, they said I was good to go, but one day before my lectures started, I heard that I did have time clashes so I was a little stressed out. Luckily they helped me very well and everything turned out right.

academic quality of education activities

In my opinion the academic quality was very mixed. There were some teachers who were very well educated and taught with passion. However, there were some teachers who just read the text on the powerpoint slides and did not tell anything besides that. However, the education activities were diversed (tutorials, field work etc.) which was in my opinion a nice way to educate.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Whenever I had a problem I could easily go to the erasmus point and the Union. Almost every day there were people available who were eager and willing to help you. In short, this was pretty good arranged by the University of Leicester.

transfer of credits

The transfer of credits will be done by the University of Leicester which is very nice. This means I do not have to do anything about this. They send my transcript to the UU and they transfer it into ECT credits. The only thing I have to make sure is that it will happen.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome and orientation programme was a lot of fun. They planned an entire welcome week for just Erasmus students and after that week a regular orientation week. So there were enough opportunities to socialise with other students.

accommodation

The accommodation process was very nice. They guaranteed a room for everyone if you proposed in time. They was a broad offer of different rooms for everyone.

leisure & culture

There were sufficient option for students to participate in culture and leisure activities like joining a sport society. I did not do it because I did not have the time for it, but there were more then enough options for students to do such things.

suggestions/tips

The communication concerning accommodation problems like a leaking ceiling were sometimes problematic, because sometimes it took over a week before someone came to fix it. So that is a point of improvement.



CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes, definitely because it is affordable, a lot of Erasmus students all over the world, a broad offer of different courses and of course you can improve your English very well since you are in England. I really enjoyed my stay in Leicester and the entire experience I gained overthere. In short, I would recommend to everyone Leicester to everyone who is interesting in study abroad.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Not applicable

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.