



faculty/college	Bèta Faculty
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Wiskunde

destination city & country	Leipzig, Germany
how did you travel to your destination?	Train
name university abroad	Universität Leipzig
start date	16 / 09 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	14 / 02 / 2020 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application process was quite clear. The university has sent me a lot of emails with information about the application process and there was always a person available for questions. Sometimes it took a long time to fill all the forms in, but that is just german bureaucracy.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

University Utrecht was very helpful with questions. They replied quickly to my emails and gave clear answers to my questions. It can be very relaxing to just make an appointment with the international office and ask all your questions at once.

academic preparation

In Leipzig, I did other subjects then I normally do. I took some computer sciences courses and a few language courses. All those courses were accessible without further basic knowledge, that is why I did not need any academic preparation.

language preparation

I only did German in High School (VWO), so I needed to improve my German, since a lot of courses were in German. When I had free time in the Netherlands I practiced my German a bit and I took a "Sprach und Orientierungskurs" in Leipzig. This was a language course that started already in September and took 3 weeks. I would not say that this course really improved my German a lot. However, it was a good way to already meet some other Erasmus Students. I recommend to apply as quick as possible when you receive the application e-mail for this course, since it is very beloved.

finances

I got an Erasmus Grant and also a DIA-Stipendium (Duits Instituut Amsterdam). You can apply for the last grant if you are going to Germany, but it does not necessarily mean, that you will get the grant. Since I got two grants and had some saving, it was not a problem at all to finance my semester abroad. Leipzig is furthermore very cheap (compared to the Netherlands), so it was not an expensive half year abroad.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I did four computer science courses, one special Erasmus economics course and two German courses. Those courses were all offered by Universität Leipzig. In the beginning it was hard to chose courses, since it was not clear at all which courses I could take and if it was possible with my schedule. Luckily, it is still possible to change your courses at the end of October, so do not worry about it too much.



academic quality of education activities
The academic quality was very good. I would say that it is the same quality as in Utrecht. I do not know what the academic quality at other faculties is, but I think it would be good as well. The only thing I had to get used to, were the lectures that took 90 min without a break.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
At my faculty, there was an Erasmus coordinator. I could ask him all my questions and he could also take care of some of my (Erasmus) issues. Since I was the only incoming Erasmus student at this faculty, he had all the time for me.
transfer of credits
In Leipzig, they have the same ECTS system as in Utrecht. My credits have not been transferred yet, but I assume that the ECTS gets one to one transferred. Only the grading system in Germany is a bit different. It is on a scale from 1 to 5. A 1 is the best grade (the Dutch 10) and you succeeded your courses with a 4 (the Dutch 5,5).
STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The first three weeks in Leipzig, I had a language and orientation course offered by the University. After that there were still a lot of activities for International students. There I met a lot of my friends. There were also some practical activities, for example, explaining how the library works.
accommodation
For accommodation, there are two options. The first option it to find a WG. This is the hard option, since it might be difficult to find one for only one semester. That is why I eventually took the second option. The University offers rooms for (international) students. You can apply online for some buildings (dorms) you prefer, and then they will find a room for you. It is also very cheap. My room was 21 square meters and I only paid €210.
leisure & culture
There is really a lot to do in Leipzig. In the south there are some beautiful lakes you can swim (in summer). There are also some museums (I liked 'Zeitgeschichtliche Forum' the most.). Furthermore, is there also a lot to see in the neighborhood of Leipzig (Berlin, Dresden ,Sächsische Schweiz).
suggestions/tips
The thing what I liked the most about were the clubs. The clubs are hundert times better than in Utrecht. For the people that wants to go to 'normal' pop music I can advise Moritzbastei or Elsterartig. For the Techno Fans (like me) I can advice Elipamanoke, Institut für Zukunft (the Berghain look a like of Leipzig, but then less extreem) and Distillery. Personally I liked Distillery the most, but you can decide by yourself which one the best one is.
CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I can recommend Leipzig without a doubt. There is a lot to do and it is really a living and beautiful city. The infrastructure for bicycles is also very good and you can even rent a swap fiets .If you are really a Techno lover, then you really have to go here, because the Techno clubs were really really great.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
My advice is: just go for it and don't worry too much. In the beginning everything might be a bit vague and a bit stressful, but everything will be fine if you arrive. All your courses will probably change when you arrive in Leipzig, so please do not worry too much about which courses you want to take (like me).



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first name	xxx
student number	xxx
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faculty/college	Universiteit voor Humanistiek
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Humanistiek

destination city & country	Leipzig, Germany
name university abroad	Universität Leipzig
start date	04 / 04 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	05 / 08 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	As I am actually a student of the University for Humanistic Studies, the application process was quite long and complicated. It wasn't always clear to me who was responsible for the different forms or signatures and dealing with three institutions at a time is just more complicated than dealing with two.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	Counselling and support at Utrecht University was good and helpful. Even though I had a lot of questions, university staff was very patient and tried to help as much as they could
academic preparation	
	I had done all the courses at my home university by the time I went on the exchange, so I didn't feel the need to spend extra time on academic preparations
language preparation	
	I was raised bilingual, so also didn't feel the need to improve my German before leaving. Almost all of the courses are in German though, with only a few exceptions when the teachers are non-native, so a high level of language proficiency is a must.



finances

I applied for an Erasmusgrant and received maximal STUFI, and in addition to that saved money to spend during my time abroad, so I expected to have a decent budget. Leipzig is relatively cheap, compared to Utrecht, but still I spent more money than expected. This was mainly caused by all the activities and trips I did and were therefore completely voluntarily.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

There aren't that many fields of study at Leipzig University, so the choice is rather limited. I wanted to do three ethics courses, and there were exactly three courses available in Bachelor and Master combined. Within the courses there is a lot of freedom to explore your own interests thought, and you can visit all other courses, even if you are not enlisted.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality is very high, student are expected to be well prepared and to engage critically in the seminars. The amount of preparations before educational activities depends on the kind of activity and the teacher, but is usually quite a lot. Most student of the philosophy faculty don't visit all seminars, because it would take too much time to prepare, but this is known and accepted by the faculty's staff.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Counseling and support was very helpful at Leipzig University, they were very willing to make changes in administrative works when needed, so that the transfer to my home university would be as smooth as possible.

transfer of credits

I am currently in the process of transfer of credits

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There is a club for all the erasmus students, which organises a lot of activities, meetings and trips, so it is very easy to meet peers in Leipzig. There is also a buddy programme, that connects erasmus students to local students, so that the locals can help you with getting started in Leipzig, but also show you around.

accommodation

There are two possibilities for housing; finding a Wohngemeinschaft, which means you get to live with other people, but they have to select you as their flatmate, or live in a Studentenwohnheim, which could be by your self or with others, but either way is organised by a studentorganisation who selects a room for you. I went for the second option, because I thought that would be less work to organise. My room in the Studentenwohnheim was very simple, not very homey, but very cheap and overall quite okay.

leisure & culture

Leipzig has many, many places to see. There are a lot of lakes and parks in and around the city, a lot of nice bars and pubs and overall a lot of cultural things to see. The city centre isn't that different from other city centres, but all the neighbourhoods around it are definitely worth exploring. Nightlife is very active and versatile, so there is something for everyone

suggestions/tips

At the moment the areas Connewitz and Plagwitz are culturally booming, so there is plenty to see there



CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend this university and destination. Academically I felt like the university was very challenging in a good way, and organisational very flexible. The city itself is great, one of the nicest cities of Germany at the moment. Even though it was a lot of work to organise the exchange, I am very glad I did it, and I wish I wouldn't have to leave

do you have any additional advice or comments?

The semester in Germany starts and ends a lot later than in the Netherlands, which has been very frustrating when it comes to paperwork, because the two institutions have very different deadlines for all the forms. Things that had to be handed in in the Netherlands weren't yet available in Germany and the like.



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

destination city & country	Leipzig, Germany
name university abroad	University of Leipzig
start date	01 / 04 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 08 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

It is not that complicated, as long as you just know the deadlines and fill in all the right forms. I also only took courses by one institute of the university, which makes it easier. So it was very clear what we had to do.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The International Office is very helpful. Only in the summer holidays they didn't respond very quickly, but normally there weren't any problems.

academic preparation

I didn't do anything special, because the level of both universities is equal.

language preparation

I didn't do any language preparation, because the classes were all in German. In the Netherlands I normally study German language and culture, so it was not necessary to take any classes.

finances

I did make a plan for my finances. After I found an apartment it turned out that I could pay it with my erasmus grant.



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
The system by the institute was a bit confusing at first, but after we had a presentation about it, it became easier. The first week we could follow some courses and then we could decide which course we would like to follow. This results in the fact that you probably have to change some of the courses you initially picked for you learning agreement, because you don't like some. I think this is a very good system.
academic quality of education activities
The quality of the courses was comparable with the quality in Utrecht.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The coordinator was very friendly. She also helped me a lot and answered mails quickly.
transfer of credits
The transfer of credits went quite quickly, because we (the coordinator of the University of Leipzig and I) stayed in contact with eachother.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The welcome programme was very usefull.
accommodation
The university provides accomodation for students if you want. This can I totally recommend, because it is cheap and there are many Erasmus students. There are also many places in those accomodations where you can talk which each other etc.
leisure & culture
In Leipzig there are many parks, lakes, churches and art gallerys. There is an academic culture, but there are also places where there is an alternative atmosphere. The people are very kind and helpful. From the city there are a lot of cheap bus companies that have busses to all the big cities around like Dresden and Berlin. I also can recommend to visit Saxon Schwitzerland.
suggestions/tips
Try to travel around

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes, because Leipzig is a real student city. You also can visit many art gallerys and it is a perfect place to travel around.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
No, but I can recommand everyone to do an erasmus semester.



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

destination city & country	Leipzig, Germany
name university abroad	Universität Leipzig
start date	01 / 10 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 03 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

This was very straightforward. I filled in the online application form (osiris) and Leipzig was my first choice. After the selection, Leipzig did provide me with the contact details of the coördinator of my programme. He then needed a language proficiency certificate (at least B1) and, when he had received it, signed my Learning Agreement.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I consulted some of the academic staff in Utrecht, who gave advice on the German system and which courses to pick.

academic preparation

I had to wait for the "Vorlesungsverzeichnis" (in which the courses are made public and described) to be published, this happened only at the end of August. This made it more difficult to know what I could expect.

language preparation

I took a course in Rotterdam before applying to Leipzig: they needed a certificate that you at least had a B1 level proficiency in German. Then, in Leipzig, I followed the preparatory language course (Spachintensivkurs), which improved it further. This is also a nice way to get to know some people.



finances

You have to pay an amount to the Universität, which mainly covers public transport and registration. This came down to 207 euro. Rooms are not that difficult to find and OK priced (I recommend searching on www.wg-gesucht.de).

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

They offer interesting and in-depth courses on philosophical issues, although you have to be interested in Kant, Hegel and Marx :-)

academic quality of education activities

Academic quality was good to very good.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

There was not much help at this front, but you can go to the coördinator. Yet, for one course I had to find a supervisor to grade the paper myself.

transfer of credits

At this point, I do not know yet how this will turn out.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

If you follow the Sprachintensivkurs, you will be welcomed and guided into the university life. I heard from students who did not follow this course that it is a bit more difficult to get to know the university and other students, when you do not follow it.

accommodation

Again, this is not very hard. I recommend searching on www.wg-gesucht.de, then you can live with German students in a Wohngemeinschaft.

leisure & culture

There is much to do in Leipzig. Via the university, you can register for sports (there is a deadline in September!) and there are many concerts (especially classical music: the Sunday concerts are for instance very cheap for students if you go last minute). Moreover, there are a lot of technoclubs and other kinds of clubs.

suggestions/tips

Get to know some artists at the Baumwollspinnerei! There is a really good atmosphere at this place.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes very much. The section above says it all: high academic, social and cultural 'level'.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

For women (and men), I advice buying Pepperspray in te DM (German drugstore). It is not really dangerous if you are in the centre or for example the Südvorstadt, but (as a precaution) it is better to be protected in some of the neighborhoods and for instance around the station in the evening or at night.