



UU Study Abroad Report Form

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| faculty/college | Utrecht University |
| level | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's |
| name study programme | Global Sustainability Science |

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| destination city & country | Perth, Australia |
| name university abroad | Edith Cowan University (AEN) |
| start date | 3 / 8 / 2019 |
| end date | 27 / 11 / 2019 |

PREPARATION

exchange application process

Make sure you do everything in time! The preparation was very chaotic in my opinion. My letter of admission came pretty late. Therefore I had to apply for my visa one week prior to my flight. It is a lot of work, but take the time to do it and read carefully the terms of admission. If something is unclear, do not hesitate to ask the international office.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

She was a bit too relaxed in my opinion. If I haven't gone so many times to the office, I would have had my visa to late for my flight. The international office is pretty late at replying and on scheduled speaking hours the person that could help me was not always there. Therefore make sure there is no time stress because that would prevent a lot.

academic preparation

Easy. You can ask your student attendant for help.

language preparation

My major is in English, so I did not have to do any test or something.

finances

Australia is expensive, especially accommodation. Make sure you saved enough money.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

In the first week, you can go to the student hub and choose all of your courses. It is pretty busy so be there in time. Make sure you already have an idea yourself of what kinds of units you would like to follow.

academic quality of education activities

Not too difficult, but depends on what you choose.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Not very good.

transfer of credits

Easy, they arranged everything.



STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Only a few workshops on how student life works. Nothing really orientated on exchange students. Therefore it is difficult to make friends as an exchange student. I joined a volleyball group, which were the only friends I had at the university. To be honest, UWA had much more to do for exchange students, so I would go there if you would like to join a lot of activities.

accommodation

I stayed at the boulevard, which is a student accommodation in the city centre. There, I made a lot of friends (most of them went to UWA). It is a bit pricey, but I would say definitely worth it. It is very luxurious and with a discount or free upgrade definitely worth your money. Very easy to make instant friends here.

leisure & culture

Very colourful city. There is not much of a cultural shock when you arrive. The only disadvantage are the aboriginals, who can be a bit scary. Just make sure to walk by and don't stop. Also, read a little bit what happened to the aboriginals in Australia. This makes you understand the situation a bit better.

suggestions/tips

Go to the clubs in Northbridge, this is the place to be in the night time.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Not really. I would go to UWA. However, with my accommodation it was easy enough to make friends. In the beginning, I also stayed in a long term hostel, where I had some friends as well. Therefore, there are more ways to have a social life.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

No.