



UU Study Abroad Report Form

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

destination city & country	Hull, United Kingdom
how did you travel to your destination?	ferry, plane, public transport
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	17 / 9 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	21 / 1 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The application process went quite smoothly for me. Since I wanted to go to an English speaking country I didn't have that many options, so Hull was a relatively easy pick for me. For the application you did already have to know which courses you are going to follow, so it is good to start early.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

While applying, the international support offices of Utrecht and Hull both replied pretty fast to my emails with questions. To get all the documents signed just before I left took a bit longer, but that was probably because I had to do that during the summer holiday.

academic preparation

The courses I took did not have to count to my program in Utrecht, so I did not have to prepare a lot for my courses. I did have to make sure that the courses I ended up following in Hull did not have to much overlap with the courses I already followed.

language preparation

Since I went to England, they speak English and the courses are in English. So I didn't have to do a lot of language preparation, especially since a lot of the courses in Utrecht are also in English.

finances

The accomodation from the university I got, was pretty expensive, so that was what I spent most on. I also travelled a lot, so I also spend quite some on train tickets. From my experience, groceries and going out were pretty similarly priced to the Netherlands.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Before we arrived we got a Box file with information about the courses we were allowed to follow. It was nice to get the information, but the information was often wrong. A lot of the courses in the Box file didn't exist anymore, so when I got there, I had to change a lot. The science and engineering department hub did try to help, but they didn't know that much, so you had to ask all the individual teachers if it was okay to follow their course and the go back to the hub so they could actually enroll you. Other departments had the course fairs better organised.



academic quality of education activities
I did some third year chemistry courses, and they were on similar level to Utrecht. You do only have to get 40% to pass the courses.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
In Hull they offer a lot of support. There are multiple offices that can help you and you also get a personal supervisor. They also offer language courses. Overall they have a lot people that can help you if you have any questions or problems.
transfer of credits
The grades you get are in percentages, but they don't transfer your actual grades, so you just get the credits if you pass the course, but no grade.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
They organise a welcome week, a week before the semester starts. There they have fairs for the different societies, they organise some parties and you can do different activities. The welcome week was not specifically for international students, but for everyone, but it was still nice to attend.
accommodation
I stayed in one of the university accomodations. The room had its own bathroom and I shared a kitchen and living room with 7 other international students. The building also had a reception that's open 24/7. The rent was quite expensive, but the room was really nice.
leisure & culture
The students union organises a lot of activities. Every Wednesday there is a party in asylum, the night club on campus, they have a weekly pub quiz and karaoke and the organise a lot of other activities. There are also a lot of societies you can join. Especially the sport societies are really active, beside the trainings they have socials every Wednesday.
suggestions/tips
I would recommend joining one or more societies and to travel around in the UK, since there are a lot of nice cities you can visit by train or bus from Hull.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes, the university and campus are really nice and you can see a lot of the UK form Hull.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Enjoy! And make sure you start early enough with all the preparation.



UU Study Abroad Report Form

	Contact info at the IO.
faculty/college	Social sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Psychology

destination city & country	Hull , United Kingdom
how did you travel to your destination?	By train
name university abroad	Hull University
start date	17 / 09 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	29 / 01 / 2023 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

I had decided early on to go to university of hull, so I did not have a long process in trying to choose that. And although the application process can be quite long, there are also long pauses in between where the universities are doing things you don't. So it's not hard and you won't spend a lot of time on it, but it is a long process.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I had a few problems with my application, but the international office responds quickly and you can also see them in person and via teams.

academic preparation

I did not do any extra academic preparation.

language preparation

Since the main language is english, and I was already close to fluent in that, I also did not do any language preparation

Finances

I applied for the erasmus+ grant and for the travel green grant. I also applied to get a little money per month from DUO because I wasn't using my student OV card. The rest of the finances came from my savings and a bit from my parents. Because you don't need a visa in the UK to study for half a year, you also can't work there, so I was not allowed to find a job.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I took two film courses and an english literature course. These were all fairly easy, as I hadn't studied those subjects before and thus took 2 first year and 1 second year class. The organisation was quite good, all the information was spread well and in time and I felt like there was little to no chaos surrounding this.

academic quality of education activities



I felt like the bar was less high than in the UU, I did have to keep up with the course, but if I did that I found it quite easy to follow. Though maybe that was because of the entirely different subject that I was taking in comparison to psychology at home.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
They were very nice, we had a meeting with all the exchange students that were in my faculty. They explained how things worked and were very kind and patient when we had to choose our modules. I also had a personal supervisor (who was also one of my teachers), where I could go to with any questions.
transfer of credits
My essays are currently still being graded, when that is done they will be transferred to Osiris (i think)

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
I went in the first semester, so I arrived at the same time as all the first years. This meant that there were a lot of things to do and a lot of information about societies and academic things. This was very nice, as it led me to be a part of the volleyball society.
accommodation
I stayed at The Courtyard on campus. This was an ensuite room, quite small but with a big kitchen. I had 7 flatmates, who were all exchange students as well and the accommodation has a leisure room with a pool and tennis table, and a 24 hour reception. It is quite expensive (around 800 euros per month) and you could get something for cheaper around the campus, but I found that most of my friends were from my house or from the isle beneath us (who were also exchange students). Thus, although it might be expensive, it is worth it when you find a little community there.
leisure & culture
As I mentioned before, I joined the volleyball society, who were all very lovely. Outside of this I mainly hung out with friends at our apartments. There is not much to do in Hull. The centre is quite alright, but not very big and there aren't many things happening. It's also a 20 minute bus ride from the campus, so not very accessible. I got a railcard early on to go to nearby cities, and we explored among other places, London and a tour across Scotland. It was a very good decision to get the railcard, as it's not expensive and you get quite a high discount on your tickets.
suggestions/tips
Try to get a creditcard before you leave. If you want to buy anything online you need a creditcard to do so. I did not have one and it was a hassle every time I had to make a reservation or order something.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would recommend it if you are looking for kind people and want to travel quite a bit. Hull itself is not great (it's not very bad either! But it's not a picture perfect city), but some of the kindest people I've ever met were here and it was worth it exploring the UK a bit. The campus is also very good, the library is quite new and a good place to study in and the sportshall is also on the campus, with loads of sports to choose from.
do you have any additional advice or comments?



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

faculty/college	Recht, Economie en Bestuur (REBO)
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Utrecht Law College

destination city & country	Hull, United Kingdom
how did you travel to your destination?	Boat, Train, Car
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	31 / 01 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	10 / 06 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	The application process for the University of Hull was very simple. The e-mails were clear on what was required. Any issues took a long time to resolve however, since it was difficult to reach the international office in Hull. Some delays in communication are to be expected.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	Utrecht University was clear in the answers to questions, and their assistance was very personal.
academic preparation	Since the exchange to the University of Hull is university-wide, the required academic preparation depends on the subjects you intend to study. Modules are offered on the level of first, second or third year students. Since I decided to follow modules outside of my own field of law, little academic preparation was required
language preparation	Language preparation for an exchange to an English speaking country is highly personal, I think. I did not prepare at all.
finances	Rent prices for student accommodation are relatively steep. I ended up paying about 720 EUR per month, divided over two installments. The amount depends on the type of accommodation, but any on campus accommodation will be around this price. I would advice saving up at least a bit of money to pay for your accommodation. Additionally, the train prices are more expensive than in the Netherlands. It is possible to buy a Railcard, which saves you some money, but ultimately it will be quite expensive if you choose to travel.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	The choice of modules offered by the university is extremely broad. I would definitely recommend stepping outside of your comfort zone with the modules, since this is a great opportunity for expanding your knowledge.



Issues with modules at the beginning of the semester is very common. There is a plethora of helpdesks with people who resolve the issues quite easily.

academic quality of education activities

I have found that the academic quality is overall good, but very dependent on the field of study and your professor. The material is not considerably harder than in Utrecht, making it doable to follow subjects in higher levels.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

There are many options for counselling and support. There is a general student helpdesk that can help you with anything, from issues with modules and credits to finding a doctor when necessary. Every faculty also has its own helpdesk for specific issues with modules or professors.

transfer of credits

The credits are very easily transferred to the Dutch system. A module usually gives you 20 credits, which translates to 10 ECTS.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There are some welcome activities at the University in both semesters. Since I arrived in the second Trimester, there wasn't a big introduction week, but it was possible to enroll in some activities.

accommodation

Both The Courtyard and Westfield Court are great places to stay in Hull. Though rent is a bit steep, the accommodations are very well taken care of. Cleaners come by every week and there is a 24/7 reception for any issues that may occur. I would definitely recommend staying on campus, since you are close by everything that happens at the University.

leisure & culture

The campus itself has a pretty active student life. There is a nightclub on campus, Asylum, that is open every Wednesday. Additionally, there is a pub quiz every Tuesday night and karaoke on Thursdays. There is also a pub on campus that is always busy. People in Hull are generally pretty laid back and open. The university also has a large amount of sports societies, which is also a great way to get to know more people.

suggestions/tips

I would say that people from the UK generally take a bit of time to open up to strangers. I would suggest giving it time when trying to connect with people from your course. Other internationals are usually very open to meeting other people, so it is great to befriend them!

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend the University of Hull if you are looking to try a different subject of study or if you are looking for a laidback destination to meet new people. Hull itself isn't a very spectacular city, but the people and university are very nice.

do you have any additional advice or comments?



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

faculty/college	Geneeskunde
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Biomedische Wetenschappen

destination city & country	Hull, United Kingdom
how did you travel to your destination?	P&O Ferries from Rotterdam to Hull
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	31 / 01 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	31 / 05 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	For my application, I sended in a motviation letter to apply for courses I'd like to follow at that University. When this was approved, I requested a teams meeting with the exchange office to ask all my question and overview of the formats and documents I needed to provide. The host university contacted you through the mail when you were accepted and you had to fill in the courses you would like to do. I applied for a residence on campus. Due to COVID-19 there were a insecurities and extra measurements to be taken before you could go on exchange such as filing for request to the university to make an exception and let you follow courses in Hull even if it was a yellow coloured country. Therefore I had a lot of e-mail contact with the International Office.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	For my application to go on exchange, I contacted first the study advisor. I looked into the Universities that provided the exchange programm for Engineering. I requested a teams meeting with the exchange office for my application. This meeting was very helpful and I could get a nice overview what the requiremnets for the application were and they supported with additional formats that had to be filled in and the language test. I contacted the exchange office through mail and they responed within 10 days. Because England stepped out of the EU, the contact person changed. She provided very good support and helped at the last moment with all the changes.
academic preparation	I completed my courses before I went to Hull. I had never followed courses in Engineering.
language preparation	The Erasmus language test provided inside in your level of English and additional online courses could be taken to improve your English. The english level of your high school graduation was sufficient to apply to Hull University.
finances	I applied for the Erasmus+ grant and worked beforehand to save money for the exchange to make trips

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD



study programme (content and organisational issues)
At the department of Engineering, I followed 3 courses: Artificial Organs and Nano/Microtechnology for Biomedical Application, Biomaterials and Orthopaedic Devices, and Engineering Global Challenge I. The first two courses were level 7 courses and the last one level 4 course. During Artificial Organs and Nano/Microtechnology for Biomedical Application you got insights in different organfunctions and the devices that are produced (or in development) to compensate as a part or the whole organs fails. For this subject we had to perform a test. In addition, you learned about lab-on-chips and microfluidics, their production and how they could be applied to perform test in Biomedical field. For this part of the course we had to do presentations and write two reports. The second course provided insights in the different orthopaedic devices and the different considerations and process when choosing and designing one for different patients. We had to perform a test, make a presentation and a case study report. Within the course there was a lot of interaction between the teacher and the students and everyone participated in discussions and mindmapping. At the end of the study there were lessons to prepare you for the exam. The last course was based on a group contest where you had to design, build and test a squash ball shooter. Therefore you got lessons in British standard drawings, RISK-assesments, CAD-modelling programm SolidWorks to design your ball shooter and 3D-printing with access to the lab to print parts of the design. Under the supervision of a teacher from the Engineering department you planned, designed, build different prototypes, programmed and test it as group, till the last day where we presented our final design and tested it. Afterwards you wrote a report about it.
academic quality of education activities
The academic quality was on a high level where the students, depending on the course, where there was many interaction between the students and the teacher. It was good that you had training in CAD-modelling and 3D printing, and access to the FAB-lab to print the different prototypes. You had a lot of freedom and responsibility to plan, get the right equipment on time, build and test it.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The support of the receiving University is very good. You get a supervisor to which you can go for questions and guidance during your semester. I followed a 3 rd year course where you needed a skill that was trained during the years, like drawing the balance of different forces of an orthopaedic device on an ankle fracture in a free body diagram. A student assistant got the time to explain me briefly the basics.
transfer of credits
At the end of June the credits will be provided.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
There was no orientation or welcome programme for exchange students to give you a small tour over the campus. There are maps around the campus to find the buildings and teachers and students are open to help you if you ask. Happily there are student activities, language course for international students to improve your English and your courses, so you'll meet a lot of (international) students.
accommodation
I stayed at Westfield Court in an ensuite-room. The reception is friendly and 24 hours open. There was a laundry room to wash and dry your cloths. In addition, there was a room with games and a pingpong table, and a tv room you could book and spend many evenings with during movienight.
leisure & culture
At the University there was a student organisation where you could do activities, like Bobros painting and trips. In addition, there is a place where at the University where every Wednesday a party was held. In Hull itself, there is not a lot of activities that you can do, but when you have a traincard you can visit places like York.
suggestions/tips



I would recommend if you like to make trips to buy a traincard for individuals under 25 and find an accomodation on the campus since it is easier to meet new international students and the experience of a campus life.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, I would recommend to visit the University of Hull for an exchange programm. The quality of the courses are high and the student and teachers friendly and supportive. I've met a lot of friendly people and made very good (international) friends that I will definitely meet later this year.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

enjoy!



UU Study Abroad Report Form

faculty/college	Faculty of Medicine
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's
name study programme	Biomedical Sciences

destination city & country	Hull, England
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	31 / 01 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	29 / 05 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The initial application for one of the places the UU has at the University of Hull went quite smoothly. However, the following application to the University of Hull itself was a bit more difficult for me, as some of the emails regarding the application did not reach me, possibly because it was sent to the wrong email address. Once this was sorted everything regarding the application went well. Due to Covid-19 I had to apply for an exemption to be able to go on my exchange, but getting this sorted went without any trouble.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Due to Brexit and Covid-19 a lot of things were uncertain but the coordinators at the university wide international office as well as the faculty international office were able to help make things more clear. When things didn't go entirely right with my application, they were really helpful and were able to help me get everything sorted in time.

academic preparation

I made sure to check that the modules I wanted to do at the University of Hull, didn't resemble the modules I had already done at the UU too much, just to make sure the Board of Examiners wouldn't reject any of the modules and they would all count towards my degree. Also when choosing the modules I made sure to check what the prerequisites were, to make sure I was able and allowed to follow the modules despite not having the same background as the other students following those modules.

When I arrived in Hull I did have to choose another module, because one of the modules I had initially chosen was no longer available.

language preparation

I went to England, so all the modules I followed were in English as well. This wasn't too different from the courses I followed at UU, because some of my lectures were in English as well. So, I didn't do any specific preparation regarding language, besides the required language test.

finances

I applied for the Erasmus+ grant. However, because of Brexit I'm not sure if this will still be an option for the following years.

I also made sure to get a creditcard, because for a lot of things I found it easier to pay with a creditcard.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)



I choose to follow modules that weren't related to the degree I'm getting at the UU. So I made sure to inform the module coordinators of this and I asked them if there was any background I would need to look up, to make it easier for me to follow along. Fortunately, that wasn't really necessary and I was able to follow along just fine. Whenever I did get stuck on anything or found things confusing I was able to ask the coordinators or lecturers for clarification.

academic quality of education activities

It was different compared to the UU, but I am not sure if that is because of the different universities or because I followed modules that were part of a completely different degree.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I found that when I had any problems and reached out for help, everyone was really willing to help. Although sometimes I found it easier to drop by one of the student hubs, instead of making an online enquiry

transfer of credits

I was informed beforehand during a predeparture meeting of my faculty, that the grades I received during my exchange would be converted to whether I passed the module or not. The grades would not be converted to dutch equivalents of the grades I received in England.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The student union organised some introduction week activities. However, these were not specifically for international students but for everyone returning/coming to Hull for the second semester.

accommodation

There are a lot of different options for student accommodations in Hull. I personally found it easiest to go with the accommodation options provided by the University of Hull itself.

leisure & culture

The student union at the University of Hull organises a lot of fun activities and parties that are mostly on the campus itself. I found that culturewise England isn't that different from the Netherlands and it is quite easy to adjust to the smaller changes. While in Hull there isn't that much touristy stuff to do, it is quite easy to take the train to some nearby towns that are also really fun to visit, like York or Scarborough.

suggestions/tips

I suggest getting a railcard if you plan on taking a bunch of trips by train. They are separated in age categories and are also available for internationals. They are valid for a year and you can save up to 1/3 of the price of each ticket.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, I would. I had a really great time at the University of Hull and I really enjoyed being allowed to follow modules that were completely different from the ones I had done before.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Make sure to make time for some relaxation and taking fun trips to see more of the country besides just Hull!



faculty/college	Geesteswetenschappen UU
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Exchange Program

destination city & country	Hull, England
how did you travel to your destination?	Via plane and public transport
name university abroad	Hull University
start date	13 / 09 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	17 / 01 / 2020 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	This process took a while, as I had to investigate the different courses I was eligible to follow. Furthermore, I had to ensure that these courses would be seen as legitimate by home university. This took a while, so it is imperative to start early and ask whenever a question pops up.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	The counseling at my home university, being Utrecht University was very good. I could always call or send an email and I would quickly receive an answer. The counsellors were up to date and could help me with any question I had. This took away a lot of stress and made the process a lot easier.
academic preparation	I did not need to prepare a lot for my exchange, as I was nearing the end of my bachelors degree. I had to make sure that I successfully ended my courses during my application process, which was stressful. However, in my unique position I did not need to ensure that the courses followed abroad will be able to replace the courses I followed at home.
language preparation	I did not have to prepare for the exchange program. As the program was in England and the main language spoken is therefore English, I had no trouble adapting to it. I have the privilege to have studied at an British International School, which has given me the opportunity to learn English as it was my native language.
finances	I had no trouble with finances, both in part due this grant as due to the loan offered by my nations government. I have saved a large portion of my loan, which has given me the ability to go abroad without any worries.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	At Hull I decided to follow three courses within the Computer Science faculty. I had a good time learning these courses and they provided me with interesting theories and skills. I had no organisational issues that hampered my progress during my stay at Hull.
academic quality of education activities	The educational activities were of high quality, which ensured that I made a lot of progress during my studies. I am confident to say that the academic quality of Hull is on par with the academic quality of my home university Utrecht University.



counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I have been given ample opportunity for counseling and support, where Hull uses a system to keep track of attendance. If attendance drops, students are sent notifications asking if they are in need for support. I have not acted on these notifications, as I had no need for them, however they did offer ample support.

transfer of credits

The transfer of credits is currently underway. It has taken some time, however this is due to the legal system that is behind the transferring of credits. I did not know that Utrecht University did not allow for transcripts to be sent by others than the host university, so it has taken some more time.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome and orientation programme was very pleasant. I was immediately able to meet like minded individuals and make a lot of new friends. To be honest, it was one of the best welcome programmes I have seen to date, and it removed a lot of insecurities I had.

accommodation

The accommodation was of high quality. I had a large kitchen, a decent room and access to a whole host of additional features. However, the price was rather steep. I do not know if I would have stayed at this accommodation if I had to go again.

leisure & culture

The culture is similar to the culture at home. People are relaxed and they do what they want to do. For leisure activities, I spent a large amount of time with my friends hanging out, cooking, eating and traveling across England.

suggestions/tips

I would advise to go to all the meet ups and invest as much time as possible in the beginning to make friends. This will help you to settle into a cold and fast moving climate. I also recommend you to exercise a lot, as this will make you feel better.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Whilst Hull University itself is a good looking university that offers high quality classes, I would not advise to go to Hull if you want to be very active, travel a lot or party a lot. Hull does not have a large number of clubs, and the city itself has seen better days.



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

faculty/college	Faculty of Social sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Educational sciences

destination city & country	Hull, United Kingdom
name university abroad	Hull University
start date	15 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	20 / 01 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The process of applying was quite easy. Hull was not my first choice, nevertheless, I really liked it!

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Fine. They take quite a long time to respond to e-mails which slows the process down significantly. But everything got sorted in the end.

academic preparation

Choosing my modules was hard and in the end I had to change them once I arrived.

language preparation

None. I already had the required level.

finances

Erasmus application.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The first two weeks were quite chaotic. I had to change modules a lot due to timetable clashes. They also had a new programme which did not work well. But everyone was really friendly and willing to help so in the end it was fine.

academic quality of education activities

Good.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Great! Everyone was really nice and responded quickly to questions!

transfer of credits

Don't know yet. But I assume I will get all the points I need.



STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
Nice. They organised a welcome week with all sorts of activities.
accommodation
I rented a university room. The room was good and dinner was included. I had to take a bus to university but they gave us bus passes.
leisure & culture
Also fun!
suggestions/tips
Decide whether you want to be in private housing or university housing. Private housing might be a bit cheaper, but university housing includes more and is way easier.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes, it is a great city. It is really fun and everyone is willing to help.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
No.



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report

faculty/college	Humanities
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Artificial Intelligence
destination city & country	Hull, United Kingdom
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	24 / 01 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	24 / 05 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION
exchange application process
There are A LOT of documents you need to upload. First for your application at the UU, then for the application at the university abroad, and then for the Erasmus grant. It is all quite straightforward, you just need to make sure you do everything in time. The Timeline document for the Erasmus grant is very useful.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
I found that the people at the International Office at the UU were very helpful and quick with their replies. If you need anything or if you have a question, just ask them for help.
academic preparation
I did not have to do any particular preparation for the exchange. I chose one Music module for which I lacked some technical background, but the teacher was happy to help me get started and it wasn't a problem in the end.
language preparation
Just as probably for all Dutch students, my English was more than good enough to study in the UK. In fact, my English was maybe even better than the thing that some Northerners speak.
finances
I saved up some money, and with the addition of the Erasmus grant I did not have to worry about money during my stay in the UK. This meant I could go on trips to other cities and the countryside, which I very much recommend if you're going to Hull!



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I found that the modules were very well organised. The lecturers publish schedules at the beginning of term and they stick to it.

academic quality of education activities

The level was similar to the UU, but the tempo was a little bit slower. This means that you will have plenty of time to make friends and explore Hull alongside your academical duties.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The guy that takes care of the international students is very kind and helpful. I had a couple of issues regarding documents, timetables and modules, and he was there to fix everything right away. They take counselling & support very serious in Hull, I saw a lot of posters and emails. So if you have any problems I am sure that they can help you.

transfer of credits

This takes a lot of time. It is now six weeks after my last exam and I don't even have all the results back. So, the transfer of credits will take even longer.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There are a lot of activities for internationals during the "Welcome week". I have to say that in the end I didn't hang out with other internationals, because they all lived in "The Lawns" (see next section) and I lived in the city.

accommodation

The university could only offer me a place in the Lawns, a big student accommodation campus 20 min (by bike or bus) from the university in a town called Cottingham. I preferred living closer to the university and the city, so I rented a room in the private sector. There are a lot of student accommodation organisations and it is very easy to find a room. They are closing the Lawns now though, so the university might offer you a room near the university. I can very much recommend the Newland avenue area! This is where most students live (it is only 5 min from uni) and it has a lot of cool cafés, pubs, small (charity) shops, nightclubs and a music venue.

leisure & culture

Join a society! There is a society for almost anything you can think of. This way you meet people with a shared hobby. Also, the museums in Hull are very good. The Ferens Art Gallery is lovely, see aquarium the Deep good fun, and don't miss out on the Streetlife museum! The marina is the "cool" part of town, with for instance a cocktail bar and modern art galleries. East park is beautiful, with a small zoo (free entry). If you like sports, you're in for a treat. Though Hull City is a decent football club, Hull has always been a Rugby League city with two teams in the top division. Definitely visit a derby (and cheer for red and white). For music lovers, there are a lot of small indie music venues. The Adelphi and the Polar Bear are good examples.

suggestions/tips

If you can find a way to get into touch with locals, go for it. I joined the Hull Chess Club, and my stay would not have been such a good experience without it. Partly because of the chess, but mostly because I made some very good friends there, who took me to the football and rugby games and of course the pub (people in Hull seem to use their hobbies mostly as an excuse to go to the pub afterwards). Cycling in Hull is a little bit tricky, but you will be used to it in a week. Ask the guy at the Bike Hub (on campus) for advice on cycle trips around Hull (go over the Humber bridge!). For football fans: visit as many clubs as you can. England is football heaven. Go to Goodison Park while it is still there. After term ended, I stayed for another six weeks which gave me the opportunity to do lots of trips. The Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire Moors (beautiful cliffs) are amazing.



Make trips to other cities as well. Leeds in particular is closeby and has a very nice vibe. Most museums in England are free (and very good), so enjoy them.

CONCLUSIONS

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

A big YES. The teachers I had were very good and enthusiastic. The facilities are even better than at the UU. I fell in love with the British culture (their sense of humor, kindness, pubs, sports, museums) and the Northern nature.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you are looking for a big city, go somewhere else. Hull is quite small, but there is a lot going on in terms of culture, music, sports. I also liked the fact that the campus isn't too big and that all the university buildings are there (and not all around town).



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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	Media en Cultuur
destination city & country	Hull, England
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	17 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	19 / 01 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

Start early! It's a long process from start to finish but it's definitely worth it. I started looking for places to study in September and I went to all the information days for studying abroad (which definitely helps) and I didn't choose a university until the very last minute because there are so many! My advice is to rule out countries, then look which universities have your subject area and then just which have the right feel to you. I also would definitely recommend taking a free workshop of how to write a motivation letter, Utrecht University did this last year and it really helped. In terms of the application process itself, it's quite some paperwork but it's definitely doable and can be overseen. Do make sure that if you need to get something signed by a university that you send it in early, as sometimes it can take a while to get something back and you don't want to miss the deadline!

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Utrecht University offered different information days, for general information and also for specific information on which region you wanted to go to, as well as when all the application was handed in we had another more secluded information hour specifically for where you had decided to go. All of these were extremely helpful for finding out all the little details that mustn't be forgotten and also giving you some tips, for example in terms of insurance. They also replied pretty quick when sent an e-mail.

academic preparation

I didn't feel I needed any academic preparation for the university of hull as I mainly chose easier modules and the academic level is lower in the UK than in Holland. So I, and a lot of Dutch students around me, found that the workload was a lot less. But of course I can't speak for the higher level courses.



language preparation

The only language they speak there is English so if your English is well enough then there shouldn't be a problem.

finances

Hull itself isn't that expensive, and flying there is also not expensive, Hull is one of the cheapest cities in the UK. But I would recommend saving up a bit to go travelling around the UK during your time there, which is also what I did.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Hull university was one of the few universities that had media subjects that were different and interesting and not something I had already studied before (since I've already done most of the basic media subjects out there). So, at least in the humanities departement, I thought that their module variety was pretty good. I didn't get into all the modules I first intended to and I had to change some modules because of that and because of a timetable clash but there is more than enough time to do that when you're there and the staff are incredibly friendly, albeit sometimes a little bit swamped and can reply a bit late, in which case definitely go back there to ask again so that they haven't forgotten you. I do suggest that you change your modules as soon as possible when you get there, preferably in the welcome week, you are allowed to change them two weeks into the start of the semester but then you might miss some classes and that's never advised. Also, if you've changed your module but it doesn't come up on your timetable yet, but you know you can take it, ask someone for the when and where the classes are so you can still go.

academic quality of education activities

Like I said, I felt that the academic quality was lower than in Holland. There was less texts to read and the workload was generally a lot less and a lot less intense. You take 3 modules per semester instead of 2 per block so there's also less modules in a semester which means the workload is usually spread out better. Although the main examination period is in January, more than half of my examinations I had already done during the course of the module.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Each departement has their own office in a different building and they were incredibly friendly and helpful whenever I had a question about my modules or something else. Also Jay, the study abroad co-ordinator was very helpful. For both it takes a little while for them to answer an e-mail - as they've got so many, so it's usually best to go visit them in their offices.

transfer of credits

I haven't had a transfer of credits yet so I can't say anything about this.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There was a full week of welcome activities planned in the first week that we were there. We had activities to different cities nearby, a trip to the aquarium, speed-friending (definitely recommend as you can make good friends there) and other things such as karaoke and zumba. The first night at the accommodation there was also a karaoke party to get to know people. Overall there was a lot to do in that first week and a lot of opportunities to meet new people, but do make sure that for the big trips you book in early as they were sold out quite quickly! It's true (as you probably have already heard) that you mainly get to know other international students, and not really the locals. Personally, for me that wasn't a problem, I had a lot of fun with all the international students that I met and I didn't feel like I missed out by not meeting many of the locals.



accommodation

In terms of accommodation there's two options. You can go into the accommodation of the university, which also provides a meal in the evening in the kantine (if you don't mind eating vegan every night, I would definitely recommend saying you're vegan as then you'll usually get fresh cooked food). This is the more expensive option but I loved it because you're all in the same place, you can always meet up for a kitchen party or just have a games night without having to travel somewhere and everyone is in the same place. You also get a free bus pass because you need the bus to go to the university, this also serves very useful when you want to go to the city or somewhere else. You could also find your own room in a house to rent, this is definitely cheaper and, providing you have nice housemates, it can be a really nice opportunity to get to know people and it's definitely also a lot of fun (you can give your own house parties), but of course you'll have to cook for yourself and it's further away from most people, although you also create your own little community there.

leisure & culture

Hull itself is not the biggest city, but it has everything you might need, like a cinema, shopping centre and even an aquarium. It has a very nice harbour and lots of nice little cafes and restaurants - also there's quite a few vegan and vegetarian restaurants in Hull as well. They also have quite a big train station with good connections to other major cities in the UK so you can easily travel from there.

suggestions/tips

If you can afford it, I would recommend staying in the accommodation of the university itself, it's called the Lawns, as you'll have everyone together, the free bus pass is extremely useful and you won't have to cook for the whole duration of your stay if you don't want to. Plus having all your friends there to simply do anything at a moment's notice is very nice. I would also definitely recommend getting a railcard if you plan to travel around the UK a bit. Train tickets can be quite expensive there and a railcard takes off 1/3 of the overall price and it only costs 30 pounds for a year. Also, if you do want to travel, try and book the train tickets as long in advance as possible, as train tickets in the UK are a little bit like plane tickets in Holland, their price varies quite a bit.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes I would! It's definitely the most chique university or accommodation or city, and it has been said that the city is a bit dangerous (I'm gonna be honest). But I didn't notice anything of that, and I don't particularly want a chique university or accommodation. The people were really friendly, I loved the modules that I took - I wanted Hull specifically actually because of the different and interesting media modules that they had - and I generally did have a great time without feeling that I was missing anything.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Try to take part in as many activities as possible, at least the one you like. They are such a great way to meeting new people, and all the international students are usually completely open to meeting new people as everyone is there on their own. Also, if you haven't found a friend group yet and you need to have dinner the first night, just find an international group that seems nice to you and just sit down with them. You'll find that everyone is very welcoming and you can enter a group any time, this is what someone did in my group the second night and he has become a very good friend of all of ours.

Make friends with the lunch ladies, they are very nice, and tell them Sarah the vegan sent you ;)



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faculty/college	Faculty of Social Sciences
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Psychology

destination city & country	Hull, England
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	15 / 09 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	19 / 01 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
Applying at Utrecht University for studying abroad was easy and a lot of information was available on the university's website.	
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
From the start I had a contact person who answered all of my questions and who could always help me out.	
academic preparation	
i did not need to prepare academically for studying abroad.	
language preparation	
As a native English speaker i did not need to prepare for the language of my host university.	
finances	
I did not need to save up for my time abroad, as I had decided to use my student loan and Erasmus grant to finance my time abroad. It was helpful to make a balance of income and expenses beforehand.	



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I am a psychology student but in Hull i chose three Criminology courses. These courses were similar to the courses in Utrecht as far as difficulty goes and i did not have any difficulty with these courses despite these courses not being psychology. Unfortunately, two out of three courses that i wanted to take up were not available. Upon arrival i had to change courses, but this was done within the first week and it was very easy. Eventually i was very happy with the content of my three courses.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality in Hull is very similar to the quality in Utrecht. However, despite taking up three courses i only had to attend university for about 6-8 hours per week. This was less than i would have liked to go.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Jay Fincham has been my contact person for studying abroad in Hull and he has been amazing in helping me with any difficulties. Also the teachers in Hull were very helpful when i had questions regarding essays (e.g. allowing me to reference according to APA instead of Harvard, which is used more in Hull).

transfer of credits

The credits were similar to credits in Utrecht, so it was very clear how many courses i needed to take up.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There was not a welcome or orientation programme for international students to meet eachother and to get to know the university, which was a shame. There was a market with student societies which you could join, but this was not specifically for international students.

accommodation

I had applied to move into the Lawns, but this was denied. University of Hull gave my details to Loc8me, who contacted me and offered me a room in a house with four other students. I had to sign the contract without having seen the accomodation, which did not feel right. Upon arrival in Hull i went to my accomodation, which was okay. However, i have seen other student houses in Hull which looked cleaner or where other girls lived, so i would rather have lived somewhere else.. I ended up living in a house with four French guys. It was fun, but i would have prefered living with other girls or at the Lawns. In Hull i met other Dutch people who had applied for the Lawns and also got denied, but the University of Hull moved them into student accomodation in the city centre and they got a bus pass for this. Also this would have been a better alternative for me.

leisure & culture

In Hull there are a couple of pubs where you can go for a couple of drinks, a meal or to play some pool. Asylum is a nightclub on campus at the university, which is fun. There are also other nightclubs close to the university (Pipers) and in the city centre (Atik). The city centre is okay, with shops and pubs, but it is not very special. Due to only having classes for a couple of hours per week i had a lot of free time. Besides going for drinks there was not a lot to do in Hull, so i spent a lot of time in my room.

suggestions/tips

Join a society to meet people and to fill up your free time!

CONCLUSIONS

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



Although Hull has been okay, I would not recommend this university to others, as it could be very boring at times and i am convinced that other destinations would have given me a much better experience of studying abroad.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

You should definitely study abroad as it can be a good experience, but be aware that it is up to you to make it a good experience. You can meet a lot of people, but you will have to make the effort. If you don't, it can be lonely at times. Also, if you cannot stay at The Lawns, i would not stress about accomodation as there are a lot of organisations such as Loc8me which have always got rooms going.



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student number	xxx
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faculty/college	Rechten, Economy, Bestuur en Organisatie (REBO)
level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Rechten

destination city & country	Hull, Engeland
name university abroad	University of Hull
start date	29 / 01 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	01 / 06 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION
exchange application process
The UU-Site provided enough information regarding the Application. Furthermore, on the UU-site you can see the steps u have to go through and as such use this as a check-list for yourself. The international team was also ready to answer any question you might have regarding the application. What I also liked was that it was easy to contact the host university for questions the UU-team couldn't answer.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
Before you go on your exchange you are invited for a get together where they give you the necessary informations needed. I would definitely recommend you to go there. Lots of things were clarified and gave me a peace of mind.
academic preparation
For my exchange programme, I followed a minor International Politics. I was able to take mostly first years courses and only one second-year course. I didn't need any preparation for the first year course and for the second year course I took I already had an introductory course at the UU.
language preparation



As for the English preparation, I didn't need to much also. I am bilingual and after taking the Erasmus language test i scored C2 so nothing was expected of me. However, if you are not used to British accent I would highly recommend you watch some British series/movies, so you can get used to it and you won't be overwhelmed.

finances

I saved up a large amount before for this exchange and the Erasmus grant also helped. I didn't need my parents help at the end to save. The most people had a budget of 4000 euros. It depends on your lifestyle how much you will need. I would also advise you pay for your accommodation at once if it is possible as it easier to have an insight on how much you have left.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

During my Erasmus exchange, the professors decided to go on a strike. This was very frustrating as most of the classes were cancelled and you couldn't speak to the professors if you had any problem. However, after the strike they made sure that we had all the materials and time to prepare for our exams. So all was good at the end.

academic quality of education activities

I find it hard to compare UU with the University of Hull. They have different systems. The style of teaching in Hull is focussed on giving students a foundation. For more depth and understanding they expect you to do further readings. Additionally, all my exams was an essay. Which is different from the Netherlands. If you are not good at writing, this is something you have to be weigh while making your decision.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The international team were absolutely amazing. You can go to them at anytime. They are so accommodating. They help you with your timetables and advice you when choosing your classes (as most of them also studied at University). Also they give you great tips on where to visit and how to travel cheap. Also Jay is probably the nicest person you would ever meet.

transfer of credits

At the moment I don't have my grades yet. I find this disappoint as my last exam was on the 23rd of May.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Before you arrive, the University of Hull will send you an email about the places you can apply for. I would recommend a tour through Cottingham if you are staying at the lawns (they show you where to buy your groceries and where the pubs are). Also attend the karaoke night. That was where I met my friends

accommodation

At the time i was staying at the Ferens Hall. I was quite disappointed. Compared to the amount of money I paid I expected better. Even then i was lucky with the block I was living in, as most of the Erasmus student were in a worse condition than I was. Fortunately for you guys the Ferens Hall will be broken down.

leisure & culture

If you want to go out clubbing I would recommend you go to the attic. The alcohol is quite cheap and the water is free. For affordable restaurant and yummy food visit the top floor at St Stephen's shopping mall.

suggestions/tips



I would advice you to step out of your comfort zone. Don't be afraid to talk to people. Everyone is away from home and don't know anybody. Be yourself and take it one step at a time. And if you want to travel around I would suggest you use Megabus. A trip to London was only 6 pound!

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend this destination. It allows you to see another side of England. Furthermore, it is close enough to bigger cities.

do you have any additional advice or comments?