



## 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 **published** (anonymously!) on the [UU study abroad destinations webpage](#) to inform 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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faculty/college	Faculty of Geosciences
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Earth Structure and Dynamics

destination city & country	Manchester, United Kingdom
how did you travel to your destination?	By train
name university abroad	University of Manchester
start date	31 / 01 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	12 / 06 / 2022 (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	The department had never received an exchange student at Master's level before. This made the application process a bit more complicated. After some emails with the University of Manchester, I had to enroll as an undergraduate and then they would enroll me in the Master courses, which was a good solution. Don't be shy to just send emails if you need anything from the host university.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	



The international office was really helpful. They always replied fast to my emails.

academic preparation

I didn't do any specific preparation beside the courses I was doing anyway.

language preparation

I didn't do any language preparation. No language certificate was necessary to apply.

finances

I applied for the Erasmus grant and increased my DUO loan after I knew what my rent would be. I also applied for the 'ov vergoeding'.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I took all the courses from the master programme 'Geoscience for Sustainable Energy', which were 4 courses in total. The timetable was not available at the start of the semester, it was especially unclear when the two condensed courses would occur. It was a bit annoying but not a big problem since I was in Manchester anyway. I think this was a problem from this year, because it was the first year this Master's programme run.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality was good, but I think the level and workload are a bit lower than in Utrecht. I especially liked that the courses here are really applied and aimed at the industry. I can really see the relevance of these courses for my future job. One of my courses had a week long field trip to the South of England to assess the CO2 storage potential of the basin. This was really cool and educational.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

When I arrived, I had a meeting with the coordinator of my Master programme where he gave me information about the programme and showed me around. It was all really personal, probably because there were only 4 other people on this specific programme. For the rest I didn't make use of any counselling or support, but you receive weekly emails with possibilities for that. There is plenty support available if you need it.

transfer of credits

I haven't done this yet, as I am still waiting for my grades.

### STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome and orientation programme was mainly online (because of covid and some people from red list countries had to quarantine), so this was a bit of a pity. There was a city tour which was really nice, were I immediately met a lot of people. Furthermore, the international office created a whatsapp group with all exchange students. This was really meaningful to organise gatherings and get to know the other exchange students and make friends.

accommodation

At first the university said they probably won't have space in university halls. I still applied and got a spot. Almost everyone I know got a place in University Halls. The hall itself is fine, but nothing special. But would definitely recommend staying in University Halls since it's easy and saves a lot of stress from searching for other accommodation. Furthermore it is fun because almost all other exchange students are living in halls too. Other people that are staying in halls are mainly freshmans, but this wasn't a problem for me.

leisure & culture



The University of Manchester has lots of societies where you can get involved in. There is one for everyone. This is an accessible way to meet new people. I joined the Hiking Club and would really recommend that one if you like hiking and would like to explore the beautiful nature the UK has to offer!

Manchester is a really vibrant city so there is always something to do if you want to. The different bars and night life are also really good, and there are a lot of places that regularly have live music. The university and its city are really diverse. Furthermore, all museums and galleries are free to visit, which is nice (this is for the whole UK). From Manchester it is easy to make some daytrips to e.g. Liverpool, York, the Peak District or go a weekend to London or Edinburgh. The international society also organises lots of fun day trips, to e.g. the Lake district and Wales.

suggestions/tips

### CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend the University of Manchester. There is always something to do in and around the city and it is easy to meet other exchange students through gatherings organised in the whatsapp group. My courses were really cool and different than in Utrecht. My classmates were also really nice and welcoming. Do take into account that Manchester is quite an urban city with not a lot of green spaces. For me this wasn't the best fit. I really felt like I had to get out of the city sometimes. Luckily the nature trips with the hiking club made up for this. Also expect a lot of rain when you're coming here.

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!

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