

WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Plant Sciences		
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	16-08-2021 until 21-12-2021		
Country (exchange)	Norway		
City (exchange)	Trondheim		
University (exchange)	Norwegian university of science and technology		
Faculty (exchange)	Faculty of health and medicine		

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to develop my English, social skills and independence.

What is the reason you chose for this country/university? I really wanted to see Norway/Scandinavia. Also, I liked the courses in Trondheim.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

Plane

4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) - 5(high)	Remarks
1	MOL3014	7.5	The course discussed fundamentals in micro- and nanotechnologies for analytical biomedicine such as diagnostics, research and tissue models.	5	
2	MOL3023	7.5	The course discussed the use of molecular genetic methods in the diagnosis of human pathogenic microoganisms, including methods for extraction of nucleic acids, qualitative and quantitative PCR and DNA sequencing.	4	
3	FARM3003	7.5	The course discussed the aspects within the development of new drugs, and provides a chronological review of various steps in the research and development process.	5	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

The course content is discussed by lectures and some groupwork. Examination is mainly open questions. The academic level is comparable to master courses in the Netherlands. Lesson material consist mainly of papers and some books.

What is the culture of the university? (E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?)

Lecturers are approachable but differ in the answers, the course followed by a small amount of students had the nicest lecturers. The bigger the course the less approachable the lecturer (in my experience)

What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)

A wide range of big gyms, extracurricular activities and parties

5.Housing-travelling-living

What are the possibilities for housing? (E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?)

I received a code from the university, which was pretty special. Private housing is almost impossible to find for 1 semester.

What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)

Pretty similar to the Netherlands

Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?

Rent was about the same as in Wageningen, Private housing is a lot more expensive. Life expenses are really expensive

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)

Buses are 50 euros a month, which is quite cheap.

6. Free time

What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)

Norway's nature is beautiful, just rent a car and drive to the nearby nature parks.

What does not appear in the travel guide, but is worth a visit?

Lapland

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)

Studentersamfundet is a big thing for the NTNU, it's a club managed by students, much fun.

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Getting to know Norwegians and the alcohol price

What was your best memory abroad?

The people I lived with / got to know

8. Contact details (optional)

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