



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Forest and Nature conservation
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	07-01-2022 until 31-05-2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Finland
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Joensuu
<b>University (exchange)</b>	University of Eastern Finland
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Forestry

## 2. Motivation for exchange

### Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To experience a different culture and become more independent. Furthermore, it seemed like a good opportunity to make new friends

### What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

Finland was a country I had never visited before and I didn't know a lot about its culture. Another reason was that Finland has a lot of beautiful nature to discover.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

You can fly to Helsinki and take a relatively cheap train to Joensuu if you book it on time.

## 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	Basics of Finnish music education	3	Learning how music is thought at Finnish schools and learning some basic instruments	5	Very nice teacher and fun teaching methods
2	Forest health management	3	Individual literature study	3	Fun if you choose an interesting topic but also high work load for 3 credits
3	Soil ecology 1	6	Elaborate course on everything related to soils	4	Lots of different topics related to soils are addressed which is interesting but also a lot to study
4	Sustainable water management	5	Mainly about different water treatment methods	3	Relatively easy course and interesting because it has a different approach then the hydrology courses at WUR
5	Forest soil carbon dynamics field course	3	Field course at a research station, mostly taking soil samples	5	Very interesting course at a beautiful location. Very nice teachers and fun to see how a research station in Finland functions
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

The course contents and levels are comparable to Wageningen, however the teachers are more relaxed with deadlines etc.

**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?)**

All teachers are very friendly and the culture is very informal since it's a small university everybody knows each other.

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

Cheap catering, excellent sports facilities and sauna on campus.

## 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?)**

The easiest way is to apply for a room through Joensuu ellie, you can apply for different accommodations and they will place you somewhere.

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

Finnish people are very keen on their personal space and won't approach you very often, however if you approach them they are very nice and polite.

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

Residence is relatively cheap compared to Wageningen.

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

Everything is reachable by bus, which is a bit pricy. I would advice to find a bike since there are excellent cycling paths.

## 6. Free time

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

The polar bear sauna in Joensuu and taking the ESN trip to Lapland

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

I didn't get a travel guide

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

Katu burgers is a nice restaurant also with vegan options and for going out most people go to Beepop.

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

**What was a challenge you have experienced?**

Contracting covid-19 and being all on my own in a unfamiliar country

**What was your best memory abroad?**

Going to Lapland with the ESN trip, seeing the Northern lights there and riding a husky sled.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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