



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Biology
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	06-01-2022 until 17-06-2022
Country (exchange)	Norway
City (exchange)	Bodo
University (exchange)	Nord Universitet
Faculty (exchange)	Aquaculture and Marine biosciences

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to improve my English. I also wanted to get away from the Netherlands and discover a new country with lots of mountains.

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

I wanted to find out if Marine Biology is something for me and Nord Universitet had interesting courses I wanted to follow.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Taking the plane is the fastest and easiest way but you also have the opportunity to take the train from Oslo to Bodø. This train takes about 17 hours though.

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	Marine Biology	10	Like the name says, Marine biology. We learned all the basics from plankton bloom to bigger systems like estuaries and mangroves.	5	It was all very interesting but the teacher was quite lazy in general organizing.
2	Evolutionary Behaviour Ecology	10	In this course we learned how to explain behaviour on an evolutionary way of thinking.	5	Really interesting course. I really recommend it.
3	Ecology 2	10	In this course we talked about general ecological models.	3	Looks a lot like CSA20806
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

In the beginning was everything online. Some teachers were a little bit lazy and just posted recorded lectures from last year on the internet. Later throughout the semester, we got more and more classes on campus. The workload is extremely low. I had every Tuesday and Thursday off and it felt like one big vacation. I also did an extra Norwegian for Foreigners course for fun. I had an oral exam for Evolutionary Behaviour Ecology which was new for me but we practiced a lot during the classes and you even have the chance to do a test exam.

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?)

The lectures are very easy to follow. Getting in contact with local student is difficult but you'll get to know some if you are present in lots of activities. Everyone knows everyone as the university isn't that big. Just be nice to everyone and you'll learn lots of nice people.

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

Laundry is dependent on the housing. In Morkvedlia you'll have to pay 12 NOK for every wash but in different housings, laundry is for free. There are lots of sport opportunities as Norwegians love to sport. I got into climbing during the semester and after a while Norwegians from the climbing gym started come towards me and my friends to start a

conversation. They even invited us to come and climb in the mountains when it was nice weather. An amazing experience.

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?)

You can get housing via studentinord. I recommend either Nedre Hammarlia or Morkvedlia as this they are located close to the university.

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

Norway is fantastic. There is a lot of trust to strangers. The people are very kind. The nature is fantastic. I climbed lots of mountains and did a lot of hikes.

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

Everything is expensive in Norway. Everything is twice as much, sometimes even 4 times as much.

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

You can get a ticket for the bus via an app. You can get a monthly ticket for around 500 NOK. This is only useful if you have a housing in Flatfolt but I don't recommend living there as it is quite far from the university and most activities are around the campus.

6. Free time

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

Here a list of the coolest places:

Saltstraumen, Lofoten, Værøy, Rago Nationalpark, Hovdsundet beach.

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

Per Karlsatind and Svarthammarhola

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

Going out isn't really a thing in Norway as it is too expensive. I recommend burgasm if you want to eat a lot of food for relatively cheap.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

The biggest challenges was not having a car. I had to rely on busses and there aren't a lot of busses going to places. Sometimes only once a day.

What was your best memory abroad?

The best memories had to do with the trips I did in my free time. The weather isn't often that good in the north so make good use of those days

8. Contact details (optional)

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