



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BSc Plant sciences
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	03/01/2022 until 26/01/2022
Country (exchange)	Norway
City (exchange)	Stavanger
University (exchange)	University of Stavanger
Faculty (exchange)	

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to experience living abroad and to get away from Wageningen for a while.

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

Norway has beautiful nature and is a really modern country, I wanted to see that with my own eyes.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

When you go by plane you can take a 'Flybussen', which takes 30 minutes to get to the centre. However with student discount this costs 15 euros or so. I recommend downloading the Kolumbus app and buying a youth or student ticket for a month. This is 30 euros and you can also take busses from them at the airport. You can also use electric bikes when you have this ticket, public transport is really good in Stavanger.

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	Financial markets and institutions	10	Practical info about financial markets mainly, you learn about interest, bonds etc.	3	Pretty easy, 4 hours lecture per week. Knowing about the lectures is enough, the book makes it more complicate than it should be.
2	Operation management	10	How do you run an operation or organisation, how do you do that as efficient as possible?	5	I really liked this course, it's a bit like the dutch 'bedrijfskunde'. You kinda start a company in hovercrafts and then you have an oral exam about the topic. 4 hours lectures per week.
3	Energy Technology	10	The physics of all energy recources, so conventional, wind, solar, geothermal, hydro etc.	3	A bit complicated, mainly at the start. But at the exam you get a formula sheet which makes it really straight-forward what you need to do. 4 hours lectures per week.
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

As it are exchange courses they are fairly easy. The studyweek you get can be up to a month, so there is plenty of time to study for the exams. This means you have a lot of time for traveling. The week

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?)

I feel like this is quite the same as WUR, but Stavanger is a bit more what you would describe in Dutch as 'Houtje touwtje'.

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

Everything you need is available.

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 get a room from the uni, (SiS Bollig I believe). Otherwise you can also rent from private people. Try to find a room next to the campus, everything happens there. The centre is not really the place where exchange students are.

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

People mind their own business a bit more, they don't really say hi to each other on the street. But if they're drunk they can't stop talking.

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

400-550 euros a month. This may not include the power bill.

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

You need the monthly bus ticket, it's 30 euro's a month. (Kolumbus app)

6. Free time

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

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

Get a hammock at XXL and just go to nature to camp, this is the way you get the best spots of Norway.

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

They have a really great sportscentre at the campus. On Wednesdays it's the student night at Gossip, a pint of beer is 36 NOK (3,60 euros) instead of 80 NOK on those days and they have DJ's

Sola and Bore beach are worldwide known spots for surfing, you can go surfing for 250 NOK. I highly recommended trying that out, but check for waves before you go.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Norwegian people are a bit closed, so getting to know them can be challenging. However, once you are in their circles they are great. I went to play handball, that helped a lot.

What was your best memory abroad?

A trip through Norway with my hammock and some friends I made there.

8. Contact details (optional)

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