



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Landschapsarchitectuur (BLP)
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	15/08/2022 until 23/12/2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Norway
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Stavanger
<b>University (exchange)</b>	UiS
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Science and technology

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

I wanted to go on exchange mainly because I could, and to experience living abroad.

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

I choose for Norway, not necessarily for UiS. Norway is an amazing country with beautiful nature. I went there to take advantage of my free time and see as many great views as I could.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I went there by boat from Groningen to Kristiansand. From there I took the train to Stavanger. It takes a while because the ferry is overnight. But it is a very relaxed way of traveling.

## 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	Structural geology	10	Geological formation with some physics on how.	3	It is a difficult course if you lack sufficient physics knowledge. You do get to go on a week long excursion to Spain.
2	Introduction to GIS	10	Some theory on maps and a big project where you make your own map of the region with a well-chosen theme	5	As part of the project you need to explore the region of Stavanger. Which makes it a lot of fun.
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

Structural geology is mostly just lectures and two exams. The last week you go on an excursion to Spain. The workload is quite high for Norwegian standards, but low for Dutch standards.

GIS was a very relaxed course with 2 weekly lectures and one take home exam. The project is mostly a lot of fun exploring, and measuring things. It's very free so you can make it as difficult as you want.

**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 very approachable, all on first name basis. The introduction week is similar to WUR, but not really focused on exchange students. You are in mixed groups which is very helpful because they don't necessarily translate everything to English.

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

The uni offers great activities. Organised by students for students. There is also every week the 'Coffee around the World' which allows internationals to present the cultures and fun facts of their country.

## 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?)'**

Housing is very easy if you are on time. It is first come, first serve. The rooms are generally very nice, but be careful of which house you choose. Houses are located throughout the city and also on campus. Prices are similar to Dutch prices, maybe a little bit higher.

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

Norwegians are very private and reserved people. They don't let you in very easily. Except when they start drinking. Which is why you really should go to the intro week.

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

I paid roughly 340 euros a month for 12 m2

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

There is a great busnetwork from and to uni and city center. A 30 euro student card will get you around unlimited for a month.

## 6. Free time

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

The ultimate must see is ofcourse the Preikistolen. The most famous hike in Norway. Easily accessible by bus or rental car.

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

Just go outside the city, there is nature all around.

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

The foot ferries are included in your bus ticket. You can go on a round trip with a ferry for free.

## 7. Challenges & best moment abroad

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

A full semester can be quite a long time without seeing your friends and family

**What was your best memory abroad?**

I went on a solo trip to the Lofoten islands in the north of Norway. Absolutely amazing to see.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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