



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Study programme WUR</b>	Bos- en natuurbeheer
<b>Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	01-09-2023 until 04-02-2024
<b>Exchange destination: University</b>	Eesti maaülikool
<b>Faculty</b>	Forestry
<b>Country</b>	Estonia
<b>City</b>	Tartu

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

I wanted to see and learn different places

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

It was a country I didn't know much about with interesting courses and a fun city.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

I went with the plane myself, but I know other students who went a very long way with the bus which is a great option.

## 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	Forest disturbance dynamics	2	A fun small course about disturbances in forests and what effects they have	5	
2	Economics of forest management	6	Mostly mathematical course which teaches about different types of economic factors.	4	
3	Forest ecology. Theory and field practice (part 1)	4	A course about the way forest interact with the environment its in and the way the environment reacts to the forest	5	
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### What is it like to study there?

*You get a lot of free time in which you have to start writing papers and presentations for the end of the semester. The lectures are mostly in small classes*

### What is the culture of the university?

*The lecturers are very kind and approachable. If you have any question you can send them an email and they will explain everything*

### What does the university offer students additionally?

*There is a small cafeteria and on the campus is a sports accommodation with a gym and an indoor field.*

## 5.Housing-travelling-living

### What are the possibilities for housing?

*As soon as you sign up you're sure to get a room for a cheap price. Everyone is eager to help you if needed*

### What is the culture of the country like?

*It is a bit harder to get to know locals but when you do they're very kind. Apart from that it's not that different from the Netherlands in my opinion*

### Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

*The housing you get is very close to campus so you can walk everywhere you need to be.*

*Also the bus is a very good option if you want to go more to the center or explore different parts of the country. As a last option Bolt is a very cheap and reliable uber-like service.*

## 6. Expenses

### **Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?**

*E.g. you can also indicate price differences (higher/lower/equal) in comparison to the Netherlands.*

Ticket there: 100

Visa if applicable:

Vaccinations if applicable:

Insurances (extra, if applicable):

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: 140/280 (Shared room/own room)

Groceries: about the same

Public transport: little cheaper

Restaurant/going out for dinner: also a little cheaper

Daytrips/sight-seeing: also a little cheaper

### **Additional remarks regarding expenses?**

## 7. Free time

### **What are must-sees in the area?**

*Tallin, Lahemaa national park and Saaremaa*

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

Valga is a very pretty place

### **Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?**

*Go to the ESN events, you'll get to know the city and what places are the most fun for you*

## 8. Challenges & best moment abroad

### **What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them?**

Managing my own time was definitely a challenge that I didn't really overcome.

### **What is your best memory of your time abroad?**

Wrestling friends into the snow with everyone in warm clothes and afterwards drinking some hot chocolate and playing cozy card games.

## 9. Contact details (optional)

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