



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Bedrijfs en consumenten wetenschappen
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	10-09-19 tot 05-01-20
Country (exchange)	Turkey
City (exchange)	Istanbul
University (exchange)	Sabanci
Faculty (exchange)	Management faculty

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to live abroad and make international friends

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

It was still in Europe, but I also thought that the culture would be really different which I liked

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Airplain is amazing

4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	EC TS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	MGMT401 Business strategy	6	This course is about making a plan or strategy when evaluating a business. It was a lot about existing business which we evaluated according to the things we learned during this course	3	
2	MGMT412 Socials Innovation and entrepreneurship	6	This course was about social innovations and business that had a social purpose. It was more about starting your own business and taught us about what things to consider when starting your own social business	2	

3	FIN301 Financial management	6	It is basic for learning about finance. But also very broad and you get a good feeling about what finance is about. You learn about a lot of term from the finance world and also hear about actual cases	5	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Academic level really depends on the courses you take, so it changes a lot per course. For some courses we had a course book, for the finance courses we had to do a lot of exercises online which were very helpful but also took a lot of time.

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 culture was very open and teachers were very helpful and involved which was really nice. Also the students were really engaged with the internationals, very different from the Netherlands.

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

They offerend free gym, had a canteen very affordable, you can make use of laundry. They had a lot of student clubs, related to cooking, sports, painting, dance oeverything

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?)

Campus is a possibility. But also many students lived in Kadikoy which is a real cozy place in the centre of Istanbul (Asian side). Its doable to reach the campus, but can take long especially when you go to campus everyday. There is enough offer of rooms

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

Cuisines is amazing, people eat a lot outside home. People are very helpful and involved. Amazing people, the city is very alive and you can always entertain yourself in Istanbul.

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

Comparable

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

Public transport is fine. If you go from Kadikoy to Campus they have organised shuttles which cost 3euros and also 3euros back. So that is 6euros per day, which was the highest expense according to travelling for me there. The public transport is very cheap.

6. Free time

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

You should figure that out yourself. Too much to tell about

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

Probably the district , forgot the name sorry

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

Go with the flow

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Not really a specific challenge, but going abroad on yourself without knowing people is kind of a new thing in itself.

What was your best memory abroad?

Too much to pick one

8. Contact details (optional)

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