



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Health and Society
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01-09-2019 until 01-02-2020
Country (exchange)	Portugal
City (exchange)	Évora
University (exchange)	University of Évora
Faculty (exchange)	International Relations

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I chose to go on study exchange to broaden my field. To experience another way of getting education, to meet people from different countries and to live in a different country. Through this I learned a lot about cultures.

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

I chose for this country, since I knew that Portugal would be really different compared to the Netherlands. Also I preferred to go here, since I heard from my friends that most of the time only one Dutch student goes to this place. Besides that, I chose for the university since I was interested in their faculty International Relations.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Take the plane to Lisbon. From there, take the metro/bus/uber/taxi to Sete Rios. From there you take the bus to Évora.

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	Asia and International Relations	6	Get information, discuss and study Asia and their International Relations.	4	
2	Public International Law	9	Study the history of international law: how it is originated, what aspects had a large role and need to be taken in account, how international law works now.	5	
3	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	6	What does it mean to be an entrepreneur? Learn about processes to start-up business and to become an entrepreneur.	3	
4	Economic Development	6	How did countries develop? What factors contribute to this? How is it possible that there are differences between countries? What kind of theories are involved?	4	
5	International Economic Relations	6	What effects does globalization have? What provides international trade? How works international trade? What are theories that explain international trade?	4	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Differs between every course. Some courses provides slides, with some you need to be really concentrated and write everything down. With one you need to write an individual essay, with the other one group work. Like in your home university, some courses are more difficult than others. But the University of Évora gives general low grades, so you need to study a lot for your test to get a good mark.

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 teachers are most of the time happy to help you. If you think the teacher doesn't speak English, change the course. With this you can learn a lot and will get help where you need it. The local students differ too, some of them don't want to speak English and some of them like to hang out with you. I think I cannot say a lot about this, because every person is different in this. It also depends of course on how social and open you are.

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

Ubike, cafeteria, restaurant.

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?)

Look on different sites, there is no specific one and they are kind of vague. But most of the people got a house by seeing the advertisements in the city.

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

Portuguese people are always late and relaxed. So if the teacher didn't show up after 15 minutes, don't think he/she will not come. The classes always start later!

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

Difficult question, but it is just way more cheap. Imagine that going out for dinner can be 5 euros and a beer 60 cents. Rent can be between 180 and 270 euros per month.

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 walk to the university or by bike. Taxi is just a few euros. The bus from Évora to Lisbon is 10 euros, but if you make an account on Rede Expressos you can get a lot of discount.

6. Free time

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

It is very cheap to travel by bus, and the bus goes through whole Portugal. So you can go to Porto, Lisbon, Algarve, small villages, beautiful landscape, etc. Besides, I got a bike from the University named Ubike. With this I traveled a lot around Alentejo, which was very beautiful.

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

Gran Canaria and of course Azores!

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

The restaurants are most of the time very cheap, especially the one for students. Also going out, groceries, etc. is cheap. Just walk around and find out yourself!

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

During my experience there were a lot of people from Brasil, Italy, Spain and Portugal. Sometimes it was difficult that there was nobody with more or less the same culture (ways of doing for example), but most of the time this was really interesting and fun!

What was your best memory abroad?

The friends that I made.

8. Contact details (optional)

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