



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BTO
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01-09-2019 till 06-01-2020
Country (exchange)	France
City (exchange)	Paris
University (exchange)	Paris Dauphine Université
Faculty (exchange)	Business

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I like to experience the culture from as many countries as possible. I wanted to improve my language skills and experience something new. Moreover, I was ready for a different study environment.

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

The University offered courses in Cross- culture and business which interested me. Moreover, I´m planning on moving to Paris for my Master and future Career.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Take the train, don't fly, don't go by car

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	Corporate Social Responsibility	6	Learning about CSR assessment, advice, background, problems.	5	
2	International Marketing	6	Learning about the basis of International Marketing and working on multiple case studies.	1	
3	Culture and Practice of Entrepreneurship in the English-speaking world	6	Creating own entrepreneurial project, how to start a start up? What are key characteristics of entrepreneurship, history and social view on entrepreneurship, learning and improving English	2	
4	Global Media	6	Analyzing the impact of the Media on today's cultures. Which media groups dominate, differences western and developing world	5	
5	Cross-Cultural Communication and Management	6	Assessing multiple cultures, their history & social development, relationships, differences, behaviour, characteristics, do's and don't's	5	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

The workload of the study is quite high, every course has group presentations, group assignments and individual essays. Some courses have weekly homework. Every course gives marks for participation and the classes are very interactive. The examination level is average but the grading is very different since 20 points the best mark can be compared to the academic level that the professor has. Therefore, French teachers barely give points that are higher than 15. Many students complained because if you translate the grades into the system of your country your grades are much lower than what you would achieve at your home institution.

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 50% from an academic background and 50% from businesses. To have teachers that work in the field that they are teaching gives you many insides and helps you to extend your network in the professional world. The teachers have more freedom and the differences of the course structure and grading are very different from course to course. Teachers are more authoritarian than in the Netherlands. The university has a lot of associations that have a lot of freedom and create many large projects.

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

The university offers many events that are organized by the associations and has sport facilities, restaurants, cheap canteen. As a student you have a discount for almost everything in the city such as museums, public transport, activities, movies, cinema, sport etc.

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?)

I had a private apartment but some students applied for one of the student houses of dauphine. Some of them are located in Paris itself and others are in the suburbs. Most students I know searched housing in their own and independently from the university. The rent in Paris is very high and the rooms and apartments are very small around 500-900 euros.

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

I grew up on the border to France so I knew the culture quite well. French people are very proud of their culture and food. A French person will be nice to you as long as you say "Bonjour" when entering a shop etc. People will appreciate if you try to speak as much French as possible.

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

A room in a large house with livingroom shared with 3 people costs in Wageningen around 320 euros.

A tiny studio or a large room can cost around 500-800 in Paris depending on the location.

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 in Paris is perfect. Also, the train system is very good in France and students become discounts everywhere. A annual metro card with student discount costs around 300euro. A single metro or bus ticket costs 1,20. At night using Uber or Bold is the cheapest option a 20 min drive costs around 15-18 euro.

6. Free time

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

Paris has enough places to see and to do. A quick google search will provide you with a lot of information, you will not be able to do all of it. Within France it is easy to travel by train or flibus.

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

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

There are too many options you will not get bored

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Saying goodbye to all your friends after exchange and returning to Wageningen

What was your best memory abroad?

A underground techno party on a Rooftop with my friends

8. Contact details (optional)

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