



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BIL
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01/09/2021 until 04/0/2022
Country (exchange)	France
City (exchange)	Rennes
University (exchange)	Agrocampus-Ouest
Faculty (exchange)	Agroecology

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

I wanted to experience living outside of the Netherlands and meet a different culture and international people. Also, I wanted to agroecology, this was one of the few options

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

This was the only agroecology program that fitted the period I wanted to go and that was in English.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Check if you're taking the right train, it can be confusing (focus on the end destination of the train you're taking, not on the station you're going) But train or bus works both great, not that far.

## 4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

TU	Code	ECTS Credits	
TU 1 : The challenges of Agroecology	RM2E-1	2	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 2 : Global socio-economical analysis	RM2E-2	2	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 3 : Theoretical bases of agroecosystem functioning	RM2E-3	6	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 4 : Sustainability of agroecological systems	RM2E-4	3	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 5 : Agroecosystem Management Levers in Agroecology	RM2E-5	6	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 6 : Plant, Soil, Animal interactions	RM2E-6	4	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 7 : Statistical and spatial engineering tools	RM2E-7	3	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 8 : Professional Project & Bibliographical Report	RM2E-8	2	<a href="#">More</a>
TU 9 : Languages	RM2E-9	2	<a href="#">More</a>

More info on the site: <https://international.institut-agro-rennes-angers.fr/agroecology>

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

Every week you've a different course topic within units. This starts with more theory and eventually you apply this theory in projects/assignments. The focus is more on reports/groupwork rather than exams. The workload is high, full days with quite some days (9-17:00)

**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 easily approachable, the class was really small. Sometimes French are a bit more closed and in general they don't like to speak English.

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

Catering, sports, laundry, music room, bar

## 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?)**

Room on campus, together with 1 other you share bathroom, but you've your own room. Around €230,- euros a month, but mandatory lunch+diner from mo-Thursday and Friday mandatory lunch. Every meal is €3,75

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

Full schedules, not always efficient. Having a canteen to eat. But in general quite similar, maybe a bit more closed people.

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

€400 for housing and food per month. Bit cheaper than Wageningen.

**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 ticket is €1.50 for 1 hour of bus/metro. Good connection and not too big city. I recommend a bike.

## 6. Free time

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

Mt st michel, saint malo, cancale, the city, river, lakes, forest around. Travel by bus/train. Book Airbnb

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

Bordeaux

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

Just go into town and check what you like, it's not that big. Angello has good pizza. Scoobidoo has big sandwiches (not perse healthy). There's also a nice Lebanese place. Cool bars at place st anne. If you want to play palet go to la gazoline. Following the river to the west outside the city there are 2 nice bars, not always open but with live music (le MeM).

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

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

Administrative stuff. Money stuff. Often French bank account needed and for that you need a French phone number again, sometimes annoying.

**What was your best memory abroad?**

I've met amazing international people and I got a really tight group of friends, we did everything together.

**8. Contact details (optional)**

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