



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Landscape architecture and spatial planning
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	23-08-2021 until 16-01-2022
Country (exchange)	Sweden
City (exchange)	Alnarp
University (exchange)	University of agricultural sciences
Faculty (exchange)	

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I chose to go on study exchange to broaden my horizon. I wanted to get to know another country and get new experiences.

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

I chose this university because of the courses they offered. However, I was also attracted to the larger amount of nature in the country.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

It is really easy to reach the destination by train. It does take 13 hours, but it is really affordable, there is no need to come by airplane.

I have heard that coming by bus is also possible, but I haven't tried to do so.

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	Foodscapes	15	You learn about the relation between food and the landscape. What effect the landscape has on the food and vice versa. A lot is taught about the social aspect of food, like food tradition and locality of food.	4	It was a really interesting course. However, I am not sure whether and how I will be able use what I learned in this course
2	People and environment	15	You learn about the relation between people and the environment. What factors are in play when making a lively place and many theories.	4	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

The workload seemed to be less than at WUR. Especially the course Foodscapes didn't take as much time and effort.

However, the quality of the education seemed to be good.

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 lecturers are very approachable. At WUR this is also the case, but at SLU the extent to which you can approach is even still a lot bigger. It is a very nice atmosphere.

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

At the student housing offered by the university, all have access to laundry facility. There is also a small outdoor gym on campus (as it is outdoor, it is open to all, but wet when raining).

In the library building, there is the 'plant café'. The Plant café is a place where you can get coffee, with 'fika'. You can also get lunch there. It is a really cozy place, where you can also buy a special kind of plant. On campus there is also a lunch restaurant, where they offer a different meal every day,

you can choose between vegetarian and non-vegetarian, but other than that, I think there is no choice, but I have only been there once.

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?)

Possibility to sign up for getting a room. You can't choose which room, but only to get a room.

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

Less open to spontaneous conversations in public. But still really friendly.
Less stressed culture.

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

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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 Sweden is less expensive than in the Netherlands. I don't exactly know how much.

6. Free time

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

Falsterbo, Söderasen, kullaberg (and other national parks)

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

I don't know, I haven't read the travel guide

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

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

A challenge I experienced was that a lot is not possible to do without a person number and a credit card. However you are not able to get a person number when you are in Sweden for less than 12 months

What was your best memory abroad?

I find it hard to point out one best memory. I have really good memories with the people I lived with, as I lived in a really friendly social house. I went on a weekly hike to different national parks, which I really enjoyed. I also learned a little bit to pick edible mushrooms in the forests, which I learned to like a lot.

I think in general I have the best memories of the people that I got to meet and the new activities that I learned to enjoy.

8. Contact details (optional)

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