



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Biology
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	09/02/2022 until 15/07/2022
Country (exchange)	Italy
City (exchange)	Bologna
University (exchange)	University of Bologna (Unibo)
Faculty (exchange)	Sciences

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To broaden my horizon and meet people from different cultures.

What is the reason you chose for this country/university

I already learned Italian a few years ago and wanted to refresh it and have a big love for the Italian culture and way of life. And Bologna is a very free and lively city, so I chose this city.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I asked other students that were going to Bologna from Wageningen even though I hadn't met them yet how they would travel so I would rather not travel by plane, and I managed to travel together with another girl 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	Functional biodiversity for biological pest control and pollination	6	Biodiversity in agriculture	3	Interesting but quite slow
2	Ground water resources protection and contamination	6	Groundwater, its types, uses and contamination	5	Very interesting and nice field trip!
3	Earth climate system	6	The earth climate system and climate change impact	3	Interesting, but boring teacher
4	Biodiversity and evolution of plants	6	Different types of plants and their evolution	4	Interesting. In Italian so not for everybody.
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

The workload is not super high and you mainly get lectures, little to no tutorial or practical lessons. The examination was with oral exams and not as difficult as in Wageningen.

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 were really nice and approachable. The local students are open to get to know foreign students, which is really nice.

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

I personally didn't use these things very much, so I don't know.

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?)

It's very difficult to find a room and the university organizes nothing. I recommend to start searching at least half a year before your Erasmus starts.

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

I really loved the Italian culture, Bologna had a really open atmosphere and the food is amazing. Nobody does planning though.

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

I had a cheap room, but mostly people paid around 400 or 500 each 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 buy a bus card from the university for €10 and then get unlimited access to the bus which is nice. Also, lots of people cycle so you can also get 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?)

Venice, Florence, Siena, Verona. Go there by train and get your tickets at least a month in advance, saves you a lot of money.

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

Ravenna, Padova, San Marino

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

Pizza casa for nice and cheap pizza, Cassero for gay clubbing,

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Missing people at home

What was your best memory abroad?

Going camping in the country side.

8. Contact details (optional)

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