

WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Bachelor food technology
Study period exchange	28-02-2022 until 10-07-2022
(dd/mm/yyyy)	
Country (exchange)	Italy
City (exchange)	Bolzano
University (exchange)	Free university of Bozen-Bolzano
Faculty (exchange)	Science and technology

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I have always wanted to go on exchange, because I really like travelling. I like to learn more about other cultures.

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

With the family we visited Italy a few times and we also went once to Bolzano. There is a lot to do. In the winter you can go skiing and in the summer the weather is really nice and you can go hiking and go to lakes.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

The fastest way is flying to verona and then take a train. Also going with car is nice, because it is more easy to do trips. Train is expensive and airports are far away, like Milano.

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	Macroeconomics	8	Basic knowledge about economy, like central bank and most important definitions used in economics.	4	It is a lot of knowledge that you have to learn if you do not have a background, but it is doable.
2	Management of SMEs	6	How family businesses work and what is special about them. With guest lectures with FB from here also.	5	Guest lectures are really interesting. Rest is really easy
3	International management	6	Globalisation, why/when/how a business goes abroad	3	Lecturer is really nice and good, also easy course
4	Banking and corporate finance	6		3	Specific questions in the exams
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

The study material is pretty easy and the workload is low. Ofcourse it differs per course, but in general its way easier than in the Netherlands.

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 really approachable and they encourage you to ask anything you want. They also like to just talk not only about the course. If you want to engage with local students its possible, but it depends on which course, where you live etc. But in general they like exchange students. Difference with Wur is that the organisation is way more chaotic and it is not always known what you have to do.

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

Sports, mensa (lunch), social events

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?)

Student housing is offered and is 230 for two-person room and 300 for a room alone. And private rooms are around 500 euros.

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

Local cuisine is Italian, but also Austrian. They eat around 8.

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

Living expenses are the same as in Wageningen (around 1000)

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)

for a year card you pay 150 euros, taxi prices 15 euros for 5-10 minute drive. Travel to university walking, biking or bus. Depends where you live. But doable walking from everywhere (max 30 minutes).

6. Free time

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

Trento, merino, lakes, mountain hiking, cable cars. Travel with bus or train.

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

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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?

Travelling, when was the best time and when better not to travel somewhere.

What was your best memory abroad?

All the lakes and small trips to other cities, but also meeting new people and just chilling in the park.

8. Contact details (optional)

Is the reader allowed to contact the writer?	yes □	no ⊠
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