



# WUR Goes Abroad

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## 1. Student Information

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<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Soil, Water, Atmosphere
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	Spring semester 2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	United Kingdom (Wales)
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Cardiff
<b>University (exchange)</b>	Cardiff University
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Earth school

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

I wanted to take ocean related modules because not much attention is devoted to this topic in my current studies in Wageningen. However, due to changes in their curriculum I was not able to follow any, so I choose other environmental modules instead.

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

It was my desire to become more comfortable in English.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I took the the Eurostar to London and from there it was only two more hours by train to Cardiff. It is desirable to buy a railway card, since public transport is quite expensive in the UK.

## 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	Hazards, Risk & Resilience	10	See course guide	4	
2	Global Climate Change	10		4	
3	Environmental Geomorphology	10		3	
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

Academic level is not too high. Much less contact hours than I am used to 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?)**

Lectures are very approachable. Since I had a lot of group assessment I got in contact with other student very easily, even though they had already been together for three years.

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

You can become a member of sport or hobby societies, which I would warmly recommend.

## 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?)**

University residences or private. I choose to be in a university residence because I did not want to stress about finding an accommodation in time. Also probably relatively clean, since especially British fresher tend to be quite dirty.

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

I would say British/Welsh people tend to be a bit more formal and indirect compared to Dutch students. However, people were very sweet and open for conversation and contact.

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

Bit more expensive than Wageningen is. Cardiff is the cheapest big city in the UK tho.

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

Quite expensive but with the railway card which cost 30p for a full year you get a 30% discount on all train tickets.

## 6. Free time

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

Snowdonia, Pembrookshire, Ireland. Bus and train.

**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?)**

Pubs! Especially when there is rugby on. Also the park life in Cardiff is great.

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

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

For me saying goodbye was quite hard, because there will be quite a distance between you and the people you have gotten close with during your time abroad.

**What was your best memory abroad?**

The whole experiences is amazing. The people you meet, the things you experience will stick with you forever.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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