



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BSc Biotechnology
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	04-01-2022 until 13-06-2022
Country (exchange)	United Kingdom
City (exchange)	Chester
University (exchange)	University of Chester
Faculty (exchange)	Social sciences

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to experience living in another country, meeting new people, experience a new culture, and broaden my knowledge in the field of psychology

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

I chose the UK because it is a native English speaking country and I wanted to improve my English, and the University of Chester offered courses I was interested in

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Take the plane from either Eindhoven Airport (Cheaper) or Schiphol to Manchester international, then take the Transport for Wales train from Manchester international to Chester.

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	<i>Core Topics in Psychology</i>	5	Covers all areas of psychology briefly	2	Too brief for me, didn't cover enough details
2	<i>Secrets of the Brain</i>	5	Introduction into neuroscience	4	-
3	<i>Forensic and Criminal Psychology</i>	5	Introduction into criminal psychology	5	-
4	<i>Psychological Therapies</i>	5	In-depth course on psychological therapies	5	My favourite course, great in-depth explanation of treatments psychiatrists use
5	<i>Psychology of Parenting</i>	5	Course on the influence of parents on child raising	4	-
6	-	-	-	-	-

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

A lot of self study, examination is usually by essays.

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 approachable but kind of depends on which lecturer you have. Engagement with local students in classrooms is minimal, outside of classrooms I met amazing people.

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

All of the things stated above, great support services and additional services.

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?)

Erasmus students are allocated a room with 90% success rate, rent rates are +- 20 to 50% more than in Wageningen.

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

Culture is both more open and more closed to new people at the same time. People are willing to help, but making friends is quite hard. People can be happy, but many suffer from mental issues.

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

20-50% increase in living costs.

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 is very expensive, everyone just walks if possible otherwise public transport is okay.

6. Free time

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

Chester city walls, chester racecourt, chester grosvenor park

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

A club: Rosies Chester

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

As a student, Chester Student Union bar is a great place to meet people, play pool etc. For clubbing Rosies is great.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Getting to the UK in the first place, WUR travel policy is.... Terrible.

What was your best memory abroad?

All my friends I still talk to!

8. Contact details (optional)

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