

WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Bachelor Soil, Water, Atmosphere		
Study period exchange	01/10/2022 until 21/02/2023		
(dd/mm/yyyy)			
Country (exchange)	Austria		
City (exchange)	Innsbruck		
University (exchange)	Universität Innsbruck		
Faculty (exchange)	Department of Atmospheric and		
	Cryospheric sciences		

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I always wanted to live abroad for a while, as I love exploring new cultures and landscapes. Also, it felt like stepping out of my comfort zone, which I wanted to try in my academical career

What is the reason you chose for this country/university? Innsbruck is located in the middle of the Alps, and as I love mountains, this location offered me enough outdoor activities to explore the mountains with new friends. Also, I am really into the German language, so Austria combines these two interests of mine.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

The train is perfect! As there is a direct Night train connection between Arnhem/Utrecht and Innsbruck.

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	Physics of the Climate system	5	Understanding all processes influencing the climate on earth	1	Very interesting
2	Atmospheric biogeochemistry	5	Atmospheric chemistry, NOx, O3 etc	2	
3	Weather forecassting	5	Looking at weather charts and understanding them	3	
4	Avalanches	6	Understanding avalanche hazards and warning services	3	Expected more
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Lots of free time and no use of schoolbooks

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?)

Quite formal, comparable to WUR

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

Catering and sport facilities for students

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?)

Same as in Wageningen, but also nationalised housing companies dedicated to students

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

Meat culture sadly but very nice people

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

Food is much more expensive but housing is a bit cheaper

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

Excellent tram and bus connections within the city, also for students you can rent bikes for free

6. Free time

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

The Nordkette national park and take a train to Wien

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

South Tyrol is also worth a visit

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)
Just do what you're into

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

To be there all on my own and do everything far away

What was your best memory abroad?

Reaching the top of 3000m+ mountains

8. Contact details (optional)

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