



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Bachelor voeding en gezondheid
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	11/01/2022 until 11/06/2022
Country (exchange)	United Kingdom
City (exchange)	Leicester
University (exchange)	University of Leicester
Faculty (exchange)	Biological sciences

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to go out of my comfort zone and try something new.

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

I wanted to go to an English speaking country and because of covid this was the only option that was available.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I went by plane and taxi. The taxi from the airport was very expensive so I would recommend to just go by bus to Leicester.

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	7.5	The basics of macroeconomics	3	A rather easy course if you have had economics in high school
2	Biochemical mechanisms of human diseases	7.5	Different diseases are being discussed in detail	5	The end exam is writing an essay
3	Medical genetics	7.5	The genetic components of different health risks are being discussed	5	The end exam is writing an essay
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

The material was not difficult at all. I did learn new information but I would not say that the academic level is the same as in Wageningen. The examination was quite different, we had to write an essay instead of studying for an exam. This meant that I had to study differently for the test.

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 approachable. They are interested in how it is going with you and you can always come to them with questions.

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

The university has a lot of lunch options. They also offer a gym and sports societies.

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?)

The campus offers a range of rooms for students. They have two main options of location, The Village and The City. It is very easy to apply and it gives an opportunity to live with other students in a house. If applying I would recommend to choose for The City, because this is a lot closer to the campus (walking distance of 5 minutes) than The Village and the housing is often better.

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

The culture of the UK is not that different than the Netherlands. The things I noticed were the difference between day and night outfits of the students. They would show up to campus in tracksuits and go clubbing in heels and short dresses. Also, the brits are very polite and sometimes they overreact a bit more. Other than that not much of a difference.

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

I choose the most expensive building they offered because I like comfort and wanted to live with 10 people. So I paid double compared to Wageningen. They do also offer less expensive rooms but they are less luxurious. I had my own bathroom and toilet and shared the kitchen with 9 others. The building was just built and therefore very clean and nice to live in. As for groceries and other things, they are a bit more expensive because the pound is worth more than the euro, but overall it was doable.

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 quite easy. You can buy a bus ticket and train tickets are also readily available. The train tickets range in prices depending on which time you travel. I would recommend to buy a rail pass if you are planning to travel in the UK. This gives a discount of 30% every time you travel by train. Using uber is also quite easy in Leicester. Especially when going clubbing this is used a lot, but if you live in The City the distance is also walkable.

6. Free time

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

In Leicester: the national space centre, vintage shops,

Around Leicester: London, Sheffield, Nottingham, Manchester

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

Definitely try out different restaurants in Leicester. The city offers a range of different restaurants and they are all so good! Leicester is quite known for its curry's and Indian cuisine. I would recommend Herb or Mowgli for dinner and KAI for brunch. As for going out most people go to O2 (at the university) on Wednesday, Mosh on Thursday or Friday.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Money. I wanted to do so many fun things.

What was your best memory abroad?

Meeting all the great people from Erasmus and doing trips together.

8. Contact details (optional)

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