



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

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| Field of study in Wageningen | Forest and nature conservation |
| Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy) | 29/08/2022 until 14/02/2023 |
| Country (exchange) | Spain |
| City (exchange) | Lleida |
| University (exchange) | Universitat de Lleida |
| Faculty (exchange) | ETSEA |

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

Because I think a study exchange is a unique opportunity to experience living in another country and meeting a lot of people with different backgrounds.

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

I always wanted to experience living in Spain because I am interested in their culture and the languages.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

The whole trip is possible to make by train in one day.

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 |
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| 1 | Mediterranean forest management | 5 | Different topics that are important in Mediterranean forest management. And fieldtrips. | 5 | |
| 2 | Forest health | 4 | It is about signs and symptoms of tree diseases. Also in this | 3 | |

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| | | | course there are fieldtrips. | | |
| 3 | Pastoral uses of Mediterranean forestry surfaces: A fire prevention tool | 5 | Different pastoral systems to prevent heavy forest fires are explained and the difficulties there are when using these systems. | 5 | |
| 4 | Bioeconomy and principles of environmental sustainability | 3 | Course about bioeconomy. | 4 | |
| 5 | Global environmental change and invasive species | 3 | A course about what are invasive species. With examples of invasive pathogens in Catalonia. | 5 | |
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

There are small classes. Some classes are examined by presentations and assignments and for some classes there are exams.

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 easy to approach. Because the classes are so small you get to know the other students. Lecturers are very relaxed. Like you expect from Spain.

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

At the campus there is a good cafeteria.

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?)

It is easy to find a room in Lleida. I went without having a room and had one in one week. A room at the campus is expensive and I won't recommend it. My landlord was very friendly. The house was near the Rectorat (Faculty of Letters). Conveniently located, and with good transports links in a central area. Flat for 4 students from February to the end of June. Rent: €185 + utilities (light + gas + 5€ internet). Feel free to reach out to her via phone or e-mail:

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

The languages spoken in Lleida are Catalan and Castellano (Spanish). The time people eat is different. You have lunch around 2 and dinner around 9. It is also more common to go to the bar or a restaurant to eat.

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

Renting a room is cheaper than in Wageningen. My rent was 200 per month.

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

There are busses in Lleida and trains to Barcelona. The fast train takes only one hour to reach Barcelona. Taxi's are not so expansive as here in the Netherlands. And I had a bike in Lleida to go to university.

6. Free time

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

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

Of course Barcelona. But also mont rebei and mont serrat are really beautiful. And places next to the beach are nice as well.

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

Italian restaurant Piemonte in Lleida. And taking salsa classes.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Getting courses that do not overlap.

What was your best memory abroad?

Living in Spain was a really really cool

8. Contact details (optional)

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