



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

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| Field of study in Wageningen | International Land & Water management |
| Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy) | 25/01/22 until 15/05/22 |
| Country (exchange) | USA |
| City (exchange) | Madison |
| University (exchange) | University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Faculty (exchange) | College of Agriculture & Life sciences |

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

During Covid I was quite bored in Wageningen and I really felt like I needed something else in life, a new experience. I always like going on adventures and I wanted to challenge myself do something out of my comfort zone I had never done before.

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

I wanted to go outside of Europe, but to a country where they spoke English. I looked at the universities and really liked the diversity of courses in Madison. Also I read that it was a very social city for students and really enjoyable.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Airplane to Chicago and then the bus to Madison.

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 | CIV ENGR 410: Hydraulic Engineering | 6 | Mostly drinking water engineering with modelling in Excel, teacher is really nice and a lot of groupwork | 3 | Would only do if you want to get into drinking water |
| 2 | GEOG 526: Human Transformations of Earth Surface Processes | 6 | About how humans have shaped the surface of the earth. A lot of interactive activities and interesting topics | 5 | Fun for (almost) everyone, and low course-load |

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| 3 | PHILOS 432: History of Modern Philosophy | 6 | Many different modern philosophers are discussed, very enthusiastic teacher | 5 | Recommended if you like deep thought and discussions |
| 4 | ENGL 307: Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop | 6 | Learn to write stories and poetry, very cool to do as a course but the way it is taught could be a bit more engaging | 4 | Helps you to become more creative |

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

The workload of my classes was not that high, but that really depend on the courses. Friends of mine had much higher workloads. I only had final exam on one of my courses, which was a take home exam.

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?)

The teachers are all really nice and caring. They are much more engaging than at home and you feel you get more individual attention. Local students are all super easy to talk to and very interested in meeting an international.

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

They are many clubs you can join, there is a huge sports center, and a lot of activities you can participate in every week.

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?)

I staid in the dorms with two roommates, I would not recommend it because the dorms are very expensive and you will meet enough people, so you don't really need roommates.

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

People are more social and open

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

About 2 to 3 time more expensive, especially the rooms

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

You get a free bus card, they are decent but often late

6. Free time

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

Chicago is really nice to visit in the weekend, you can go to the Milwaukee Bucks to see basketball.

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

The bars are all fantastic

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

Monday's for strong drinks, Kollege Klub is the best bar

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Finding my place in the group

What was your best memory abroad?

Too many

8. Contact details (optional)

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