



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Landscape architecture
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	01/09/2022 until 20/02/2023
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	italy
<b>City (exchange)</b>	milan
<b>University (exchange)</b>	Politecnico di milano
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Architecture and landscape architecture

## 2. Motivation for exchange

### Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I felt like an exchange would enrich my bachelor and is the ideal opportunity to experience life abroad. Especially within the Europe, as can be useful to understand Europe as a whole rather than viewing things from your own countries perspective.

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

**Politecnico di Milano is a well reknowned university that is especially well known for its architecture faculty. As I wanted to take a look at architecture, this university seemed like a good option.**

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I carpooled to milan which takes about 12 hours from Wageningen. I have heard good stories about the train. The plane is an easy and cheap option too.

## 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	Historical building preservation studio	12	Studio about preservation of historical buildings in Italy. It also discusses deterioration and materials in buildings.	5	Good and nice teachers.
2	Ecological landscape planning	8	Second year course discussing design of ecosystems on an urban scale.	3,5	Course was not well organized but the teachers were knowledgeable. Exam was relatively easy.
3	Building physics	8	Course about energy balances of buildings that also discusses energy efficiency and sustainability.	4	Well taught but not very dynamic. Exam was relatively difficult.
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

A lot of lectures not a lot of different methods of studying

**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 very different and very from approachable to very distant. Some teachers can look down on students. The WUR is more levelled.

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

Most facilities are available If you wish to use them. The print shop is very good compared to the WUR

## 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?)**

Shared housing can be strict (no visitor policy) and expensive (900 per month for a small room). Begin your search on time.

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

Italians are very expressive and like their culture a lot. They take a lot of pride in expressing their heritage.

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

Its at least twice the cost of Wageningen for living. Food is not very expensive and the supermarket has a lot of choice.

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

University can be reached by public transport and a lot of people took a subscription for this. I had a bike (Swapfiets) and this worked very well for me. Usually biking takes about as long as public transport.

## 6. Free time

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

The alps are a must visit! Especially when the first snow falls.

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

Bobbio is a place where you can ski and it is very close to milan.

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

Bar picchio.

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

**What was a challenge you have experienced?**

Adapting to Italian culture especially with the language barrier

**What was your best memory abroad?**

Going to a jazzbar with friends

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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