



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Landscape architecture
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	09-2022 until 01-2023
Country (exchange)	Italy
City (exchange)	Milan
University (exchange)	Politecnico
Faculty (exchange)	Architecture

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange? I wanted to gain international experience and broaden my horizon. I also wanted to learn Italian and create an international network

What is the reason you chose for this country/university? I wanted to enjoy life a bit after covid, but still be challenged

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.) I think air plane is the easiest. My friends came with train, which is doable, but I would not recommend with all your luggage.

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	Built environment and landscape design studio	12	Studio about the city centre of a small town	4	Was quite intense. But studios are always intense. You will learn a lot
2	History of Art	4	Entire history of art from prehistoric until Renaissance	3	The subjects did not go as deep as I wanted it and lectures were very long
3	Conservation and management of historic gardens and landscapes	8	Course about management of historical gardens	4	Very interesting and multidisciplinary course. I went on a lot of excursions
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material) 2 semesters per year. I followed mainly master courses. It was quite doable but you still have to work.

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?)

There is more hierarchy compared to the WUR. Not normal to have small talk with your teachers. They just give information

What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?) There are sports facilities and Cafeteria facilities present at university

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 was very difficult to get housing. Prices were extremely high, around 800 euros for the city centre per month. The university provides spots but they are almost impossible to get.

What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?) Its true what they say about Italians and their passion for food. This was the biggest difference with home.

Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen? Normal housing was 800 euros. If you share a bedroom, around 400.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?) Monthly ticket under 26 gave all transportation for 22 euros.

6. Free time

What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?) All cities in north Italy were beautiful. But also the lakes and mountains. Plan in advance so you don't miss any, going in spring or late summer is the best time as it tends to be very hot.

What does not appear in the travel guide, but is worth a visit? A nice place where you can get aperitivo

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?) Don't go out alone. Go with friends. Places in Navigli for aperitivo is very good

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced? Getting houses, and not travelling alone as a lady

What was your best memory abroad? All the people I met and delicious food I ate

8. Contact details (optional)

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