



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	BSc Molecular Life Sciences
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	21/04/2022 until 29/09/2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Germany
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Munich
<b>University (exchange)</b>	Technical University of Munich
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	School of Life Sciences

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

To experience a different type of education and learn new language and meet new people

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

I chose Germany because I was always interested in the country and loved the language, moreover the prospects in Germany are great and wanted to experience it for a short while to see if I would like it as much as expected

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Train is what I used every time to go there, despite recurring delays in the National Train Company it is very comfortable, affordable if done early and rather fast (8h from Utrecht to Munich)

## 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	Application of Radiation in Medicine, Research and Industry	5	A thorough but very large overview of all types of imaging techniques and use of radiation in the medical field (radiology)	5	Best course I have ever taken in my university time, excellent and engaging professor
2	Introduction to quantum, particle and astrophysics	8	More than an introduction on particle physics to understand the current theories at stake and on particle accelerators	3	The content was very difficult for an introduction
3	Modern theories in Evolutionary Biology	5	Study and discussion/ presentations of evolutionary theories and critics. How to apply the scientific method in the right way and understand wobbly theories	4	The professor was very enthusiastic, passionate and engaging, games played, the content was not too much and the focus was more on reflecting which was nice
4	Image Processing in Physics	5	Review of mathematical/ physical theorems in the field of image processing and programming assignment on how to implement the material taught	2	The way of teaching was quite poor, the programming assignments were not supervised well at all, it was a tough course with little supervision but still an interesting content
5	Introduction to Patent, Trademark and Design Law for Engineers	3	Study of many legal aspects of design and intellectual property in the German law, also at European level. Taught by an actual Patent attorney	3	Very interesting oral lectures, dense content on the legal side but a lot of examples that makes it easier for engineers to grasp
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

The academic level is quite high depending on the course and how many people are taking it, the professors want their students to succeed, so many options are available for resits, bonuses, etc. The semester format is quite a change from the period format at the WUR so that made it difficult to follow, yet interesting because a lot of knowledge then intertwines

**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 university has a strong international character, a lot of events are offered, both organised by the students or the university itself, lecturers are very kind and often very keen to share their knowledge or even to get some of the students as interns for example

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

The University has a lot of very good sports facilities for a very low price however it is full very early, there is in Germany what is called Mensa (a canteen) on every campus, it is a very cheap and very good for the price, canteen only for students. It is a system which is definitely missing in the Netherlands

## **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?)**

There are official University housing options but those are also very full unless done very early but the easiest way is WG gesucht for student houses

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

Germany (south of Germany) has a very laid-back culture of taking time, which was very enjoyable, there is also a big beer culture and traditional events organized very regularly on that.

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

For me the expenses were cheaper in Germany for housing than in Netherlands but I lived in a town around Munich, however my fellow students had quite expensive housing prices in the range of 500-700 per month like in the Netherlands

**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 are quite bad at being on time or avoiding problems, however in the city it is no problem, the University student card is also a transport card so it is combined, to travel in Munich and surrounding

## 6. Free time

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

There are so many things to see around Munich and in Munich but I loved most Olympia Park and all its facilities, small towns around Munich are adorable as well as hikes in the surroundings alps really give a feeling of calm, nature and beautiful sights

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

Going to lakes, it is a must, cold or warm

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

Not necessarily, everything is worth it but maybe staying around the University neighborhood and not so much center because it is so Busy

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

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

Of commuting every day almost to my campus or Munich (I didn't take courses at my initial campus-school of life sciences), which was quite tough sometimes

**What was your best memory abroad?**

Celebrating my birthday with friends meeting very many very interesting people that I know will see again

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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