



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Economics and Governance
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01-10-22 until 31-03-2023
Country (exchange)	Germany
City (exchange)	Munich
University (exchange)	TUM
Faculty (exchange)	Management and Technology

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To broaden my horizons and develop as a person

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

The city is very safe and there is a high level of education offered.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

The bus is a very easy way of transportation brings you right to the city centre (same goes for the train). The airport is quite far out the city

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	How digital platforms compete.	6	Every lecture discussed a different case study of a digital platform	5	Very interactive, by far the nicest course I took in munich
2	Energy markets 1	6	The course discussed how energy markets work, It was a good introductory course but required	4	The teachers their English may be hard to understand. The lectures are long (3 hours without a break)

			knowledge on economics		
3	Energy Economics	6	This course consists of lectures and tutorials and it quite substantial. It's a master course.	4	This course requires knowledge on maths and economics aswell as on energy markets. By it self it may be challenging for a wur student but doable when also following energy markets
4	Introduction to value chain economics	6	For this course you evaluate the chain of a product chosen by you.	4	Unfortunately the course was designed to be fully online. However the teacher was very nice and the topic was interesting
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Since the university is of high quality the workload may be a lot. Especially as a social science student going to a technical university it may be too much. Due to the long period the beginning is very slow and easy going and the end is long days and long hours.

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?)

Local students are very distant, there are enough other exchange students and international students to socialize with.

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

ESN Is very active in this city, they offer a lot of events.

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?)

Unfortunately, this is a huge problem in Munich, dorms are offered based on distance. Because of this you are subject to the private market resulting in very high rent prices. Finding a room can last very long as there is a huge housing shortage.

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

There is a huge drinking culture. Water is more expensive than beer. Dinner is very early. A lot of people bike. The city is quite posh and not very diverse.

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

Most of my friends paid between 600-1200 euros for a room per month. If you also want to live and go out DUO is not enough to be able to afford to live here.

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

I had a bike (rented a Swapfiets for 17 euros a month) but you can buy a semester ticket at the university for around 300 euros that allows you to travel everywhere (in the Munich area) by public transport. There is a tram, underground and bus and train system. That works very well. After 18.00 to 4.00 public transport is for free with your student card.

6. Free time

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

By train or bus you can go to a lot of places. Skiing, city trips to cities like Prague and Vienna and Berlin. I definitely recommend Oktoberfest or spring fest.

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

I recommend taking a free walking tour to get to know the city

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

Rent a bike and cycle around. Go for nice walks and take a free guided walking tour.

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

It was often hard to make connections as the university is of such high quality many people are very focused on studying. However many other exchange students will be very willing to make connections with you.

In addition finding accommodation is very challenging.

What was your best memory abroad?

Meeting many cool new people and broadening my horizons. Munich is a very safe city with a lot of history.

8. Contact details (optional)

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