



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Plantscience
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	17-01-2022 until 05-06-2022
Country (exchange)	Sweden
City (exchange)	Alnarp
University (exchange)	Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet
Faculty (exchange)	Department of Biosystems and Technology

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to experience education system in another country and learn a new culture.

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

The country and its nature appealed me. The university had some interesting courses.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

There are multiple ways to reach the campus, by car, plane or public transport. If you choose to come by train it is easy from Copenhagen Central via Malmö central and then the bus. Also If you plan to fly to Copenhagen airport from there it is also easy to get to the campus by public transport, about 1 hour.

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	BI1396 - Sustainable Production Systems in a Global Perspective	15	This course is about different production systems that are evaluated on econaical, sustainable and social factors	2	It was not what I expected the course was quite broad and not focused on the global production systems. However some things based on the sustainable focus where nice to learn.
2	BI1143- Horticultural Production Systems	15	You learn about all the essential that are needed to produce in the field or in a greenhouse	4	Sometimes the course is superficial, but with the excursions you get a nice broad view on the possibilities.

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

Compared to the studyload in Wageningen, it is easier in Sweden. So there is plenty of spare time. Examination can be by a written examination but they also do a lot of presentations.

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 open and approachable, they always want to help you. This is quite similar to WUR.

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

The campus on Alnarp is quite small so there is not a lot to do. However there are some sportfields (tennis, football and an outdoor gym) on campus. There is a park where you can relax and laundry facilities are around.

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 some student houses on campus. It is easy to get a room as it is managed by the university, if you want to live in the area there are also some other options. Rent ranges from 280-400 depending on the size of the room.

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

Swedish people are quite but when you talk to them or become friends they will talk plenty. Food is quite similar but more expensive compared to NL.

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

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

If you live on campus or close to campus it is possible to walk or cycle. However if you plan to live away from campus public transport is quite cheap compared to the Netherlands.

6. Free time

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

If you are luck and know someone with a car it is worth to visit the nature reserves further away, however it is also possible to reach these by public transport but this takes a little time.

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

When you arrive check the schedule for the Icehockey games of the teams in the area, even though you are not interested in the game it is worth a visit. There is a really nice atmosphere and it is an interesting game to watch.

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

Go to the pub on campus, furthermore there are some student group where sports activities are planned. But you can also just relax in the park or on the beach nearby. Copenhagen is also close and worth a visit.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

In the beginning it was rainy and dark but when you learn to know people and find your way around it is an amazing time.

What was your best memory abroad?

I had plenty of fun with my housemates but also the trips you can do to other Scandinavian cities and the Swedish nature in beautifull.

8. Contact details (optional)

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