



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BLP
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	19 September 2022 until 4 February 2023
Country (exchange)	United Kingdom
City (exchange)	Sheffield
University (exchange)	University of Sheffield
Faculty (exchange)	Department of Landscape Architecture

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To learn more about landscape architecture and how this is thought abroad. As well as to have the experience of studying and living in a foreign country.

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

The country because of the language and landscape. The university because of the available modules.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Sheffield has a direct train connection with St. Pancras international train station, so the connection with the Eurostar is very pleasant. Otherwise the university offers a coach service (only at the start of the semester) between Manchester airport and Sheffield. This is a good option if you've never been to the UK before and don't know how to get around.

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

A lot of portfolio and studio work, along with lectures and feedback groups. For landscape architecture in particular, I think UoS (University of Sheffield) has a good academic level that compliments that of WUR.

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 offers a lot of activities and opportunities for making social connections. The societies are very diverse and approachable, this is in my opinion better than the student associations found in Wageningen (not easily approachable if you're not a member). The lecturers send emails on a weekly basis which is very nice and prevents miscommunication.

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

The university offers student accommodation, which is very nice if you have no idea on where to start when it comes to finding a place. Additionally, residence life offers free activities that are often unique and create a space for social connections and friends. There's also a sports and laundry facility.

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?)

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

A lot of people walk to places or take the bus. Many students stay on campus for the whole semester rather than going home during the weekends which is something common in the Netherlands.

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

I'd say it's almost the same as Wageningen, just a little more expensive depending on the housing situation and life style. Probably around €700 per month for rent and other expenses.

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

Personally, I walked to university (about 20 minutes). With your student card you can get a discount on the bus and if you wish to travel around by train, I'd recommend purchasing a rail card (this gives you discounts for train, coach and tram tickets)

6. Free time

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

York was a very beautiful city nearby which I visited. Within Sheffield the city centre and meadow hall are good shopping and cafe locations. Public transport is probably the best way to get around (make sure to check for strikes beforehand)

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

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

Put yourself out there and just go wherever, the worse that could happen is that it's not as great as you'd have hoped.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Being truly alone at the start, when you haven't really made any friends yet and you have to find your place in the university and city.

What was your best memory abroad?

Meeting new people and seeing the different architecture and landscapes.

8. Contact details (optional)

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