



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BBC
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	13/02/2023      until 30/6/2023
Country (exchange)	Hungary
City (exchange)	Budapest
University (exchange)	Corvinus
Faculty (exchange)	Economics

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

To have the opportunity to live in a foreign country while studying.

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

Budapest seemed quite different than the Netherlands and it seemed like a big and vibrant city.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

The easiest way to reach it is by plane, however you can also go by train.

## 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	<a href="#">Business opportunities – How we got here and where should we go? (Narrative changes in business, technology, and politics)</a>	6	A course with projects where you can decide what you want to create for a better world.	3.5	Interesting, but not really a business course.
2	<a href="#">International Retailing Management</a>	6	About retailing and money balances	2.5	Quite boring, but the stuff you learn is useful
3	<a href="#">Global Climate Change and Trade</a>	6	An overview about climate change	4	Really fun course, because the seminars were always fun.
4	<a href="#">Comparative Economic Policy</a>	6	Comparing economies in Europe and explaining basic concepts.	4.5	Really interesting course, only downside was that it was on Tuesday 8:00.
5	<a href="#">Transition and Post Transition Challenges in Hungary</a>	6	Learning about the Hungarian transition	4	Really interesting to hear the challenges a former communistic country had/has
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

First 90 minutes lecture, then 90 minutes seminar, however these can be mixed. The level is not that high. Workload is normal, you will get assignments almost every week.

**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?)**

Lectures are really approachable, most classes are not bigger than 30 students. Teachers will learn your name.

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

There is a canteen in the buildings, I think it offers sport, but maybe with discounts and not on the campus. You can find all the facilities in the mycorvinus app.

## 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 a few dorms, however I would recommend to look on housing anywhere or smarthomeapartment. You can find nice rooms in apartments for affordable prices.

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

Hungarian is a very difficult language, so you will always feel some kind of distances to most locals. Hungarians are not the most friendly people, but the one you will meet from your own age are very nice! Local cuisine is a lot of meat (goulash) and sweet things like chimney or salty things like Langos.

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

Average rent is between 350 and 470. Groceries are a little bit cheaper than in the Netherlands. Other things like beer or general things are cheaper than 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?)**

Taxi's are not cheap, but not expensive (download Bolt). Public transport is really good, you can take the metro, tram or bus, also during the night. For a public transport card for the whole semester, you pay 44 euro's.

## 6. Free time

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

Lake Balaton is really nice, when the weather is great. Bratislava and Vienna are nearby. In Budapest you can just walk at the buda side, visit heroes square or go on top of the Bazilika

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

The swimming pool at Margaret island when the weather is nice. The prosecco cruise is also a nice activity to do.

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

Restaurants: 26 and mazel tov are really nice. You can find the best food in town (imo) at Két Szerecsen. Best Italian restaurant is il mulino.

Going out: Instant is really nice, but really touristic in the weekends, you will love it in the beginning, but feel tired of it at the end. Morrisons 2 is the best place to go on Monday (Erasmus evening) and Thursday (open bar for 11 euro's if you enter before 12). If you like techno, you should visit Playground, Arzénal and maybe Akvarium (depends on their program). Other nice places are, Stifler Haz, Doboz and Szimpla Kert (although quite touristic).

If you like football, try to attend a game at the Puskas arena.

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

### What was a challenge you have experienced?

You don't want people to think that you are a tourist, if you just say hi or thank you in Hungarian, Hungarian people will appreciate you more.

### What was your best memory abroad?

Meeting a lot of new friends, from a lot of different countries.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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