



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Economics and governance
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	Januari 2023 until June 2023
Country (exchange)	United Kingdom
City (exchange)	Leicester
University (exchange)	Uni of Leicester
Faculty (exchange)	-

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

- Looking for something new
- Improve my English language capabilities
- Meeting new people
- Experiencing new culture
- Living abroad out of comfort zone
- Explore how politics/economics in other countries is taught
- Doing fun stuff and creating memories

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

- I have always been loving the UK and its culture
- One of my chief aims of the exchange was to improve my English usage hence England
- Leicester is the biggest city I could go to in the UK
- Leicester is conveniently located in the UK
- Leicester is a great place to live
- University of Leicester is adequate

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Preferably take the train if your finances allow, because it allows you to carry all your stuff at one time without additional baggage fees. Otherwise take the plane to Luton. You could also take the Flixbus if you fancy.

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	Management Theory and Debate	7.5	Discusses management issues	4	
2	Contemporary Issues in Business Management	7.5	Discusses contemporary issues in Business and management	3	
3	Introduction to applied psychology	7.5	Introduction to applied psychology	2.5	
4	Foreign Policy analysis	7.5	Discusses foreign policy between countries	4	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

A Term exists of 10 weeks (much shorter than in Wageningen) in these weeks there are usually 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of seminar per week per course. After these ten weeks there is time to do revision, write essays and prepare for exams. Academic level is somewhat lower than at wur so is the workload. My examination existed merely out of essay writing, so no exams.

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?)

Culture is much different from Wageningen, since Wageningen has an extremely buzzing student life. Student life in England exists more of going to the pub. You can join a society comparable to a Wageningen student sport society, which is advisable imo. Additionally, the international Erasmus group is cool. Everyone in the UK is very friendly and approachable. You won't experience any type of discrimination and the language barrier is of a minor proportion. I primarily hanged out with a British group which I really loved. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as ESN so for trips and other activities you need to take initiative yourself.

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

- Sport societies are very nice
- Night club on campus
- Activities with accommodation residents every day
- Laundry facilities (2 pounds)
- Personal tutor

Briefly, they take care of you and are keen to help you.

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?)

University accommodation is supreme. Almost all international students opt for that it saves you a hassle with a potential landlord. You can either live in the city or the village. I would advise to live in the city if your budget allows it, since the life there is much more vibrant and almost all international students live there.

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

Pretty different obviously the British politeness. But Leicester is also much more diverse in culture than Wageningen. All ethnicities and different backgrounds are intermixed in friend groups and the class room

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

Depends on where you live in the village it is equally expensive in the city it is like Utrecht prices.

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

Just walk everywhere biking is not really a thing. If you live in the village the Uni will provide a free shuttle bus to campus. Public transportation is decent Ubers are cheap and trains are excellent for daytrips, but do not forget to purchase a railcard to save a lot.

6. Free time

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

Leicester is a lovely place and do not hesitate to go to London, Nottingham, Cambridge, etc

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

Idk, I did the obvious thing and loved that

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

Take initiative to do things with random people don't be shy. People will love that and more doors will open at a later stage of the exchange

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

I did not experience real challenges

What was your best memory abroad?

Just the experience as a whole. Feel like a British citizen for a few months, learn a lot and meet the best people

8. Contact details (optional)

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