



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BBC
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	23/01/2023 until 30/05/2023
Country (exchange)	Spain
City (exchange)	Madrid
University (exchange)	UAM
Faculty (exchange)	Economics

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

It seemed like an amazing way to see something more of Europe during my minor, while meeting new people from all over the world.

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

Because of the weather and the language. Also because I really like Madrid as a city, and I wanted to experience living in a bigger city.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Plane or train are both good. Public transport in Spain is very good so a train would probably be the best option considering the environment. The university you reach via train from the centrum to train station cantoblanco.

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	Econometrics 2	6	Econometrics. Forecasting time series, volatility, MA, AR, ARMA. GARMMA.	2	Hard when you have never had econometrics before.
2	Macroeconomics 2	6	ISLM. ADAS. European union.	3.5	

3	Theory and instruments of monetary instrument	9	Central banks and what they can do to prevent and contain shocks. Inflation. Philips curve. European union. Supply and demand shocks.	4.5	
4	Statistical theory for economics and finance	9	Statistics.	3	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

The academic is not that far apart from the WUR. It depends on the course. Workload is less though, considering homework. Studying for the exam demanded the same at UAM as for the WUR. The overall experience at UAM is feeling like going back in time though. It feels like a high school, where the lecturers are not professors but really feel like high school teachers.

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 approachable. Students not so much. The students have (just like in high school) the same lectures with all of their year mates. There are no students from different programmes in the class room. They always sit in the same place with the same groups, making them harder to approach.

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

Basically everything you want. Sports, catering, I don't know about laundry facilities though.

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?)

On campus there is I think not anything available. Everyone I met got their home via HelpHousing. Which may be a little more expensive, but safe and no chance of getting ripped of.

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

Just Spain. Eating late, going out till late, everything calm.

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

Madrid: 700
Wageningen: 400

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

Very cheap. You can get a public transport card as a resident for 8 euros per 30 days. This card is for bus, metro, train in the whole province of Madrid. The university you reach via train from the centrum (station SOL) to train station cantoblanco.

6. Free time

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

Retirio, temple debod, the royal palace, gran via, banco de espana.

I liked the city Segovia a lot.

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

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

Going out: fitz, barcelo. The whole neighbourhood malasana.

Restaurants, there are a lot. I do not have a favourite. La Latina has a lot of nice tapas places.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Just missing everyone.

What was your best memory abroad?

Easter trip through the south of Spain.

8. Contact details (optional)

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