



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

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| Field of study in Wageningen | Environmental Sciences |
| Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy) | 9.1.23 until 28.6.23 |
| Country (exchange) | Italy |
| City (exchange) | Milano |
| University (exchange) | Università degli Studi di Milano |
| Faculty (exchange) | Political, Economic and Social Sciences |

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange? - It is very easy to travel and get to know new places as a student. It is harder as a working adult (you need to find work etc.). So I try to travel as much as possible as a student, since you get easier access to accommodation, make friends, etc. And because every university has a certain bias, and it is interesting to see how different universities teach/approach certain topics.

What is the reason you chose for this country/university? Firstly because they had a good selection of social sciences, and because Milan was very different than Wageningen (it's warm, it is close to mountains, it's a big city, etc.)

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

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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| 1 | International Relations | 6 | Which systemic laws regulate how countries interact – presents different theories on this | 2.5 | Very realist/focused on war. So quite depressing, and the theories taught were quite old, but it was interesting |
| 2 | Justice and International Affairs | 3 | Look at different philosophers' views on justice, and discussions on them | 5 | Half the class was kept to discuss/compare/critique the theories studied, and this was really interesting |
| 3 | Political Science | 6 | | 3 | Quite quantitative: game theory/statistics. Exams were multiple choice and pretty easy |
| 4 | Ethics and Ecosystems | 3 | Focuses on moral responsibility to act environmentally, for individuals | 3.5 | |
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

- Mostly long answer exams (usually 3 questions), other students had oral exams, I didn't get any.

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, and the work culture is pretty chill

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

- no sports facilities, the cafeteria on the main campus is pretty affordable

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?)

- The uni offers student accommodation, but they didn't have enough for every exchange student

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

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

- Very expensive. Accommodation around 800 per month, groceries a bit more expensive but not too much, a beer out is usually 5 euros

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

Public transport is great, and very cheap. Shared bikes are also cheap, but there aren't really any bike lanes

6. Free time

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

Lecco (city – for hikes), porta romana is a really nice neighbourhood

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?)

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

What was your best memory abroad?

8. Contact details (optional)

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