



# WUR Goes Abroad

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## 1. Student Information

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<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Communication and life sciences
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	15-07-2022 until 06-02-2023
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Italy
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Padova
<b>University (exchange)</b>	universita degli studi di padova
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Department of political science

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

To experience a different culture, as well as get to know new people and a different type of learning.

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

The weather in Italy, but mostly the welcoming culture.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Destination is very easy to reach by either train or plane.

## 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	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	6	History course on how history has shaped international relations.	3	
2	POLICIES OF GLOBALIZATION	6	This course went in depth into globalization and how this relates to international relations.	4	
3	ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF GLOBAL	6	Shows how the environment has shaped cities, and the other way around.	5	
4	SPACE, PLACE AND MOBILITY	6	Course shows what different types of mobility there are, but also how mobilities can be seen and impacts certain things	3	
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

Mostly based on attending the lessons, that is the way they want you to learn.

**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?)**

Very depending on the teacher, some were very approachable, others not so much.

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

There are cantinas and lots of libraries to study in.

## 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?)**

Housing is hard to find, you really need to start looking way in advance, as there are not enough spaces for all the international students.

**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?**

600-700 is a regular price, could be paying more if you did not start looking on time, and have to sleep in airbnbs.

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

Often used a bike to go to university, but train and bus prices are fairly cheap.

## 6. Free time

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

I loved visiting the dolomites, a car is needed for this.

From Padova to Venice is really close, so would definitely recommend going there, and then also visit Burano and Murano.

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

To really explore Padova itself, take a tour through Palazzo Bo etc.

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

Say yes to everything, even if you normally don't like hiking the experience is so much different than it normally is.

## 7. Challenges & best moment abroad

**What was a challenge you have experienced?**

Different uni structure, for example different student-teacher relationships, but also different types of exams where a lot were oral instead of written, as well as that they released the exam dates quite late.

**What was your best memory abroad?**

Our final trip together with my friends from Erasmus, because at this point you got really close and during the trip it felt like you had known each other for years.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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