



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BIN
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01/09/2022 until 01/07/2023
Country (exchange)	Italy
City (exchange)	Perugia
University (exchange)	Università di Perugia
Faculty (exchange)	Social science

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to have an experience abroad where I would practice my English.

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

Half of my family is from Italy so I wanted to have the experience of living here in Italy as well.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Think for example about going with the flibus. However does Perugia have an airport as well.

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	Elements of psychology	12	It gives a broad range of all the general elements discussed in the studies of psychology	4	
2	Economic of development	6	It gives an historical aspect of past economic events and analyses some case studies	3	
3	Cultural diplomacy	6	From the concepts soft and hard power it will gives you a global definition of the diplomacy relationships happening nowadays	4	
4	Global governance	6	Political and historical analyses of past global international relations	5	
5	Geopolitics of east asia and china	6	Political and historical analyses of east asia and china	5	
6	Food security and climate change	6	General background of food security and the challenges attached to it nowadays	4	

How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Above courses were master degree courses, so most classes were with a small amount. This created space for open discussion and an more informal interaction. The academic level was okay but not too hard. Further were most examinations oral with an presentation and essay during the semester attached to it.

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?)

Because of the small amount of people in my classes the engagement with local students was not much but once talking with them they all were very friendly and interested. The differences with the WUR is the scale of people attending the courses. Besides is the community of accepting exchange students in the classes not really there. In other words there is a bigger separation at the WUR then here in Perugia.

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

Actually nothing.

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 many ways to get an house/apartment in Perugia. I found it on facebook and from the girl who went to two years ago to Perugia. Besides within the ESN group I have seen that people really help each other with offering places and giving different contacts.

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

Italian culture is way more relaxed. The high pressure of succeeding and the individual mindset is not really there. This however does not say Italians are lazy, they just have an different approach towards life. Either way I do think you can easily adapt when coming to Italy.

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

The rent prices are between 250 and 300. In Wageningen prices of a room now start (if you are lucky) from 300 and more. So the prices in general are lower.

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

I had an region bus ticket for a year which I paid 60 euro for. This means that I could travel the whole year for 'free' in the region Umbria with the bus and the regional train. Further is Perugia not made for bikes. It is really a city where you have to walk which will finally also be your workout because of the many hills and steps.

6. Free time

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

Umbria itself is the area you have to see. Normally tourist travel around this region because of the bigger cities like Bologna, Firenze and Roma. But actually once in Perugia you should take the regional trains and discover the rare nature places which are amazing.

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

Take the train to Narni and start walking next to the river and with nice weather even swim in the river.

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

Perugia is not the biggest city but trust me you will discover it once your there. The recommendations on the internet of little bars etc are not that good in general. But that is just because Perugia itself is not that famous. Once walking around you will discover amazing spots which will make your time perfect. Besides, the nightlife mostly happens on the steps in the square. Sounds now maybe a bit weird but once there you will see that I am right.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

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What was your best memory abroad?

That there is more then just the dutch mentality and that the more you broaden your horizon the more life gets exciting!

8. Contact details (optional)

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