



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Study programme WUR	BSc Landscape architecture and Spatial Planning
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	05/09/2023 until 05/02/2023
Exchange destination: University	Politecnico Di Milano
Faculty	The School of Architecture Urban Planning Construction
Country	Italy
City	Milan

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To meet new people and to learn different approaches in Landscape Architecture

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

They have some subjects about Landscape Architecture in English and it is a country where the people speak some English.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

If you want to go with train, you can take a night train to Switzerland and then take a train to Milan. This is a nice way to travel with train.

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	Landscape and Infrastructure Design Studio	12	A studio about an area around Teglio (a village in de mountains). You can design something with tourism or infrastructure, but you are very free about the subject. The studio is in groups of four.	5	
2	Ecology and Agronomic Science	8	It is about the basics about ecology of the landscape and about agroecology. Agroecology is mostly about farming in a nature friendly way.	3	
3	Landscape Culture and History	8	This subject is about all the characteristics of every time period in landscape architecture.	4	
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What is it like to study there?

E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material.

The workload is not a lot, since everything is spread over one semester. There are not a lot of assignments, it is mostly just lectures with some excursions.

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?

My teachers were very approachable, but I also heard different stories from people there that their teachers were very rude.

What does the university offer students additionally?

E.g. catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?

There are sport facilities on campus and there is a lot of catering on campus, provided by polimi, but also other food trucks. There is also a print shop and a place where you can make a model.

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 university has some houses, but not a lot. Most people rent at different associations. There are some private rooms in shared apartments, but these are pretty expensive. Most rooms are shared.

What is the culture of the country like?

E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?

Everyone is always late even at lectures and exams. They also eat quite late, but they do have a lot of aperitivo, where you buy a drink and get free food. Also the coffee is very cheap.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)

You can buy a card with a monthly subscription which is around €20 if you are under 26 years old. You can use this card for bus, tram, metro and trains in Milan. There are a lot of Metro and Tram lines.

6. Expenses

Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?

E.g. you can also indicate price differences (higher/lower/equal) in comparison to the Netherlands.

Ticket there: around €200 in total

Visa if applicable:

Vaccinations if applicable:

Insurances (extra, if applicable):

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: €950,- for a private room in a shared apartment.

Groceries: € 90 per week

Public transport: €20 per month

Restaurant/going out for dinner: €20 if you eat cheap

Daytrips/sight-seeing: €60

Additional remarks regarding expenses?

7. Free time

What are must-sees in the area?

E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?

The roof of the Duomo, The Bosco, Bergamo and the Como lake and Venice and Florence.

You can reach a lot of nearby cities like Bergamo or cities around the Como lake by train.

These tickets are quite cheap, between €5-15. Cities like Venice and Florence can also reached by train, but these tickets are a bit more expensive, the night bus is also a cheap option.

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

The bookshop Rizzoli in the Galeria, and the architectural bookstore in Porta Venetia

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?

E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?

Alcatraz, La Hora Feliz for the aperitivo, and the red café for cheap cocktails.

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them?

Sometimes people can't speak English, but in these situations google translate helps a lot.

What is your best memory of your time abroad?

Having Aperitivo with friends and going to Rome

9. Contact details (optional)

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