



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Study programme WUR	MME
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	18/09/2023 until 08/12/2023
Exchange destination: University	University of Reading
Faculty	Agriculture
Country	UK
City	Reading

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

Because it's a good opportunity to study in another country.

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

Because I want to study in an English speaking country as I never did it before.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

Well, depends on your budget since there's no allowance for traveling to the UK, I chose Flixbus which is very cheap.

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	English for study abroad students	5	English language	4	
2	Financial management	5	Accounting	4	
3	IWLP Japanese	5	Japanese language	5	
4	Linear models	5	Statistics	4	
5	Meat production and quality	5	Meat of live stocks	4	
6	Wildlife and farming	5	How farming affected wildlife	4	

What is it like to study there?

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

It's quite different with Wageningen as it is "terms" instead of periods, it is intensive so 30 ECTS would make you very busy especially at the end of the term.

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?

It's really similar to WUR, very hard to make friends with local students.

What does the university offer students additionally?

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

The catering here is very good compared to the Netherlands. You don't have to cook for yourself as there is a meal plan for you.

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 will offer you a place. Just apply before the deadline.

What is the culture of the country like?

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

Well, British people are very polite, and very indirect. So sometimes you think they are saying yes but actually it's no.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

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

Very expensive for the railway. Better choose a flight when you travel to Scotland.

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: 60 euros

Visa if applicable: 120 euros

Vaccinations if applicable:

Insurances (extra, if applicable):

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: 160 pounds

Groceries: 300 pounds

Public transport: 300 pounds

Restaurant/going out for dinner: 30 pounds

Daytrips/sight-seeing: 30 pounds

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?

Definitely London, 25 mins for the train from Reading to London.

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

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?

E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?

Don't try the Chinese restaurants in Reading as they are not good.

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

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

At the beginning it was very hard for me to understand the British accent. Just talk more with locals and get used to it.

What is your best memory of your time abroad?

Day trip to Cambridge organized by the study abroad office.

9. Contact details (optional)

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