



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Study programme WUR</b>	Landscape Architecture
<b>Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	28/08/2023 until 15/01/2024
<b>Exchange destination: University</b>	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
<b>Faculty</b>	Landscape Architecture and Forestry
<b>Country</b>	Sweden
<b>City</b>	Alnarp

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

I wanted to experience a adventure, and going abroad seemed to fit that experience well. I thought it would be nice to experience the daily live in a different country.

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

The courses offered at the university seemed interesting to me.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

If you take the ferry from Puttgarden to Rødby or vica versa. You can buy a ticket beforehand to save money. And you can also add a crossing of the Oresundsbridge to your ticket.

## 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	Silviculture of Temperate forests	15	The course dives deep into the forestry management perspective of several conifer and hardwood species	3	Difficult in the beginning, but doable if you do not have a forestry background.
2	People and Environment	15	A course that will look into different aspects of the environment and how it's linked to people.	2	Rather easy course.
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### What is it like to study there?

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

Workload in general is much lower than the WUR. You will have some extra free time once you're there. The academic level is definitely a bit lower than the WUR as well, since the examination requirements are much easier. The lesson material are quite similar in difficulty level, but it's just the exam requirements that are easier. Study forms for my was mostly lectures, and a small amount of group work.

### 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?*

The lecturers were very approachable and kind. If you had a question they always took the time to answer it and help you. I would say the kindness and helpfulness is about the same as the WUR.

### What does the university offer students additionally?

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

There is a outdoor gym people can use, but overall there are not many sport facilities at campus. There was a laundry facility that was very nice and your laundry only took about 30 minutes. There is a restaurant where you can grab lunch but that was to expensive for me.

## 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 SLU provided me with a room, you could sign up for housing, and they took care of the rest. The room was on campus, and for me was about 330 euro's a month. During the application process you can ask for certain preferences, like high or low rent. But the SLU can't guarantee if these will be met.

### **What is the culture of the country like?**

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

The country is quite similar to the Netherlands in terms of manners. Some say Swedish people are more hold back but overall they were quite social. I did not really try any Swedish cuisine. But they do have a Wednesday afternoon no class policy in order to relax, catch up or do some student activities.

### **Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?**

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

The public transport is about the same as the Netherlands, loads of trains and busses. There was a good bus from campus to Lund or Malmo. Going to Copenhagen was also very easy and accessible. Cost are about 28 euro's for a back and forth ticket.

The price of a bus to Malmo central station is about 2 euro's.

## 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: I went by car and I used the ferry and crossing of the Oresundsbridge, that was 150 euro's, and stayed in a hotel overnight on the way there. Including gas about 300 euro's.

Visa if applicable:

Vaccinations if applicable:

Insurances (extra, if applicable):

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: housing 330 euro's a month (lower). The housing was a corridor with ten rooms, you shared an kitchen and three bathrooms.

Groceries: at least 300 euro's a month, I did a lot of sports during my time there so I ate a bit more. (higher)

Public transport: I think in total spent about 200 euro's. Higher.

Restaurant/going out for dinner: about 100 a month, (higher), I usually don't go to restaurants that often in the Netherlands.

Daytrips/sight-seeing: This is about the same as the public transport so 200 euro's since a lot of daytrips to Copenhagen were by train. I also paid quite a lot for parking, so maybe 150 euro's added, total 350 euro's.

**Additional remarks regarding expenses?**

I think expenses are about the same as in the Netherlands, but since I went on a lot of trips I spend a bit more than usual.

## 7. Free time

**What are must-sees in the area?**

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

For me the skateparks in Malmo where a must see, but Copenhagen is worth a visit. By train is the best way, since crossing the Oresundsbridge by car is expensive. Lund is also a nice city to visit.

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

Visiting a parking lot in Copenhagen that has a playground on top.

**Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?**

*E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?*

The Miso restaurant is a great place to eat in Central Malmo, if you like Japanese food like noodles.

The skateparks in Malmo are quite good and large so also a nice place to spend some time.

## 8. Challenges & best moment abroad

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

It can be rather lonely sometimes if your course does not have much contact hours. But then I called my parents or sister. It also helps to go skateboarding.

**What is your best memory of your time abroad?**

The best memory of my trip was the first trip to Copenhagen, we went without a plan and just enjoyed the day as it unfolded.

## 9. Contact details (optional)

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