



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student information

Study programme WU	MFN
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	28-09-2023 until 30-11-2023
Exchange destination: University	SLU
Faculty	Forestry
Country	Sweden
City	Alnarp

2. Motivation for exchange

a. Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to learn about forestry in a broader European context.

b. What is the reason you chose for this country?

Sweden is one of the leading forestry countries in Europe and has a lot of expertise on the topic.

c. What is the reason you chose for this university?

SLU is the number one forestry university of Sweden and in the top of Europe.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

a. Do you have any advice about reaching your exchange destination?

I went by car which I found to be extremely well doable!

4. University and studying

a. 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	We looked at different types of forest management for wood production across Europe.	5	It was very interesting!
2	Forest modelling for sustainable forest management	7.5	We learned how to model forest parameters using classic forestry models.	5	Amazing teacher!

b. I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses that were taught in English (Yes, No - Explain): Yes!

c. I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses in my field of interest (Yes, No - Explain): Yes!

d. I am satisfied with the level of the courses that I followed (Yes, No - Explain): Yes!

e. I am satisfied, in the end, with the selection of courses I followed (Yes, No - Explain): Yes!

f. What is it like to study there?

E.g. Study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material?

It is very student friendly and the level of education is slightly easier than in Wageningen I would say, so very easily accessible for a WUR student. The excursions were amazing as they were going to very spot on places as far as the study material went.

g. What is the culture of the university?

E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with WU?

The lecturers were very internationally oriented and I made some good Swedish friends.

h. What does the university offer students additionally?

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

Laundry facilities were great, library was great, the campus overall was very cosy.

5. Housing-traveling-living

a. What are the possibilities for housing?

E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?

For international students they were amazing! The rooms were on campus and very easily to communicate about with the person in charge of housing.

b. What is the culture like?

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

Swedish culture is very similar to Dutch culture!

c. Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

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

That was kind of hard to use if you didn't have a credit card.

6. Expenses

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

Category	Expenses
Travelling there	??
Visa - if applicable	-
Vaccinations - if applicable	-
Insurances (extra) - if applicable	-
Daytrips/sight-seeing	300
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation	+/- 300
Grocery costs per month	150
Public transport costs per month	0 (was there by car)
Restaurant/going out for dinner costs per month	??

b. The price levels were in general [higher; lower; equal] in comparison to in the Netherlands:

Higher

c. Additional remarks regarding expenses?

7. Free time

a. What are must-sees in the area?

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

The sauna at the end of a pier, Lund, Malmö.

b. What does not appear in a travel guide, but is definitely worth seeing/doing?

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8. Challenges & best moment abroad

a. Any challenges? How did you deal with them?

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b. Best memory?

Meeting new people and going on excursions with them.

9. Contact details

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