



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Study programme WUR	BBC
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	01-08-2023 until 31-01-2024
Exchange destination: University	Universitat de Barcelona
Faculty	Barcelona - Economica
Country	Spain
City	Barcelona

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to have a unique experience and adventure. I wanted to explore a new city and culture.

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

I liked the country and city.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

No, they did 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	English for Business	6	English applied on business context	2	Did not learn that much
2	Microeconomics 3	6	Advanced microeconomics, theoretical and mathematical	3	Pretty hard course. Had to study a lot. Not a lot of study material
3	International Economic Organization	6	Understanding big organizations and its roles	5	Very fun teacher, liked the course
4	International Economic Policy	6	International policy across the worlds and	4	Good teacher, interesting course material.

			its influence on the economy		
5	Financial Mathematics	6	Mathematics concerning loans, mortgages.	2	Loud class, bad teaching. Not too hard
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What is it like to study there?

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

Pretty low standards. Not strict. Teachers come late at lectures and exams. Mathematics level is high though. Bad communication and overall clearness.

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?

Teachers are nice and want to help you. Very personal, but less professional. Engagement with local students was sometimes encouraged by teachers.

What does the university offer students additionally?

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

I don't know, did not use it.

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?

I rented in a Erasmus house outside of campus. Rents are high in the city but there are enough options.

What is the culture of the country like?

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

I loved the culture. Very free and nice. Not focussed on work, career social ladder. Not very productive though.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

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

The metro provided a quick transportation network. It was not always safe however.

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:
Visa if applicable:
Vaccinations if applicable:
Insurances (extra, if applicable):
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: 600
Groceries:200
Public transport: 20
Restaurant/going out for dinner: 200
Daytrips/sight-seeing:200

Additional remarks regarding expenses?

Clubbing is pretty expensive.

7. Free time

What are must-sees in the area?

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

Sitges, Girona, Valencia by train. Hiking to Montserrat, also train. Mount tibidao. T-jove gives you a lot of options.

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

Flee markets.

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?

E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?

Meet good people, L'ovella Negra, D9 beerpong on Wednesday. Don't be scared to ask people out.

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

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

Too distracted of the study. Spending too much money. Just be aware of what you are doing and why, you will figure it out.

What is your best memory of your time abroad?

The weekend of La Mercè. 4 day festival.

9. Contact details (optional)

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