



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Molecular Life Sciences
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	23/01/2023 until 05/07/2023
Country (exchange)	Spain
City (exchange)	Valencia
University (exchange)	Universidad Catholica de Valencia
Faculty (exchange)	Biotechnology and Marine Sciences

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to experience life in a different country. In Wageningen I always feel like Dutch students and exchange students are highly separated. I wanted to live somewhere else for a while to interact with people with different backgrounds and experience cultural differences. This was a very enriching experience.

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

I had two reasons to go to Spain. The first reason is that Spanish is one of the most spoken languages in the world and therefore a very interesting language to speak. I already had some knowledge of Spanish, but I felt like a 5 month exchange would be a great opportunity to improve my Spanish. The second reason is that Spain is a beautiful country with amazing nature and great weather.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

I personally travelled to my destination by train and bus. The bus is doable, but it takes very long. The train is very expensive and tends to have some problems on the way (maybe I just have bad luck with trains also possible). For the way back I am planning to do a roadtrip, I think this is ideal because it combines sustainable traveling with vacation, so that it doesn't have the burden of long consecutive travelling.

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
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

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?)

What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)

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?)

What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)

Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)

6. Free time

What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)

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

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

What was your best memory abroad?

8. Contact details (optional)

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