



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student information

<b>Study programme WU</b>	Bachelor Environmental Sciences
<b>Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	09/02/2024 until 28/06/2024
<b>Exchange destination: University</b>	University of Bologna Unibo
<b>Faculty</b>	Economics
<b>Country</b>	Italy
<b>City</b>	Bologna

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

I wanted to discover a new city and a new university outside of the Netherlands. I wanted to be able to travel while studying in another setting with other methods and approaches.

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

I chose to go to Italy because it is a country that attracts me. It seems that I would like the culture, and I wanted to go somewhere South with better weather.

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

I chose the university of Bologna because I heard a lot of good things about this city. I was told that it was a very progressive city where student life is very dynamic.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

No, I went there by car.

## 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	PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	6	We explored several aspects of social sciences and analysed	5	It was a very interactive course. There were a lot of readings.

			them with a philosophical lense through lectures and discussions.		
<b>2</b>	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INEQUALITY AND GROWTH	8	The course was about developing countries. We learned what defines them economically speaking and how they could economically developed.	4	It was very economically oriented and not comprehensive of the full culture.
<b>3</b>	LANGUAGE AND LATE CAPITALISM	6	We learned how capitalism is implemented in society through language (including texts, speaking forms, symbols...).		The course was structured around conversations with the teacher, it was very interactive.
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**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):**

No – it was my fault: I did not realize that the fact I was enrolled in the faculty of economics would limit me to take courses in this field, which was not my first field of interest.

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

yes – the level of the courses was challenging, which I appreciated as I felt like I learned new things.

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

Yes – I explored new fields and felt like I have learned new concepts.

**f. What is it like to study there?**

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

It really depended on the faculty I followed the course at. In general, the workload was not too much. The teachers were quite available to have discussions in class and to answer questions. It was mostly lectures and readings at home.

**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?*

Lecturers are approachable. Local students are interested in being with international students and are reachable, but international students tend to stay together as well as Italian students.

The exams were easier than at WUR.

**h. What does the university offer students additionally?**

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

Nothing in my experience.

## 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?*

I found my room on Facebook. The university does not propose any housing in my knowledge.

**b. What is the culture like?**

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

I was in an international house, so I don't think it differed a lot from in Wageningen.

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

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

I was biking in the city. It was easy to move by bike, it made everything accessible; even though the infrastructure for bikes is not as good as in the Netherlands, it is still ok.

## 6. Expenses

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

Category	Expenses
Travelling there	100 euros (by car)
Visa - if applicable	No
Vaccinations - if applicable	No
Insurances (extra) - if applicable	No
Daytrips/sight-seeing	I did not do it too much
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation	380 euros per month
Grocery costs per month	200 euros per month
Public transport costs per month	0
Restaurant/going out for dinner costs per month	70 euros per month

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

lower

**c. Additional remarks regarding expenses?**

No

## 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 hills of Bologna, San Luca.

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

The hills of Bologna

## 8. Challenges & best moment abroad

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

No

**b. Best memory?**

Too many of them to choose from.

## 9. Contact details

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