



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student information

Study programme WU	BBI
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	15-01-2024 until 15-06-2024
Exchange destination: University	Of Gothenburg
Faculty	Nature Science
Country	Sweden
City	Gothenburg

2. Motivation for exchange

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

I saw the presentation on a infomarket and I thought it looked really awesome. I really wanted to explore a new country and culture. And of course see what the education is like in a different country.

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

I never been to Sweden but I always heard it has great nature and being an ecologist it really was a good match for me.

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

Gothenburg had a big marine science department and I wanted to follow more courses in this research field.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I went on the ferry from Kiel to Gothenburg. I really enjoyed in and would recommend it to anyone who wants to travel more relaxing.

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
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1	Plant Physiology	15	A crash course on all kinds of plant stresses and they work on a cellular level.	5	
2	Stream Ecology and fish conservation		A course about the ecology of freshwater streams. How to conserve the fish that live and migrate inside and how abiotic factors influence the streams.	5	
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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): 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?

The Education is more personal than in the Netherlands. All the classes I followed had a maximum of 15 people in it. Which gave me the feeling that the teacher really saw me and I could ask better questions which I really liked.

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 lectures were pretty much the same. They contain information of a chapter in the book that is also required to learn for the exam. You have the lectures and background information in the book. This made the lectures very approachable

h. What does the university offer students additionally?

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

Catering, Sport, Heating (microwaves), Study places, Library.

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?

The availability for rooms is great in Gothenburg. There are many possibilities to choose from as a Erasmus student and the rent is affordable with the Erasmus grant. The rooms also vary from Private rooms to dorms so everyone can choose to their liking.

b. What is the culture like?

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

Swedish people are very nice, they like to be on themselves but I enjoyed this a lot. They local cuisine is not great or terrible but I would really recommend the Swedish meatballs.

c. 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 transportation is great. You can get almost anywhere in the city by tram but rarely you also need to take a bus.

6. Expenses

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

Category	Expenses
Travelling there	0
Visa - if applicable	
Vaccinations - if applicable	
Insurances (extra) - if applicable	
Daytrips/sight-seeing	1000
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation	500
Grocery costs per month	500
Public transport costs per month	30
Restaurant/going out for dinner costs per month	70

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

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 museums are great in Gothenburg but the main must-sees is the surrounding nature. There are beautiful forests and also a lot of lakes. I would really recommend to hike the bohusleden. This is a hiking trail that goes through Gothenburg and also through all the surrounding nature highlights.

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

Delsjön lake

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

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

Missing my girlfriend, calling a lot and she came to visit twice.

b. Best memory?

Bird watching road-trip through the south of Sweden.

9. Contact details

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