

WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Management, economics and consumer study		
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	21/09/2022 until 04/02/2023		
Country (exchange)	Belgium		
City (exchange)	Gent		
University (exchange)	Gent university		
Faculty (exchange)	Economics and business administration		

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

Because I am tired of staying in Wageningen and want to move to another country for study, pursue better experience during my study.

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

Because they speak Dutch and it's much less competitive compared with universities in Asia and north America.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

If you don't have a car to take, just take the train or flixbus which would be sufficient.

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	Analytical customer relationship management	6	It's about customer relationship management such as CLV, predict churn etc.	3	Python
2	Machine learning	6	Machine learning algorithms such as random forest, SVM etc.	3	R
3	Data mining	5	Prior to machine learning	3	R
4	AI	6	Artificial intelligence, mainly focus on reinforcement learning	3	Python
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

It's definitely much more difficult compared with Netherlands. Be careful with the group work as there's a peer evaluation which may cause different score on each group member.

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?)

It's similar.

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

They have better student restaurants and offer you student discount so it's much cheaper compared with restaurants in Wageningen.

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?)

Get a room provided by the university. This is your best option as they wouldn't increase the rent dramatically as some private companies such as idealis.

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

It's still "Netherlands"... not too much difference.

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

It's much cheaper since the accommodation is provided directly from the university. But for private market I am not sure.

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

Just get a bike like in the Netherlands.

6. Free time

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

The city centre of gent I guess. Also it would be nice to visit the charismas market in the winter.

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

Never checked the travel guide...

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

Don't go to the Chinese restaurants here in gent... if you want to get authentic Chinese food pls go to Antwerp where there is a Chinatown.

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Here is semester system so it's extremely stressful during the exam period compared in Netherlands we have periods and can have exam very soon after the study.

What was your best memory abroad?

In here I am not sure... it was always painful and stressful. The weather is as bad as Netherlands.

8. Contact details (optional)

Is the reader allowed to contact the writer?	yes □	no ⊠
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