



Wageningen University and Research



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Enjoy!

With regards,

VeSte Wageningen

VeSte Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

1.1 Basic information student

Name (optional)		
Field of study in Wageningen	Bsc - Management and Consumer Studies	
Form of study exchange	Minor - Bsc	
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	1/29/2018 until 15/6/2018	
Country (exchange)	[Hungary]	
City (exchange)	[Budapest]	
University (exchange)	[Corvinus University of Budapest]	
Faculty (exchange)	[Faculty of Economics]	
How did you get information on studying abroad?	Websites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Contact person	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Exchange programme	
	Study advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other students	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Differently	[Insert answer]

1.2 Motivation for exchange

Reasons for exchange, why this choice, interests, etc. (optional)

Answer:

Having the ability to go abroad during my bachelor. I especially wanted to go to Budapest because I heard the city and the people are so lovely. My choice for studying at Corvinus at the faculty of Economics was not my own choice because it was the only faculty with a contract to Wageningen University (at least, that what I was told). But it didn't disappoint me!

2. University and studying

2.1 Academic structure

How is the study formalized; study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material etc.

Answer:

I followed 5 courses for a total of 30 credits, with 6 credits per course. The academic level was lower than I was used to (compared to Wageningen University). The examination was quite flexible e.g. you could choose several dates for the final examination. The lesson material was for some courses relatively low, but for others courses relatively okay and quite interesting.

2.2 Courses

General information about the followed courses. If desired, more detailed information can be added beneath the column.

Answer:

	<i>Course</i>	<i>ECTS</i>	<i>Short description of the contents</i>	<i>Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	Introduction to Political Economy	6	Introduction to different political systems from an economic perspective	4	
2	Health Policy and Finance	6	An insight in the regulation and finance of health care systems	2	There was a difference between Erasmus students and Hungarian students. The workload for the Erasmus students was much less and more flexible. A not so stimulating course
3	Comparative Economics of European Integration	6	An overview of the history of the European Union and decisions made on the topic of economics and welfare.	5	
4	Behavioral Economics- Emotions in Economic Decisions	6	An insight in economic decision making from an individual perspective taking personal emotions into account.	5	
5	Introduction to Game Theory	6	A course in which game theory is explained and different of economic games were played	2	The course was not hard at all and not very stimulating for the students.

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2.3 Culture of the university

What is the culture like, how approachable are the lecturers, is there engagement with local students? Introduction programme present; mentors, buddies? Differences with the WUR, etc.

Answer:

There is no engagement with local students except for the Buddy programme. This buddy programme however was just a onetime meeting with your budding who was there for you when you had questions. The lecturers however were very personal and approachable for students.

2.4 How does the university function?

How does the university function in the broader sense? Enrolment university, course registration, faculties, presence international office etc.

Answer:

The enrolment of the university was taken care of by the Erasmus documents (by the Erasmus coordinator). Course registration was possible a few week before the start of the courses for Erasmus students (by Moodle). The courses however were full very quickly. During the first two weeks of courses, the course times changed a lot which resulted in two courses being given at the same time. So you had to choose another course instead, so you missed the first week of the new course.

2.5 Facilities of the university

What does the university offer the student additionally? Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities, etc.

Answer:

Catering was offered in the hallways. Sport facilities were offered by the sports department, which were quite okay for my time in Budapest.

3. Free Time

3.1 Culture of destination

What is the culture of the country like? Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners, etc.

Answer:

Budapest consists of a lot of apartments. In the city centre there were not a lot of parks. You could see that the city is also oriented on tourist, even though I lived there already for 3 months I

still was being addressed as being a tourist. The local cuisine is very nice, but very fat (Goulsh-soup). And alcohol is a regular drink during the day for many people, you see a lot of people walking with 0.5L cans in their hands.

3.2 Travelling in the surroundings

What are must-sees in the area? Nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan, etc.

Answer:

The Fishermans' Bastion and the Buda Castle (can be reached by tram or by foot from the city centre). The other destinations are hero square, or the island of Sziget. Everything can be reached by tram or subway.

3.3 Insider info

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

Answer:

The town of Szentendre next to Budapest is definitely worth a visit! It can be reached by public transport or by bike.

3.4 General info

General tips and tricks about leisure time. For example: recommendations for restaurants, going out, etc.

Answer:

Always have cash on you! Even though you can pay by card at many places, some places only accept cash.

4. Travelling and living

4.1 Housing

What are the possibilities for housing? Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates, other costs, good neighbourhoods, etc.

Answer:

You can sign up for a room on campus, but the acceptance rate for Erasmus students is very low. You can also sign up for a weekly mail in which different agencies (in contact with the university) promote their apartments. These apartments are very pricy however. A tip for Erasmus students is to look at the Facebook page of Erasmus Budapest. A lot of rooms are for rent on this page during the semester.

4.2 Living

General price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen. It does not have to be an exact calculation.

Answer:

It is slightly less than living in Wageningen.

4.3 Accessibility from the Netherlands

How do you reach the destination? When to book your flights, transportation means, etc.

Answer:

4.4 Extra costs to reach destination

Extra costs to reach destination			
Should a visa be requested?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[eventual costs visa]
Should a residence permit be requested?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[eventual costs residence permit]

3.5 Transport

Public transport infrastructure. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university, etc.

Answer:

Public transport for a month in Budapest for students costs around 15 euro's a month. You can use buses, trams and subways within Budapest. Taxi prices are higher than public transport. You can reach almost any place by public transport.

4.6 General Tips

General tips and tricks for travelling and living.

Answer:

If you are staying in Budapest for a longer time, buy a month ticket for public transport. It is cheaper than using single or daily rides.

5. Contact details (optional)

Is the reader allowed to contact the writer?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will I allow my name and contact details to appear on the website?	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="[Name]"/>	

6. Thank you!

Thank you very much for sharing your exchange experience. We are confident that many interested students can be helped with making their decisions! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to send a mail to: veste@wur.nl

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