



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Environmental Sciences
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	08/08/22 – 31/12/22
Country (exchange)	Norway
City (exchange)	Svalbard
University (exchange)	University of Stavanger + University Center of Svalbard
Faculty (exchange)	Geology

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

- Personal development
- Dive into an alternative topic such as geology. In my bachelor I studied earth Sciences a lot and I missed it. That's why I took field-work geology courses on Svalbard, Norway.

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

- Courses
- Nature

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

Fly from Amsterdam to Oslo and from there to Longyearbyen. Otherwise, you can take the train to Narvik, Norway. From there the bus to Tromsø and then to Longyearbyen. I did the latter.

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	Quaternary Geology	15	Look at glacier sediments and make reconstructions. You	4	

			learn about glacial dynamics and what this means for a landscape.		
2	Marine Geology	15	Bathymetry and looking at sediment cores to make landscape reconstructions of the past.	5	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

You have a lot of fieldwork and examination is based on this fieldwork. All lesson material is online and the academic level is quite high. You'll write papers and make exams just as in Wageningen.

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 a close community and you'll know everyone quite fast. Also the contact between teachers and students is very low-key.

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

Everything! Sports, housing, laundry, parties etc.

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?)

There is only one option. That's the student housing of Samskipnaden! You'll live in a corridor room with own bathroom and shared kitchen with 6-12 people.

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

Much like The Netherlands.

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

The price you'll pay for a room is 530 euros.

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

There is no public transport on Svalbard!

6. Free time

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

NATURE! MOUNTAINS! EVERYTHING!

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

There is not a real travel guide but I would definitely visit Coles Bay and Foxfonna.

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

I would go hiking every day ;)

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

The dark. From November onwards it's completely dark till the end of February.

What was your best memory abroad?

Hiking with friends!

8. Contact details (optional)

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