



# WUR Goes Abroad

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## 1. Student Information

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<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	International land and water management
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	17/09/2021 until 01/02/2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Austria
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Vienna
<b>University (exchange)</b>	BOKU
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Multiple

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

Because I wanted to experience studying abroad, and because I wanted to do courses more related to the mountains

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

The courses that the university offered seemed very interesting

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

There is a nightjet train which goes directly from Amsterdam or Utrecht to Vienna.

## 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
<b>1</b>	Snow and Avalanches	3	Physics of snow and how this can lead to avalanches	5	We went on a great excursion which helped clarify what was discussed in the lectures
<b>2</b>	Snow and avalanches field methods	2	What to do in the field when researching avalanches of when skiing and an avalanche happens	4	Very interesting, but no excursion this time
<b>3</b>	Mountain hazard processes	6	Different mountain hazards and how they happen	4	The lectures were very interesting and there was a small excursion as well in which we saw the effects of many different types of hazards
<b>4</b>	Dynamics of geophysical flows	3	The physics behind some flows such as landslides, avalanches, debris flows	4	
<b>5</b>	Interfacing climate and climate impact models	2	How to work with climate data sets	4	Very interesting but lots of self-study
<b>6</b>	Air pollution effects on forest ecosystems	3	The effects of air pollution on forests	2	Very long and quite boring lectures. The course had potential to be very interesting but for me focussed on the wrong details
<b>7</b>	Physical environment of riverine landscape	2	How a riverine landscape looks, works and develops	3	Quite interesting, but for me a bit too biological every now and then
<b>8</b>	Effects of forests on mountain risk engineering	2	How forests can influence mountain hazards	4	Very interesting

**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

I feel like the academic level is a bit lower than WUR. The exams were quite short. The only material was the lectures.

**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?)**

The lecturers are very approachable. Engagement with local students depends on the students, some are very open and others stick a bit to their own groups. Overall, I think the culture is quite similar to that of the WUR

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

Lots of options to get food, I am not sure how the sports facilities work because I did sport outside of uni. There is a day-care for children and for dogs.

## 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?)**

I just used OAed

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

Quite similar, but smoking is still way more normal for example

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

About the same price range

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

A semester ticket costs 156 euros. You can use this ticket for trams, busses, metro, within Vienna.

## 6. Free time

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

Schloss Schönbrunn, Schloss Belvedere, The hills surrounding Vienna, Transport by public transportation

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

Josefsstadt

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

A Pakistani all you can eat: Deewan

Austrian: Heindls

Vegan kebab: Sanos

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

**What was a challenge you have experienced?**

Missing the people back home

**What was your best memory abroad?**

Excursion of the course snow and avalanches, trips to Bratislava and Salzburg and Budapest with friends I made, going to the park when it had snowed

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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