

Wageningen

University Netherlands

Erasmus Report

The amazing experience of an Exchange Student in Netherlands

As a student of Geography and Environment it is always amazing to go from known to unknown. I spent my last winter semester (2018/2019) in Wageningen University, The Netherlands. The Netherlands is in the European region, it shares land borders with Germany and Belgium. It is situated in the northeastern edge of the European continent. However, every European country is different than other. I applied for Erasmus place on the winter semester of 2017. I send application also three other different universities. One of them was from Ireland and other was also from Netherlands. Wageningen University was also in my list of choice.

Preparation for an exchange studies is very important. Exchange studies also need a lot of preparation, that is why sooner is the better. For an exchange student it is also important to know weather the exchange is important for a student life. **A student does not have a lot of experience. Getting experience in different culture, place, ratio, and nation a valuable experience for career life.** The student must know what courses are offered by partner universities and will the chosen courses will be recognized by home university. In university of Bremen this Erasmus website <https://www.uni-bremen.de/erasmus0/> is very helpful. As an example, a curriculum vitae must send to partner university or which courses student can choose for Learning Agreement, these information can be found in this website. Likewise, to get a place for the exchange program, it is suggested to have a close contact with Erasmus coordinator of the department before going into any advanced step.

There are few paper works needs to be done before and after the application. In this case, mobility online is a very helpful platform. This website helps the student to organize every paper step by step like which paper need to submit when. There is an Erasmus office in University Bremen, they are helpful for outgoing Erasmus student. Moreover, they speak in English which makes oral communication very easy. Having said that, they do not sent email or do not conduct Erasmus workshop in English which make harder to follow the process.

Once getting the acceptance letter, it is absolutely important to ensure having enough bank balance. For a international student must make sure that weather the visa is required or not. I am an international student in Germany. I have residence permit for Germany. I have asked the visa officer in Bremen to know that they need to know that I am going out for approximately five months. The visa officer assures me that in order to go for a exchange student for five months it is not necessary. I do not need a visa to stay in Netherlands as I have residence permit for Germany. Second important things to assure is the health insurance. I have AOK health insurance and it covers also EU.

The international department of Wageningen University is very organized, and they are very much helpful for international student. They send me a full document about necessary documents and procedure. They also continuously communicate by email. This department is very skilled, and they reply so quick which makes all things very easier.

Then again, the international department of Wageningen University cannot allocate the student as student want to be! To get accommodation is the hardest part of my journey to Netherlands. Although, they sent me the right information to look and make application for accommodation. Despite this, Netherlands now in the shortage of accommodation. Being an international student there, this a great challenge. However, the good thing is to keep in mind that to ask for accommodation help to international student department, the accommodation website, different Facebook group and people around. I got the right accommodation after one and half moth of searching. Searching for accommodation long time before the arrival time is the best possible solution. The accommodation and living cost and in Netherlands are more costly than Germany.

Wageningen is a beautiful town. Roaming inside and outside of Wageningen was very amazing experience. People are very friendly. They usually treat foreigners very friendly. The street to University everybody can speak in English. It was not hard for me to get information from them. Arnhem and Utrecht are not very far away. Amsterdam is also not very away.

The transport service in Netherlands is very good but the transport coast is so high. The transport company offer travel card, but they have different pick and off-pick hours, which can reduce or high the transport coast. Like Germany, the universities of Netherlands do not offer the student travel card. They student travel card only for domestic student. That is why it becomes harder to visit different cities of Netherlands.

To live easy and to save money 'Bike', 'Bike' and 'Bike' is the only possible solution. People can rent bike in other cities as well. I think Netherlands is the only one country who have enormous amount of 'Bike'. Stealing the 'Bike' is also very common there.

Studying in Wageningen University is a wonderful opportunity. It is number one University in the field of Agriculture and Forestry. I took courses on Informatic. They offer a great Computer Lab and other technological and software support to students.

Exchange Students get Erasmus fund for exchange period. I got seventy percent of the fund before the study started and thirty percent after submitting the confirmation letter of exchange period.

Erasmus exchange is an amazing opportunity to taste different, feel different. Within my master studies in University of Bremen this exchange experience add some colorful memories in my student life. I feel grateful to my home university to give me such a experience and my exchange university to help me to think of out of the geographical boarder.

which I spent in Stockholm University, Sweden, as an Erasmus Exchange student. The Netherlands is in the European region, however every European country