

Preparation (planning, organization and application at the guest university)

The preparation to do this exchange program was not very difficult, since the guest university is very well organized. Firstly, I should apply for the exchange program to Dr. Gabriele Klumpp, then after receiving the admission letter from the University, learning agreement should be filled and signed by both universities. After that, visa should be applied for the residence permit there. At that time, I applied my residence permit in Duesseldorf

Accommodation

There are some tall buildings of student housing in Wageningen. Luckily I stayed at the student dormitory that is located near the central of university. The dormitory is called Bornsesteeg. The dormitory has 20 floors, in each floor has 3 corridors, where in each corridor there are 10 rooms. Furthermore, it has also like small party room. The rooms with odd numbers have self contained rooms, while the others have kitchen inside the room and shared the bathroom and toilet. My room was located on the 19th floor, it was self contained room with bathroom and kitchen inside the room. The size of the room is 15 m². The cost of the room was actually 388.75 Euros per month, but I applied rent subsidy, thus I paid only 318.75 Euros per month. The subsidy was transferred in the beginning of month. At the end of the room contract, I did not have to clean the room as clean as possible, because in the beginning of payment, I have already paid the fee of cleaning service after moving out from the dormitory.

Studying at Guest University

Wageningen is very nice university and has diverse student from all over the world. The university is very well organized and the lecturers were also well prepared on delivering the course and punctual. The system in this university was using period system. I stayed for 3 periods. For the 1st and 2nd week, each took around 8 weeks. In the first 6 weeks were the lecture time and practical, the 7th week was the study week for preparing the exam, and the 8th week was for the exam day within the week. For the 3rd period, it only took 4 weeks, where the first 3 weeks were the lecture time and the 4th week was the exam day within the week. For the 1st and 2nd periods, I should take 2 courses, where these courses should be combined together in term of the time. Thus in those period, I should choose course which was in the morning and the other should be in the afternoon.

Every day life and leisure time

Every day life was already fulfilled with the university stuff. Usually, after arriving at home, I just did an assignment and directly went to sleep. In Wageningen, a bicycle is such a crucial thing, thus to reach the every place in Wageningen. Furthermore the public transportation is also very expensive, thus bike is a very cheap transport for student to reach everyplace in Wageningen. However it would not be a big problem, since Wageningen is also very small city. For the leisure time, normally the student spent together with cooking and chatting or sometimes also travelled to other city in Netherland on weekend.

Conclusion (best and worst experience)

I love meeting new people and changing the environment in my life, thus doing this exchange and got may know other people was really fun for me. Furthermore, knowing more Europe by staying some months in other country in Europe was also very interesting. And the last, I would not say, this is the worst experience, since it was still fun riding a bike there. However, riding a bike in the middle of windy, snowy and rainy time, it was really struggling.