



Relazione di fine scambio

Scuola del Design

Istruzioni

Indicare di seguito tutte le informazioni che possano essere utili ad altri studenti che parteciperanno a uno scambio. Preferibilmente in lingua inglese, lunghezza min. 2500 parole + possibili immagini, file di max. dimensione 2 MB in formato PDF. Questo documento sarà pubblicato nel sito web della Scuola.

Informazioni generiche

Anno Accademico di Scambio:	2019-2020	Nome della Sede in scambio:	Tu Delft
Cognome e Nome:	Marinelli Sofia	Stato:	Olanda
Matricola:	916212	Codice Sede:	NL DELFT01
Corso di Studio:	Design & Engineering	Tipo di scambio: (Semplice o Doppia Laurea)	Semplice
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Racconta la tua esperienza di scambio:

TU Delft University, second semester 2020.

First of all, this was the best experience I had in my whole life.

I am a student at the second year of Design & Engineering master course at Politecnico di Milano.

General experience

To the general experience I give 9.5/10, not 10 just because of Corona virus.

I found the perfect city, the perfect balance between fun and study, the best friends ever, the perfect place to stay and I really learned a lot, not just in the University.

I think this is an experience that everyone should live because it changes your way of thinking, it let you grow up a little bit more and it helps you to understand and appreciate different cultures.

I lived for 5 years on my own in Milan but moving and living in another country, with another culture, all alone (at the beginning) is completely different.

I was in love with Milan and I always said that I wanted to work and live there, but then I felt in love with the Netherland and in two weeks I will come back there to work.

Of course it is not always easy, because you are away from your family, in my case I didn't see it or my friends because of the Corona situation for 6 months, or because you can have some trouble with the language, or maybe because the University works differently from yours.

But what was so different becomes your routine and after just two months you don't feel it anymore, instead you feel weird when you come home.

The university

To the university I give 8/10.

The TUDelft University is one of the most important university in Europe.

The campus is really nice and big and the Design faculty is one of the most beautiful building.

Inside the campus there are many places to eat, also take away outside on the garden, and a supermarket near the Stieltejesweg building.

There is also a big sport center called X in which you can practice a lot of different sports, play music, hang out with friends and so on.

I recommend it because it is not too expensive and you can meet a lot of people there and have fun.

Talking about the study, I just did electives there because the TUDelft university didn't accept me for the product design master course because it was too hard for me for just one semester.

This is why I can just say that it was not so hard but at the same time there were a lot of exams concerning aspects that I never studied before and at the beginning it was not so easy for me to follow.

I followed a couple of project courses and single/classic courses with a written exam at the end.

There is at least one paper to write each course, even if it is a project course; this is one of the negative aspects, because I was not used to write papers and I didn't expect so many.

Professors are really friendly and always available for any problem.

The house

To the house I give 10/10.

I used Duwo agency, that is connected to the University, to find a place to stay.

Duwo agency costs 200 euros and you have to request it through the university.

I recommend it because find a room in Delft is not so easy and it could be more expensive than the agency.

I rented a room with a private bathroom in Stieltejesweg building, inside the campus.

I really advice you to choose it because it's the newest Duwo building, because it 2 min walking from the faculty, because it's 1 min close to the supermarket and because it has the biggest kitchens ever.

I also really recommend to not rent a room in the building far from the city center/campus because that part of the city is not the best one and because, even if it's only 15/20 minutes by bike, when it rains, and it rains really, really often also with a strong wind, it's really boring and though to reach the university.

The city

To the city I give 9/10.

Delft is a medium city in which you can find everything you need.

There are a lot of supermarkets, I recommend Jumbo and Albert Heijn, cloths shops like H&M, restaurants and general shops.

There are a lot of beautiful canals and nature spots like the lake, one of my favorite place.

There is also Ikea shop if you need to buy something for your room/home, you can reach it by bike in 10 minutes from the center.

The closest big city is Rotterdam and there you can find all the big brand shops and also the airport.

The life cost

To the life cost I give 8/10.

I feel like the life cost is not so different from the Milan one.

The only big difference is the public transport cost that is really expensive.

If you want, and you will need, to take any kind of public transport you better ask for the Ov- chipcard.

There are two different card,s the blue one is the anonymous one and you can have it even if don't have any dutch bank account, to have the yellow one, on the contrary, you need to have a dutch bank account.

The main difference is that with the yellow one, if you pay 5 euros per month, you can have a 40% discount to travel everywhere, and, believe me, it makes a big money difference.

To open a dutch bank account is not complicated and it's free for student; you can ask in the first days an appointment to open it.

To use the public transport you need to charge money on your card and the cost of the trip will be taken from your balance; to travel you need to have at least 20 euros on it.



Advices

Bike:

There is a service called Swapfiets that rents bikes for 10/15 euros per months and it has a subscription of 6 months with which you can save the subscription fee of 15 euros.

You can also buy a bike but pay attention to the used ones because you can for sure pay less but after one month maybe you will need to change something like the wheel or the chain.

Furniture/appliances:

If you need furniture of appliances like coffee machine and so on check the Facebook Marketplace because there are a lot of students that sell them for reasonable prices.

Museums:

If you like to visit museums you better buy the Museum Kaart for 60 euros, it is convenient because museum are really, really expensive, sometimes 20 euros each.

Weather:

The weather, especially in the winter, is really different from the Italian one; it rains a lot and sometimes there is a strong wind.

I recommend to bring with you a good rain jacket because is the thing that you will need and love the most.

City to visit:

If you will have the chance to visit the Netherlands I recommend you to go to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Den Haag city and beach, Utrecht, Maastricht, Giethoorn, Groningen, Kinderdijk windmills, Texel island, Gouda and so on.

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