

Field report on studying abroad

Details on studying abroad

- Windesheim University of Applied Sciences, Zwolle, Netherlands
- Programme title- Blended Intensive Programme
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Preparation

- Planning, organisation and application to the host university

I filled the registration form for BIP Windesheim on Global Affairs, as doing this programme will give me credits in my Master course in International Management at TH Rosenheim. I got the acceptance letter in around end of February and the programme itinerary later that week. I started my preparation by informing about the BIP to International Office along with my professor. Filled out all the forms for Erasmus+ grant and started booking for the travel and accommodation.



Accommodation

My BIP was for only 5 days, so I booked the Airbnb room along with my 2 friends. It's very difficult to find a decent budget hotel in Zwolle, and that too near the university. Transportation is easily available there, hence we booked our Airbnb 20 mins away from the Uni. There are a lot of Airbnbs and Hotels in city centre also but a bit expensive for students. It is recommended to book the accommodation as soon as possible for better deals.

Study at the host university

- Information about your programme, facilities and services, sports and other leisure activities

Blended Intensive Programmes at Windesheim UAS is a combination of online and offline collaboration with students from their partners abroad. Partner's university students work alongside with the students from Windesheim on a project. In this programme, students collaborate both online and offline for a specific period over a week and it is funded by Erasmus+.



Everyday life and leisure

- Contact opportunities within the university / outside the university
- What you have seen and done in the city / outside the city

In Zwolle, life moves at a slower pace, with a focus on community and relaxation. Dutch people prefer bicycle over cars, and so we were given a bicycle also to stroll in the city. With each pedal stroke, I saw lots of serene canals and bridges, sheep, horses lined with graceful windmills and of course, tulips farms. After our classes, I usually go with my friends to city centre and tried the famous stroopwaffles and pancakes. We got some souvenirs and enjoyed the eateries at local café- The Flying Horse (recommended by the Windesheim Students).

I also went to Amsterdam after our BIP ends. It's a busy city with lot of tourists. There are attractions like museums and galleries, and oh the architecture is just worth seeing. I really loved the street-food there- the famous Mannekinpis Fries and churros, explored the iconic canals by boat and clicked lots of pictures.

Conclusion

Can you recommend this programme to other students? What did you like most?

Yes, absolutely. I would recommend this programme to other students as well. It's a perfect blend of learning and exploring. I enjoyed the Dutch culture of teaching with the innovative and dynamic nature of the activities, fostering cross-cultural exchange and mutual learning among international students. I liked the most that how we started with the sports activities and some team building exercises to build the trust and facilitating a deeper understanding of one another.

