



Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

Study Guide

1 Overall impression

Great town, good university! I had the Forensics Criminology and Law track which is a great track, very interesting and interdisciplinary.

2 Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

- Getting registered at the municipality (bring a NEW birth certificate, you can order it at your municipality in CH)
- Buy a bike (might take a while, everyone needs one in the beginning..) or rent one for a year! Swapfiets is good for that.
- Apartments: maastrichthousing is

3 Contacts/Responsibilities

(e.g. important contact persons at the Partner University and Faculty)

I never really had that, mostly worked fine without.

4 Housing

Maastrichthousing is good, but there are a lot of other sites too. Especially if you have a tight budget think about renting in Belgium - it's 20min max by bike.

5 Arrival

I arrived by train and that works fine.

6 Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

You can buy a dutch simcard but it honestly is not necessary, if you have wifi at your home. There is wifi everywhere on campus and in many other places around.

7 Bank account

I left that one out too: waiting times are really long in the beginning because you need to be registered with the municipality first. If you have good credit card conditions from CH that works just fine.

8 Transport

The train connection is quite good, and German trains have good prices if you book early. In Maastricht you just need a bike, in all my time there I never used buses or anything. If you want to travel within the Netherlands search for temporary cheap ticket sales events (sometimes they are even done in supermarkets). In Belgium there are youth tickets that are crazy cheap (like 8 euros from Maastricht to anywhere in Belgium).

9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

Good faculty, I liked the PBL approach and the teachers are quite good. There are student activities and clubs, whatever you like. Dutch for beginners is also fun (and free) at the University.

10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

(e.g. program structure, methodology, exams, etc.)

It all revolves around PBL (problem based learning). You really need to read the stuff for each week, because the exam is directly after the end of the period, you don't have a study period like in Zurich. But if you do that the exams are easier than in Zurich I think, and mostly open book.

11 City

(e.g. cultural activities, sports, discounts, nightlife, must-sees, short trips, etc.)

Pretty little town! Biking everywhere, Parks, really cute. Maastricht people always seem to be sitting in the sun drinking coffee. Nightlife is bars more than clubs, which is cool (and cheaper). The university has a gym and a sports membership, like the ASVZ. For trips there is a spa in Valkenburg which is really nice.

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