



Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

Study Guide

1 Overall impression

Very good experience. The program is different than in Zurich. The teaching is very interactive and demanding and the exams after the periods are very specific and thematically narrower than in Zurich. It is almost like a school but still high self-responsibility and discipline required. The town is cool; very small and everything is near. There are people from everywhere. That makes the student interaction very interesting. The faculty helps a lot, if you have questions.

2 Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

The website is in general very helpful to find links. In the Webmail they inform you about important things. Also, during the lectures important information is provided. The faculty answers very fast, if you have a question. I had in general the impression that they inform the students very well.

3 Contacts/Responsibilities

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

Important are always the Lecturers and Tutors of the particular courses. It is important to follow the information they provide on the studentportal. In general, one can find all important contact persons through the website

4 Housing

Facebook groups helped me. My experience is that one can find an accommodation rather easily. Almost everything in Maastricht is close to the law faculty.

5 Arrival

I drove with my car to Maastricht (from Zurich 6.5 hours). There was some free parking space in Concordiastraat for instance. So I did not pay nothing for parking space during my exchange. The information at the faculty at the beginning of the year was very helpful.

6 Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

I used Vodafone. Just bought a sim card with a dutch telephone number. Costs were rather low, one can buy a package for internet for instance, when not using W-LAN at the faculty or at home.

7 Bank account

I did not make a bank account. Revolut card is a very good option, to save costs.

8 Transport

Transport with bus is ok, but one has to walk a little bit in the centre. With the car one has to pay parking space (very costly, not recommended). The best solution is to ride a bicycle, because everything is flat and near. One can buy a second hand bicycle online (facebook) or in a student bike store (ca. 80- 150 Euros) and sell it again when leaving.

9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

The Partner Faculty is very focused on interaction of students. They want the students to engage actively, to develop ideas. It was like school, but self-responsibility is still required to go to the Lectures, Tutorials and read the recommended readings. A lot of work during the week, a lot to read and to prepare Assignments. After 7 weeks exams. Student life is interesting. You get to know the people fast, Maastricht is small and cosy and everything is near. Easy going student parties and events.

10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

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

Teaching was interactive. Studying was intense in the periods, but still not very hard from my experience. Every course was very structured, the requirements were very clear, the grading was fair, the exams are closely related to the Assignments in the Tutorials. One has to distinguish important topics from less important topics.

11 City

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

City is small but has a lot to offer. I went swimming in the Geusselbad, little bars, the centre and the market place is nice. I went to Brussels twice. Maastricht is in general close to bigger cities. Also Aachen, Köln are for instance near.

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