



Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

Study Guide

1 Overall impression

I had a very great stay, enjoyed myself and met a lot of interesting people. Really worth it!

2 Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

It was helpful to get ready beforehand, and knowing the documents needed (original birth certificate, what is a BNS etc). There are websites which explain very thoroughly all administrative proceedings needed.

3 Contacts/Responsibilities

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

The student service desk was generally very available and respondent.

4 Housing

This is quite tricky. I started looking way earlier than usual (mid-april) so I found easily and in the city center; I heard a lot about students not finding straight away and having to settle for bad places.

5 Arrival

I travelled by train (takes a while but it's super doable), and then it's just easy to get almost anywhere walking if in the city.

6 Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

Super easy, I made a Dutch phone number with a plan with Vodaphone, paying 15 Euros for some data and calls+sms.

7 Bank account

I recommend having a maestro card (often places do not accept Visa or Master Card, which can be very annoying). I opened a bank account with ABN AMRO, which have an offer for students (for free). SUPER easy, you can make everything on the app (but need a BSN number beforehand)

8 Transport

As said, by train it's doable (but yes.. a lot of changes, and it's a long way). Otherwise, I think there is a Flixbus from Zürich, or you can fly to Eindhoven or Brussels. Everyone rides a bike in the city, so you shouldn't rely too much on public transport for Maastricht.

9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

It's a very international place, so not many Dutch students, but rather people from all over the world. The University is very much specialized and able to deal with all the students.

10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

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

The teaching method is different from what we are used too, as it is more time-intensive. In fact, we had 7 weeks of lessons (lecture +tutorial, which needed preparation)and the exams in the 8th week (or 6+1 I think), so no big Lernphase as in Zurich, but a continued focus and preparation was required. Overall, honestly, I think that Course were more difficult in Zurich, and more complicated/dense. After the Bachelor and Master in Zurich we are very well prepared for Maastricht, from an academic point of view.

11 City

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

The city is small, not a lot to do, but super cute and nice to walk around. I really enjoyed walking and just moving around. There are some nice bars which turn into clubs, only one big club (Complex), which is not for everyone (mainly hard techno, but also some commercial famous DJs were invited).

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