

**EXCHANGE REPORT****Name****Year and term for exchange**

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Exchange university

Eindhoven University of Technology

Degree programme

Real Estate & Construction Management

Eindhoven Exchange

Before departure

I chose Eindhoven because it had interesting courses and the country because it was closer to Sweden and a safe country to go to during the pandemic. I didn't have to do any major prep for the exchange expect for filling the mobility forms.

Upon arrival

I arrived 2 weeks before the start of the course, there was an introduction event for Erasmus, where I met all my close friends for the next six months.

Financials

Finances were almost similar to that of Sweden, there wasn't much of a difference. The Erasmus scholarship definitely helps.

Accommodation

I applied for university housing and got offered the same. My colleagues who didn't get university housing had to struggle to find housing. The cost were around 300-450 euros for housing. My housing was around 420 euros, it was a studio with a kitchenette and a shared bathroom with one more student. The accommodation was a 5 min bike ride away from campus

University and studies

The university has a huge campus and many departments. Plus, a gym, pool and sports arenas. The studies were very similar to KTH, expect that there are usually 3 courses per quarter instead of the usual two courses at KTH.

Courses

The teaching was very similar to KTH and the credit transfer was straight forward as both universities followed the same credit system.

City and country

The city was a nice, small city. Personally, I didn't find the city to be beautiful, as its come up as an industrial city. However, every other city that I visited in Netherlands was very beautiful and green.

Leisure and social activities

The Erasmus people bonded well and we usually met up every weekend and chilled. Once we biked from Eindhoven to Belgium and back, or we end up playing volleyball, house parties or end up going out for dinner and drinks.

Sustainability

Unfortunately, had to take a flight to the country as there were multiple train changes and long layovers to reach Netherlands by rail.

Other recommendations and observations

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