



## EXCHANGE REPORT

### Name

Yunxi Wu

### Year and term for exchange

2021 Autumn

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### Exchange university

TU Delft

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### Degree programme

Master, Architecture

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## Exchange studies at TU Delft

### Before departure

One of the things I liked most about KTH is having the opportunity of exchange study. I chose TU Delft as my exchange university, since I hope to learn more about building construction. Before I left, the preparations I needed to make included completing a language test, taking two vaccinations, and completing the application process and required document submissions on TUD's website.

### Upon arrival

I arrived in Delft on around August 20th. TUD had introduction courses and welcome club for fresh students to settle in quickly.

### Financials

Fortunately, I was offered a scholarship by KTH for exchange students. Apart from that, there are no other compulsory payments (eg. Student union fee) for studying at TUD after the tuition fees. As a student, tips I can think of about saving money include renting a student flat provided by the exchange university in advance, as rents are higher in Delft and there are fewer apartments available.

### Accommodation

Since I was a bit late in paying tuition fee, I didn't get the student housing that is provided by the exchange university. I found myself a twin-share flat in Delft on the website. The rent was up to 650 euros per month and the house was about a half hour walk from the university.

### University and studies

The TUD campus area is larger, other than that, the study life at TUD is not very different from KTH. As an architecture student, the courses are similar to those at KTH, including studios and seminars. For Master studies, the school offers teaching in English. Students can also apply for Dutch language courses as well as English language courses as optional courses.

### Courses

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### City and country

As an architecture student, I was impressed by the Dutch architectural style. After school I went to Rotterdam, Amsterdam and other cities where the architecture is full of 'De Stijl' features.

**Leisure and social activities**

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**Sustainability**

TUD encourages sustainability. In the model room of the architecture building, there is a wooden rack specifically for collecting leftover materials. From here students can find the model materials they need and reuse them. In daily life, most students usually walk or ride bike to school.

**Other recommendations and observations**

In Netherlands, from my perspective, one of the most spending is daily transportation (eg. intercity). In addition, we need to use OV card almost everyday if students live in the other cities (eg. Den Haag, Rotterdam). It will be more convenient if we can get the OV card as soon as possible when we arrive in the Netherlands.