Studying Archaeology Abroad

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Discover the world at Leiden University
Exchange: Why?

Why?

• It’s a valuable experience
• It’s good for the development of your academic and language skills.
• It teaches you about other cultures.
• It teaches you about different systems of education.
• It is a plus when you’re trying to find a job.
Students experiences:

“The foremost reason was to expend my study program with a course of early medieval archaeology and landscape research. The second to expand my view outside Leiden University. Every university has its own research foci and I wanted to step out of the bubble of our faculty to experience other points of view on archaeological research. The reason why I choose Newcastle University was because of their experiences with landscape archaeology.” F. vd Blink (from Leiden to Newcastle)

“To increase my learning abilities by experiencing college life and education at another university.” M. Cross (from Ireland to Leiden)

“I chose to study abroad because I want to widen my sight. I hope to know how archaeology is taught in western countries, and learn from it.” S. Fok (from China to Leiden)
When, Where?

When?
• Most students have more time in the BA, but it is entirely possible to go during the (R)MA.

Where?
• Look around and think it through. Reasons can be:
  - Location
  - Subject/research interest
  - Funding possibilities
Where? For Example:

University of Aarhus (Denmark)
Instituto Politécnico de Tomar (Portugal)
University of Coimbra (Portugal)
Universität Bonn (Germany)
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Germany)
Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

University of Sheffield (United Kingdom)
University College London (United Kingdom)
University of Warschau (Poland)
University of Ljubljana (Slovenië)
University of Cyprus (Cyprus)

How?

REMEMBER: you have to be a detective (find out everything you possibly can beforehand) and you have to be flexible, because the experience will quite possibly not go exactly as you planned. Make sure you are mentally prepared for that!

Part 1: Getting Approval

• http://www.students.leiden.edu/your-study/study-abroad/approval-and-application/approval-and-application.html

• A: talk to your study advisor/exchange coordinator
  
  Inge Tinbergen, email: I.L.Tinbergen@arch.leidenuniv.nl

• B: decide which university/universities you prefer

• C: check funding and application requirements (language for instance)

• D: examine the course catalogue of said university

• E: find which courses you would want to apply for

• F: write a proposal for the board of examiners (Examencommissie) before December 1st!

• G: wait for approval
Erasmus?

Check whether the university of your choice connected with Erasmus/other funding?

- [http://www.studenten.leidenuniv.nl/buitenland/search/](http://www.studenten.leidenuniv.nl/buitenland/search/)

Information for Archeology students:

How?

**Part 2: reaching out**

contacting the university of your choice by contacting the university’s international officer

Make sure you find out if you have to apply yourself or if your home institution can do it for you.

**Tip:**

- Email the professors whose courses you want to take. That way you can make personal contact with them.
How?

Part 3: Financial aid

• There are various ways of getting financial aid
  • http://www.students.leiden.edu/your-study/study-abroad/funds/scholarships/

• Erasmus+ grant
  • http://www.students.leiden.edu/your-study/study-abroad/funds/scholarships/erasmus-plus-for-studies-2017-2018.html

• Leiden University Fund (http://www.luf.nl/en/students)

• OV allowance (for Dutch students only)

• LUSTRA+ grant

• Holland Scholarship

TIP: google your own name before application, internet might show you in a different light than you have shown in your application.

• Advantage of an official exchange (like Erasmus)
  • No extra tuition fees.
  • Funding is easier.
**Important dates**

**December 1st**  
deadline proposal for Board of Examiners  
(prediscussed with exchange coordinator/study adviser)

**December 1st**  
deadline application UniWide exchange (world wide exchange with selected universities)

**Jan-March 2018**  
apply for funding  
apply at exchange university (confer with exchange coordinator)  
UniWide students will have information sessions

**April 1st 2018**  
deadline for application Holland Scholarship (excellent students)  
mandatory pre-departure information session UniWide students
Worth the effort?

“I would highly recommend studying abroad because by the end of your study abroad you are more mature as a young adult and confident while travelling. You also increase your learning experience by adapting to a new college system that is different to your home university. Studying abroad in Leiden for the year was the best decision I have made so far in my life and I plan on going back to the Netherlands to complete a masters when I complete my undergrad. Again I would highly recommend every student to experience studying abroad if they have the opportunity as you change alot within a year.” M. Cross

“I would definitely recommend studying abroad to other students if they can afford it. Study abroad is an eye opening experience. I learnt more about Dutch culture and met new people!” S. Fok
Students say yes!

“It is wonderful to be in a different environment, both socially and professionally. […]

There is a very different study environment on British universities with a different type of pressure on students. […]

The MA-group was very small compared to Leiden (only 13 students) which made the group really close and supporting to each other. Next to this I also lived in a house with four other erasmus students from Germany, France and Spain with who I went on excursions to explore the city and surrounding area.”

(F. vd Blink)
Links and contact

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Website NUFFIC (organization for internationalization in education: https://www.wilweg.nl/

Scholarship websites: https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beursopener

What are studying/living costs per country: https://www.vsbfonds.nl/kosten-en-ervaringen-studeren-buitenland