

Study Programme

As I was only abroad for the first semester, I had only 16 out of 50+ courses to choose from. All courses that last only one semester are 15 credits, which converts into 7.5 ECTS. Therefore, I had to take 4 courses to make up the required number of 30 ECTS. The courses I ended up taking were: 'Company Law Foundation', 'Introduction to Discrimination Law', 'Law, Politics & Power', and 'Family Law'. For 3 of these courses, I had to write a "summative" which is essentially an essay of 3750 words and that was essentially my exam. The only course I had to write an actual exam for was Company Law Foundations. For that, exchange students were given the opportunity to take the exam at home, albeit at the same time as everyone else in Exeter. Exeter has a very large variety of interesting courses such as 'Technology and Human Rights Law' or 'Medical Ethics and Law'. I would recommend people considering exchange in Exeter to take advantage of the variety of courses and try their hand at courses that are very different from the ones offered at RUG. Finally, some courses are a lot more popular than others so I would recommend you choose your courses as quickly as possible because it seems students in Exeter have the ability to register before exchange students so spaces are limited. I originally registered for Medical Ethics but had to switch to Law, Politics, and Power because upon arrival I learnt there were no longer any spaces available.

Language

Since I studied in the UK, the language of instruction was English.

Finance & Other Conditions

I lived in private accommodation and found it through an Exeter housing Facebook group. For this particular accommodation, I had to pay the rent for the whole semester + deposit + a non-refundable application fee all at once so it is important to consider that this is a possibility when searching for accommodation. My rent was £1,584.00, the application fee was £150, and the deposit was £350. The Erasmus grant does not help with much so it is important that future students going on exchange do not depend on it at all. Food in general is relatively cheap if you are someone who cooks a lot because it is possible to buy cheap groceries. There were no financial costs with regards to applying to study at the University of Exeter itself. However, if you plan on joining a sports society, be prepared to budget for that too because membership is not free.

Preparation & Contacts With the Faculty Abroad

With regards to housing, I did not receive much help at all. Although, it is important to know what campus you will be studying on so you find accommodation accordingly. I studied at the Streatham Campus. As an exchange student, you are likely to use private accommodation because the university prioritises students staying for longer than one semester. The university is very helpful when it comes to enquiries and they replied to all my emails as promptly as possible.

Guidance / Reception At Host University

The university has over one hundred different societies and sports clubs to join. Sports is very big in Exeter therefore all through introduction week, different sports clubs hold what they call "taster sessions" for students who want to try out a sport. If you really want the full experience I would recommend you join at least one society as it is the quickest and most effective way to meet people and socialise. I joined the 'Exeter Entrepreneurs Society', 'Bright Futures Exeter', 'Exeter Fashion Society', 'African and Caribbean Society', 'Erasmus Society', and the 'Exeter University First Aid Society'. I purposely refrained from joining any sports societies due to a weird 'treat freshers like they are nothing' culture I felt was degrading. However, many people obviously do not share the same view therefore I would not recommend against joining any

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sports societies.

Culture, free time and travelling

In general, exchange at Exeter was fun. There was a perfect balance for school work and social life. There is a big partying scene there due to all the societies and weekly socials they all have so it is easy to get carried away. However, it will only be a problem if you allow it to. Before leaving to Exeter, I found a couple of people who attend the university on instagram and messaged them regarding certain enquiries. Many were open to help so I would definitely recommend doing that, as well as joining facebook groups such as 'Overheard Exeter'. The only problem I had with Exeter was the fact that all my summatives were due almost on the same day as opposed to spread out over a time period so that created a lot of stress and pressure.