

## Erfahrungsbericht über den Auslandsaufenthalt

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Austausch im:</b> (akademischen Jahr)	2nd semester in Master(excluding corona semester)
<b>Studiengang:</b>	Data science master	<b>Zeitraum</b> (von bis):	winter 2022/23- summer 2023
<b>Land:</b>	Netherlands	<b>Stadt:</b>	Leiden
<b>Universität:</b>	Leiden university	<b>Unterrichts- sprache:</b>	English
<b>Austauschprogramm:</b> (z.B. ERASMUS)		Erasmus semester	

Angaben zur Zufriedenheit während des Aufenthalts:  
(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

	1 (niedrig)	2	3	4	5 (hoch)
Soziale Integration:			x		
Akademische Zufriedenheit:					x
Zufriedenheit insgesamt:					

ECTS-Gebrauch: JA: **x** NEIN:

### Vorbereitung

#### Bewerbung / Einschreibung

(z.B. Bewerbungsschreiben, Fristen, zeitlicher Ablauf, Zusammenstellung des Stundenplans (mit/ohne ECTS))

Around a year ago, on the day that the actual Erasmus semester started, the application process at TU Dortmund started. You have to keep an eye on the international office website for the deadline and the application process. (<https://international.tu-dortmund.de/outgoings/auslandsstudium/erasmus-austauschprogramm/erasmus-partneruniversitaeten/>)

#### Finanzierung (z.B. Auslands-Bafög, ERASMUS-Förderung, anderen Stipendien, etc.)

Erasmus funding and personal saving.

#### Dokumente (z.B. Visa, Aufenthaltsgenehmigung, Reisepass, etc.)

As an international student, I had to extend my residence permit in Dortmund, and I should issue an EU mobility permit.

#### Sprachkurs (im Heimatland oder an der TU Dortmund, online, etc.)

I took English for Business B2 and English B2 (A) courses offered by TU Dortmund to brush up on my English skills.

### Während des Aufenthalts

#### Ankunft (z.B. Anreise, Einschreibungsformalitäten; Einwohnermeldeamt)

When I arrived, I had to ask for confirmation of registration to the Faculty of Science at Leiden University. They responded quickly via email. Students have to do city registration at the city hall as soon as they arrive in Leiden.

**Campus** (Ansprechpartner (z.B. International Office, Koordinatoren, etc.), Mensa, Cafeteria, Bibliothek, Computerräume)

There are many different Leiden University buildings located throughout the Leiden city. The science faculty is located in the western part of Leiden. You should check the university building when you choose your housing.

**Vorlesungen** (z.B. Prüfungen, ECTS, Studienaufbau, Professoren, erforderliches Sprachniveau etc.)

Leiden University offers a lot of lectures. All the information about the lectures (ECTS, professor, contents of the lecture, whether it is open for erasmus student) can be found in 'Prospectus'. (<https://studiegids.universiteitleiden.nl/en>) After selecting the courses that I wanted to take, I used USIS (student portal page. Everything related to administration work is done through this webpage.) to register for the course and exams.

**Wohnen** (z.B. Wohnmöglichkeiten, Wohnungssuche/-ausstattung, Miete, Kaution, Wohngeld etc.)

There is a student housing office, 'Duwo'. Finding housing from the 'Duwo' is the most reliable way to find housing because it is the cheapest option. Leiden and its neighboring city, Hague, have a big housing shortage problem. Therefore, the private rent price is high, and it is extremely hard to find a room as an international student. I strongly recommend finding a house through university housing. After I got an admission letter from Leiden University, they informed me about the housing office and asked me to apply for housing as soon as possible. Housing is available on a first come, first served. Even though I applied in early March for the winter semester, I was on the waiting list for a month. I recommend applying for a house as soon as possible after your admission is determined!

**Unterhaltskosten** (z.B. Lebensmittel, Miete, Benzin, Eintrittsgelder, Ermäßigungen, Studentenrabatte, etc.)

I lived in the shared room. I share a one-room studio with one international student. It was 386 euros per month. It included all the utility fees, and there was no deposit for the housing. In the Netherlands, if you are over a certain age, you can apply for a house allowance. But this housing allowance is only offered to a certain type of house: self-contained studio. You can look it up before you apply for housing. I pay around 75 euros per week for groceries. I made most of my meal at home. I felt Netherlands doesn't have that much student discount compared to Germany. But for the museum, there is a "Museum card" you can buy for 65 euros. You can visit most of the museums in the Netherlands with this card for a year.

**Öffentliche Verkehrsmittel** (z.B. Verkehrsnetz, wichtige Buslinien, Fahrplan, Preise, Ticket-Verkaufsstellen, Fahrradverleih)

Dutch public transportation was quite expensive to me. Bus is around 2 euro depending on your distance. And with a discount, round trip to Amsterdam cost around 12 euros. There is a personal OV card which you can get a discount for the train tickets. You can make it in NS website (ns.nl) and buy the monthly subscription there. Depending on your subscription, you can get 40% discount for your train ticket. One good thing is if you are in Leiden, you don't really have to take public transportation. As it is a small city, you can travel with the bike everywhere. I bought a second hand bike in Leiden and it costs 70 euros.

**Kontakte** (z.B. Tandem-/Mentorenprogramm, ESN-Betreuung, Sportmöglichkeiten, Vereine)

I didn't do Tandem or mentor program, and I was not in ESN community. But the science faculty organizes regular meetups for international students, so I went there. After you get an admission, they will share a way to subscribe to their newsletter. There is a student sports center, "USC". If

you buy their subscription, you can take all the sports courses they offer. There are plenty of courses, and a swimming pool is also included. It costs around 200 euros for a year subscription.

**Nachtleben / Kultur** (z.B. Bars, Clubs, Einkaufsmöglichkeiten, Sehenswürdigkeiten, Kino, Ausflüge)

Leiden is quite a small city, so there are not so many stores or clubs compared to the neighbor city Den Haag. But Leiden has enough stores for daily shopping and bars for a cozy evening. Especially if you go to the city center, you can find many bars and cafes in the nice old building.

**Sonstiges** (z.B. Bank (Kreditkarte, Auslandskonto), Auslandsversicherung, Telefonieren, Internet, evtl. Nebenjob)

Some of the payment systems only accept 'IDEAL'. It is a Dutch payment system. I made an ING bank account because they are reliable and offer a free student account. It has a well-made English language banking app.

## Nützliches

**Sonstige Tipps und Infos** (z.B. nützliche Links, Telefonnummern / E-Mail-Adressen, Adressen etc. von Behörden)

Leiden university's school cafeteria is quite a lot more expensive than TU dortmund. And they have less selection of food. But as they have many microwaves in the university building, you can bring your food.