

Student Report for ERASMUS +

The course I study is named European Masters in Renewable Energy (EMRE) and is divided in three semesters: Core, Specialization and Thesis. Course students that did the first semester on University Oldenburg (UOL) need to choose another University from program partner universities to attend to the specialization semester. I choose Hanze University of Applied Sciences, on Groningen, and my application to it has been accepted even before I started studying on UOL.

Because I moved to the Netherlands with my girlfriend and she attends to a master course at Utrecht, we decided to live in a city equidistant from Utrecht and Groningen, being Zwolle, and I was able to make a deal on the apartment on the new year's eve. I was already used to travel to Groningen, as it is very close to Oldenburg and also because semester ticket allows students to easily travel to it. So, it was not very difficult moving to Zwolle. It was difficult putting the furnishing the apartment, though.

The building where se used to have lectures was not very big, it has quality studying rooms and lectures used to start around 8 AM. Because I was coming from another city, I used to take the train at 6:20 and to arrive on time always. The lecturers are very capable and know how to transmit knowledge. Because this specialization semester is already in the master program, credits are received by UOL with no problem.

I could not enjoy Groningen too much because I just had few time to enjoy the city because of Corona. I think that after having all the house arranged with furniture, internet and etc., Corona hit and lectures went online. Online lectures were different than presential lectures, but I think course coordination and lecturers did its best to maintain the quality of the classes. Tests had to change to assessments and, as to my opinion, did not change the difficulty. I managed to go well on most of them.