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3. Host University
   University of Gothenburg

4. Host City
   Gothenburg

5. Host country
   Sweden

6. First semester of exchange
   - Autumn semester (HT)
   - Spring semester (VT)

7. Level of studies during exchange?
   - Undergraduate (Bachelor)
   - Graduate (Master)
   - Phd/doctrinal studies
8. State the name of the courses you took during your exchange

Arctic Marine Pollution,
Arctic Marine System Ecology and Climate Change

9. Home faculty at the University of Gothenburg (GU)?

☐ Faculty of Humanities
☐ Faculty of arts and design
☐ Faculty of Social Sciences
☐ Faculty of Education
☐ School of Business, Economics and Law
☐ Sahlgrenska Academy
☐ Faculty of Science
☐ IT-Faculty

10. What are you studying at GU? (name of programme, single subject courses etc)

Master program Ecotoxicology

11. What subject area/s did you study during your exchange? (example; communication, biology etc)

Biology

12. Were you/or will you be able to transfer the credits from your exchange to your studies at GU? (tillgodöräknande)

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ To some extent

Personal Experience
13. STUDIES: Describe the studies at your exchange university. Differences between GU and your exchange univ? Academic level and quality of your courses? Examinations and learning methods, relationship between teachers and students?

Very nice teaching atmosphere where (almost) everyone felt comfortable to ask questions and discuss!
A lot of seminars/discussion/group work to discuss different scenarios/topics and think about the lectures
Relationship between teachers and students relaxed, nice and respectful

14. ARRIVAL, ORIENTATION AND HOUSING: Tell us about your arrival and how you settled in? Practical matters such as registration, housing etc. How was the orientation organized? What type of accommodation did you have? Were you satisfied?

Very good organisation from the start to the end of my stay!
A lot of information mails before arrival with all needed information, weekly announcement mails about happenings, covid rules, activities...
The housing result was quite late (4 weeks before arrival) and as rooms in the students housing are not granted I got stressed but everything worked out in the end and you receive all needed information
The orientation was digital (due to covid) and worked well. We received the presentation later on as mail and during the session a lot of questions could be solved, not only university related but also about registration in Norway and working procedures

15. FINANCES: Describe the living costs compared to living and studying at GU. Cost of accommodation? Were there any administrative fees at the university? How did you finance your exchange? Is CSN enough to cover the costs?

The accommodation was about 5000NOK, but as there are different student housings the rent differs...
I did not have to pay for the exchange.
I did not receive CSN (as I am from Germany and not a Swedish citizen) but got the “nordlys” grant. As this is not more than 2000SEK per month this was not enough to cover the costs, but even the Erasmus grant was not (as friends of mine got that).
16. LIFE IN A NEW COUNTRY/CITY/CULTURE: Location of the university? Non-academic activities organized by the university? Tips for future students?

Both the university of Tromsø and the student housing I stayed in were located at the island of Tromsø and sometimes I worked to uni (40min). There are student housings very close to the university but they are not as easy connected to the city centre as my student housing was...I really enjoyed walking to the centre within 12 minutes (4 minutes by bus) There are different groups for exchange students which organised a lot of different activities which are for free or at least cheaper than the original price! (Hikes, bbq, bus trip to rovaniemi, boat cruise, whale watching...)

There is also a weekly announcement mail from the university informing about things going on which could be all from movie nights, gingerbread house decoration, wrid courses, knitting meetings... - you just have to choose there is always something going on for everyone!

17. OVERALL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE: Sum up your experience on the whole. If you have any comments or tips for future students please include them here.

I have been and are still very satisfied with my exchange to Tromsø! It has been a great time up in the north in a beautiful arctic city that has everything you need, a very nice university with interesting courses and welcoming atmosphere from the first day! As everything was well organised (housing, arrival, courses, university, information about activities...) it was easy to feel comfortable and to meet new people and friends!

I was satisfied with the university system as well - the teaching atmosphere is friendly and you feel comfortable to ask questions/discuss. The quality of teaching is high and as you “work” with your new knowledge you really understand and remember!

I can only recommend the exchange program to Tromsø! It is a great opportunity for private and academic life and I am sure you will be as happy as I am!

Covid-19

Due to the current pandemic we have some specific questions regarding how the pandemic have affected your exchange.
18. In what way were your exchange studies effected by the Covid-19 outbreak?

- The Host University closed and I had to return back to Sweden
- I participated in remote studies from Sweden
- I participated in remote studies in the host country
- I had to self-quarantine before I started the exchange
- Other

19. How do you think the Host University handled the Covid-19 situation?

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20. Additional comments

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21. If you took part in remote studies at the Host University, how would you rate the quality of the remote studies?

Inget svar angavs.

22. Additional comments

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23. How satisfied were you with the information and support that you were offered by the Host University

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- Yes, but anonymised (no name and no email address)
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