



# **Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)**

## **Study Guide**

### **1 Overall impression**

Maastricht University is a great university, the program is quite good and the PBL system really helps you to understand and discuss topics. The quality of the education is great and I learned a lot during this year. The university is more time consuming than I expected.

### **2 Making preparations**

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

The most important thing is housing, so make sure you look that up with enough time, do not let it last minute or you will struggle big time.

### **3 Contacts/Responsibilities**

(e.g. important contact persons at the Partner University and Faculty)

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### **4 Housing**

I think pretty much everyone gets housing via facebook so make sure you join groups such as Sharing is caring Maastricht, Studentchamber Maastricht, Rooms in Maastricht and all others you can find on facebook when you search "rooms Maastricht" or "housing Maastricht".

### **5 Arrival**

I arrived beginning of September to have time to settle down, open a bank account (which you will need definitely), get a bike and get used to the city, would recommend you to arrive maybe 2 weeks before classes start.

### **6 Telephone**

(e.g. costs, carriers)

Vodafone, paid 10 euros for the card each month

## **7 Bank account**

ING bank, just go straight for that one

## **8 Transport**

I always travelled Zürich-Düsseldorf by plane and then Düsseldorf-Maastricht with flixbus. I know other people took the train.

## **9 General information about the Partner Faculty and student life**

Quality-wise is amazing, I really learned a lot and improved a lot, you are really in close contact with professors, which is nice. You will spend a lot of time in the library and places are quite limited, make sure you arrive there early, especially during exam period. Other place to study which is quite nice is the UM Sports, purchase the gym membership and study there, there's also nice coffee there. You will need to buy books, you can either do that at the study store but I preferred checking on [www.bol.nl](http://www.bol.nl), there are some quite expensive books and you can get them second-hand for quite a good price.oke

## **10 Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty**

(e.g. program structure, methodology, exams, etc.)

Program structure is quite intense, exams every 8 weeks and you also have to deliver "homework" and prepare for tutorials weekly. It took me some time to get used to the system but eventually you get used to it and I actually missed it later, you engage in interesting discussions and even if it requires more time to prepare and study you are also well-prepared for the exam. Try to divide workload with friends/peers and study in groups, gather information and compare with other students, sometimes you get different answers from different tutors and do not know what to answer in the exam so make sure you have everything clear for the exam.

## **11 City**

(e.g. cultural activities, sports, discounts, nightlife, must-sees, short trips, etc.)

The city is OK. I unfortunately did not enjoy it as much as I expected, very limited nightlife (just a couple of clubs and bars which you will visit weekly). Try to visit the Netherlands while you are there, the train is quite convenient and if you travel in groups of 4 you get discount at the train website.

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