

# Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

## 1. Overall impression

Maastricht is a very cute city, a nice place to live and study.

## 2. Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

There are a lot of useful informations on the website of the University of Maastricht. After arriving, the university also offers help when registering with the municipality etc. In case of any questions, the university can be contacted and they will try to help you to the best of their ability with information and tips.

## 3. Contacts/Responsibilities

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

Depending on your Master's programme, there is a different coordinator who is responsible for you and will help answer any questions you might have. This information should be given to you by the university after you are officially enrolled.

## 4. Housing / Finding accomodation

There is a lot of student housing but also apartments to be rented.

## 5. Arrival

The information day at university helped welcoming us in Maastricht, showing us the most important places around, and getting to know your fellow students.

## 6. Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

If you want a phone contract, a Dutch bank account is necessary. However, for example Vodafone offers prepaid SIM cards and bundles to be bought on top for very good conditions, e.g. 10 € for minutes, texts and 1 GB data. The same conditions, including the free minutes and data, apply in all European countries, including Switzerland. The advantage is that these bundles can be cancelled at any moment.

## 7. Bank account

I have not opened one, but most people who had one, opened it with ING.

## 8. Transport (e.g. from Switzerland, to the University)

Maastricht is not an easy city to reach from Switzerland. There is a Flixbus going directly from Zurich to Maastricht. But if you want to fly, you most probably have to fly to Brussels, Amsterdam, or Cologne and catch a

train or again a Flixbus to Maastricht. Unless you are lucky and find good flights from the closer airports of Eindhoven or Maastricht/Aachen. Within Maastricht, having a bike is very important. It is the easiest way to reach everything you need. Buses go to the university but not too often.

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

Students are very important part of Maastricht; therefore, a lot is tailor-made for them. The faculty is nice and small.

## 10. Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

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

The studies are completely different to those at the University of Zurich. Smaller classes, more contact to professors, PBL system, and many international experts in the field are flown in. Overall, it was a very stressful but very interesting year.

## 11. City

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

Maastricht itself offers a lot of things to do for students, including nice cafés to study, gyms, and a lot of student activities if you are interested - whether at night, during the days, or even short trips. Otherwise, the surroundings can be explored by train - there are a lot of nice places to be visited nearby.