

Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

1. Overall impression

Pleasant and memorable experience. Welcoming and helpful environment, Maastricht overall has been a great student city that I would recommend to any student looking for a city that fits their needs and isn't too big.

2. Making preparations

(e.g. administrative matters, finding information)

Fortunately finding useful information on Maastricht is made easier given that almost everything would be translated into English. Furthermore, generally all administrative staff speak English and so not knowing Dutch has not been a barrier. Information is also readily available online.

3. Contacts/Responsibilities

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

My initial contact person had been Diane Crook, whom had been useful.

4. Housing / Finding accommodation

Finding accommodation is not an easy task unfortunately, to guarantee a room/flat by the time you arrive to Maastricht one needs to apply as early as April to find something for autumn semester. Maastrichthousing.com provides for some housing options that is useful, however must also be booked and registered for the website in advance.

5. Arrival

Good induction week provided by the Maastricht University, also with the help of current students a lot of helpful tips and advice is provided.

6. Telephone

(e.g. costs, carriers)

Lycamobile provides for good bundle deals that are available on their website.

7. Bank account

Is a long procedure that could take up to a month. Need to book an appointment as an initial step.

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

Brussels, Eindhoven, Amsterdam airports for flights.

9. General information about the Partner Faculty and student life

Great student life, a little bit of everything for everyone.

10. Teaching and studying at the Partner Faculty

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

Problem Based Learning System, has been interesting and challenging. Works great within certain courses that naturally require contentious topics discussed, and less well with more straightforward type.

11. City

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

City is home to a couple of museums, annual events, student friendly pubs, and nearby nature getaways to provide for a great balance.