Maastricht University - Netherlands

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Map showing Maastrichts location in Netherlands [1]

The City

- Beautiful student city and campus.
- 95% of the population speak English.
- Airport with weekly flights to London.
- Affordable train travel to major European cities.
- Student hotels and acomodation.
- Lively atmosphere with friendly locals.
- Good restaurants.

The University

Maastricht university is a international establishment with students travelling from across Europe to attend. The faculty of science has its own campus 20 minute walk from the centre of the city.

- September to June.
- Six periods (semesters) in the year.
- Three modules each period, one of which is practical.
- One lecture and two tutorials a week per module.
- Two student based project periods.

Module options

At Maastricht university you are given a wide range of over 80 modules to choose from throughout the year. These range from Physics to Nueroscience and Engineering. Most students attend modules from different scientific fields until they decide what to major in. They also provide a range of language courses on top of these.

My Modules

- Calculus and Statistics
- Nanobiology
- Modelling Climate Change
- Theory of Relativity
- Quantum Theory
- Astronomy (Stellar, Galactic and Solar System)
- Physics Laboratory
- Programming

Projects

Throughout the year you undertake two student led projects of your choosing. These let you expand upon your interests in small groups. You are given a lot of freedom to decide exactly what you want to research.

My projects:

- Remote Telescopic Observations
- Our Planet Throughout the Ages

My Experience

- Easy to make friends.
- Good social life.
- Good module selection and difficulty.
- Lots of assignments/less focus on exams
- Lots to do in the city.
- Allows you to easily travel.

- Hard to find housing.
- Expensive food and housing
- Slow university email responses.



Faculty of science building [2]



Maastricht carnival [3]



Maastricht city [4]

Conclusion

I thoroughly enjoyed my time spent at Maastricht Univsersity. I found the modules to be engaging and sufficiently difficult. I found their way of teaching to be very efficient. I would definitely reccomend going on a year abroad here.

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