

# **During and after your minor Study Abroad**

How to make your stay into a success



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### **During your minor Study Abroad**

When you are studying abroad, team Study Abroad will stay connected with you by e-mail for updates and questions.

During your time abroad there will be lots of activities besides your regular classes, for instance leisure activities, trips and clubs. Most students abroad like to share their experiences through various social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or even LinkedIn. Besides that many students also keep a personal blog to let others know what they're doing. In this way students abroad can play an active role as an ambassador of the study abroad community.

If you are writing a blog we encourage you to share it with other (future) outgoing students. If you'd like to do this please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:studyabroad@fontys.nl">studyabroad@fontys.nl</a> with a short description (max. 3-4 phrases) of your blog and a direct link to it.



## **After your minor Study Abroad**

Time flies when you're having fun and unfortunately also your study abroad experience will come to an end. We hope your experience abroad went as expected and you had a great time. After returning to the Netherlands there are still a few things you have to do to complete the process of studying abroad.

- **Finalise documentation:** You will probably have to wait a bit for your certificates/transcripts of records, but as soon as you get these you will have to submit these documents and contact your International Coordinator to claim your 30 ECTS and to officially finalise your time abroad.
- **Evaluation:** When you return you will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about the quality of the minor Study Abroad. This questionnaire will be sent by e-mail after the semester. The results of this questionnaire are used to improve the programme for future students and partner universities so we would very much appreciate it if you take the time to fill this out.
- Participation: Every semester we ask enthusiastic students to participate in events (e.g. pre departure events or information sessions) to share their experiences. Apart from that, you are very welcome to participate in our Facebook groups and help future students with your experiences.
- Share your experience: Many students who are applying for a minor abroad, love to read some type of review from students who went to specific universities from numerous countries. By sharing your experience with us by writing a short paper (1 or more pages), you could reflect back on your entire journey and allow future students to get a better image of the university and country you went to.