Components of an international university
The Wageningen Example

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The topic

Theme: “Developing an international outlook in our graduates”

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“Components of an international university. The Wageningen example.”

Our approach:

• To be an international university

• Promote an international outlook by a mix of environment, culture and curriculum
The student population

BSc  5% non-Dutch

MSc  30% non-Dutch

PhD  60% non-Dutch
Ambition

Wageningen UR is internationally recognized for its top research and education in an international environment. The international context and environment are naturally woven into decision-making, resource allocation and social interaction.

An open culture, a culture of inclusion is the norm. Cultural diversity and intercultural competency are part of ‘the way WUR operates’ and are seen as the responsibility of all. Wageningen UR students and staff think and work actively towards integration of students/staff of diverse backgrounds. The diversity of cultures within the Wageningen UR community and its enrichment is being exposed explicitly.

The transformation of Wageningen UR into a fully international institution is embraced by Wageningen UR as a whole – staff and students.

The ambitions of Wageningen UR as an intercultural competent organisation are being communicated explicitly to prospective students and staff. The developments are being facilitated and monitored on a structural basis and the necessary improvements are initiated.
International history

1917
Tropical study programmes

1972
MSc’s in English for foreign enrolment

2002 Bologna
Integrated MSc’s.  Now:  30% of MSc-enrolment non-Dutch
Over 100 nationalities
Students and students’ participation

29 January 2009

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We chose not to talk about Dutch and foreign students. All are international.

That’s not always easy, of course, but it affects the culture in the desired direction.
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Admission procedures must be transparent and fast

• All information available on internet

Target-group directed

• On line application

• Students can follow the proceedings on the net
Admission: target-group oriented
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Future MSc students (non EU)

Study programmes
- 30 MSc programmes
  - more Study programmes

Admission and application
- Steps to Enrolment
- Online application
- Admission requirements
- Application deadlines
- English Language Proficiency
- FAQ application and admission
  - more Admission and application

To arrange before arrival
- Visa and immigration procedures
- Residence permit
- Housing
- Travel information (pdf)
  - more To arrange before arrival

To arrange upon arrival
- Introduction programme
- Register as a resident
- WUR Card
- Certificate of Enrolment
  - more To arrange upon arrival

Meet us
- Activities in the Netherlands
- University representative in your country
- Fairs and Visits
  - more Meet us

Finances and insurance
- Study expenses and payment
- Study Grants
- Travel Funding
- Research Fee
- Insurance
  - more Finances and insurance

Education system
- Wageningen University: Voted no. 1!
- Study Handbook
- ECTS
- Calendar Academic Year
  - more Education system

Study environment and facilities
- Wageningen Campus
- Wageningen UR Library
- Language Services
- Student counselling service
  - more Study environment and facilities
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Welcome on the AID website

The Annual Introduction Days (AID) are organized by students for new students of Wageningen University and Van Hall Larenstein. During the AID, new students have the chance to get to know their new lives. They will be introduced to other students, the student life, Wageningen, their new living environment, new hobbies and a lot more! The AID of the academic year 2010/2011 are from the 20th until the 25th of August 2010. Bring it on!

You can subscribe for the AID on this website. Select 'new students' for more information!

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Student council
Education Board
Programme Committees

Study associations, student associations
Sports, culture
Study programmes (18 BSc + 29 MSc)

Learning outcomes

Study abroad

Mobility window

Double degrees, joint degrees

Preferred partners

Historically, our emphasis has been on the themes found in two of the circles at the base of the figure: food and food production and living environment. In resolving the issues in these areas, it is clear that a shift in emphasis is called for, to devote more attention to health, lifestyle and livelihood. This is expressed by including the third (top) circle in the domain description.

**our domain:** healthy food and living environment

food and food production

living environment
Learning outcomes for study programmes
Mobility window in the BSc

Scheduled 30 credits free choice

- Minor at Wageningen
- Study abroad

(In the MSc 80% of students studies abroad)
The crux

• Just be international, it should be in the veins

• Culture and attention

• It is a long term process, along gradual lines, study programmes, the university community
Thank you for your attention