

Hello! I'm a fellow SFU student who participated in the Study Abroad exchange between Maastricht, Netherlands and SFU. I am a History major in my third year and went on exchange in during the Spring 2012 term, a term which will probably be the most memora

Bicycles are the most important form of transportation in Maastricht. They are super cheap and it's really easy to get around on one, you can cross the city from one end to the other in less than 20 minutes on a bike! There are a bunch of services where you can buy a bike, like the facebook page Buy/Sell a Bike in Maastricht and Jules and You. I bought my bike from another student in the dorm, they aren't too difficult to find generally.

The tendency for people when they first arrive at Maastricht seems to be to make friends fast, which is an excellent idea. Keep track of events by Universalis and ESN Maastricht! Keep an ear out for trips other people are going on since they are often with these or other student organizations in the area. Orientation is another great way to meet people, since everyone is in the same boat as you are and eager to make some friends.

I think right now what I can say that I've really learned during this trip is that nobody is going to look out for me but myself. It's really a taste of independence in a way, since you are on your own for so much of it and there isn't anyone to rely on. But it's a great challenge and a whole new experience. Try speaking some Dutch, even though most people in Maastricht know English fluently. Participate as much as you can, stay ahead in your studies, and you should have a wonderful and smooth experience!



This is Maastricht University College! It used to be a monastery before it was fixed up.





the river mass separates Maastricht in two. The bridge that connects the two sides is over 1000 years old!

