



## *First week in Tilburg:*

There were so many things to experience during the first week at Tilburg. Universiteit van Tilburg has long been popular destination for all incoming exchange students according to its academic reputation. The university therefore welcomes us with a warm orientation. We were separated into groups due to our faculty which called as “school” and TiSEM (Tilburg School of Economics and Management) is the school for management student. Each school is comprised of 3-4 advisors who one of them will be your coordinator and taking care of you throughout the semester. Furthermore, students should get themselves in place meaning that before arriving in Tilburg, they should find their own room to stay, registered for all courses, study and try to understand the rail route.



Once arriving in Tilburg, student needs to rent the bicycle which is the popular vehicle taking you to around the campus and the city. Moreover the University will open you a bank account with Rabobank where you can do all financial transaction: transferring money across the country, make a payment as well as online transaction. There will also be the counter where student can do an IESN sign up for the special event like TOP-WEEK. Only 1<sup>st</sup> year students and exchange students are invited. The event will be held up in the first week of semester. Students can enjoy with party and games. It is such a fun and amazing moment. This is also the way I can make friends with people in different nationalities.

## *How to prepare for studying:*

Unlike the Thammasat education system, Tilburg has different style of learning. Each class will be broken down into 2 parts. First part, one and a half hour, professor will give a lecturer. The second half will take place another day. Students will be divided into small group of discussion around 10-15 people. There will be activities like brainstorming, sharing ideas, discussing and exchanging opinions, presenting as well as working in groups.

Furthermore, most classes at TiSEM has no midterm exam except classes for freshmen meaning that your grade will be evaluated based solely on Final exam, class participation and group project.

The grading system is not an American style where A, B, C, D is applied. Instead, Tilburg works on 0-10 grading basis where 10 is accounted to be A grade on American system. Apparently, to get a 10, students need to be super hard working.

## *Lifestyles:*

The town like Tilburg is quite peaceful. It gives the sense of a small campus-like town. People here usually ride the bikes as the transportation. There is also so many chill out places where you can hang around with people. Drug is also legally allowed in the public places.



Though, there is not much Thai people living nearby but you can still find some of Thai roon p' living there and do their master.

According to this, they have arranged several meeting for Thai students to exchange their experience which will keep you away from homesick.

All students will find it ieseasy to buy their grocery at the AH store right in front of the university.

## *Activities:*



There are so many activities offered to join during my semesters at Tilburg. At the University itself is full of clubs for instance international language, sport complex etc.

Instead of hanging around domestically, holding Schengen visa is allowed you to explore many other countries with the EU zone ex. Belgium, Germany, France, and so on.

If you are looking for a quiet place that fill with peace, natural like but challenging in their academic. Tilburg, all I can say is surely be right choice for you.



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