



Breaking down study-abroad barriers

Matching student's wishes and home campus needs
with host campus constraints

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“Experience the unique student life in the Netherlands”

- Most people speak English
 - The Dutch are known for their tolerance and liberal ideas
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- Enjoy the exciting student life in Delft
 - Live in a multinational student environment and meet many different cultures
 - Explore Netherlands and the rest of Europe
 - Experience the liberal state of mind the Dutch are known for



Study-abroad barriers

Causing the GE³ withdrawals

- Academic calendar mismatches
 - Fall semester ends after Christmas
 - Exam in wrong period or too late
- Demanding curricula
 - How to fill 1 semester without overlapping content with home curriculum?
 - Interweaving of courses abroad is not feasible with home curriculum
 - Seeking high-level course equivalence
 - *"Which book is used?"*
 - *"Is Matlab used in Differential Equations course?"*
 - Core courses required at home institute
 - Only (very) few courses can be transferred into credits for study program
- Personal preference of students

Session of today:

Do some engineering: Creative solving of challenges

1. Demanding curricula
2. Academic calendar alignment
3. Relevance and attractiveness

- Disgarding
 - Personal and social factors
 - Culture and language
 - Campus location
 - Financial restrictions
 - Transfer of credits

Roundtable Session

- Step 1: Creative solutions for the challenge on the flipover chart on your table (18 min)
- Step 2: Handover of chart to your adjacent table
- Step 3: Complete and sharpen the solutions on the flipover chart (12 min)
- Step 4: Elevator pitch (2 min each) of main tips per table
- Step 5: Wrap-up (2 min)

Thank you!



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