



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Biology - Ecology
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	20/01/2022 until 30/06/2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Denmark
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Aarhus
<b>University (exchange)</b>	Aarhus University
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	Natural science

## 2. Motivation for exchange

### Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

My main reason were to experience living in another country for a longer period, developing my English and experience a different teaching system.

### What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

When looking for a host university I mainly looked at the courses. The courses that I followed were inline with my interests and would help me reach my future goals.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

I took the train since it would take me approximately as long as it would be by plane since I could not get an direct flight from the Netherlands to Aarhus. The green travel allowance also motivated me to choose for a more sustainable option.

## 4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	Behavioural Biology	10		4	
2	Advanced Behavioural Ecology Field Course	5		5	
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**How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)**

Academic level is roughly the same as the level Wageningen University provides. Examinations are different per course but they like to have oral exams. This was new for me since I have not experienced it during my degree in Wageningen. The workload is less than I was used to which is nice when you are on exchange since you can enjoy your spare time more.

**What is the culture of the university? (E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?)**

Lecturers and professors are easily approachable and willing to help. Engagement with local students is easy during the course if you and they are open for it. Most local students have made their friend group already so sometimes it is hard to get. Luckily there are always more exchange students which are in the same situation. There were not much differences compared to the WUR except from the workload. Every Friday they open the Fridaybars in university buildings for the staff and students to relax. This is a great opportunity to get to know some new people or having a drink after your long week with your friends.

**What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)**

The university does not provide sport facilities as the WUR does. Although playing sports and having an active lifestyle is huge in Denmark. You can easily get a fitness or sports membership at one of the sport clubs in the city. University provides good opportunities for breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week.

## 5. Housing-travelling-living

**What are the possibilities for housing? (E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?)**

Getting a room on campus is extremely hard and you have to be lucky. I signed myself up for housing through the university but got an email that they couldn't help me with finding a room in time. A lot of my friends got the same problem. I ended up with finding a room through Facebook (private market) which was easier than I expected. Average monthly rent for a room is around 500 euro. Depends a bit on the size and location of course.

**What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)**

Denmark and the Netherlands are pretty much similar. Especially when it comes to biking, Aarhus is a real biking city and it is the best way to get around in my experience. Danes like to take life more easy and enjoy it more than the Dutch do. Enjoying the flexibility and having less responsibilities when you are young is something all Danes do. On first sight Danes can look uninterested but they are not. They won't start the conversation but once you showed interest in starting one they are willing to talk and share some information about the city and the people.

**Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?**

It is overall more expensive than Wageningen. Especially the rent is higher but that is mainly because the rent in Wageningen is just very low compared to other student cities. I would say that monthly expenses would vary between 1000 and 1300 euro depending on your lifestyle.

**Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)**

Public transport is good and not too expensive. I would recommend getting a public transport card (10 euro), it makes using the bus or tram less expensive than if you were to buy a single ticket. I would recommend getting a bike, it will save you a lot of money in the end.

## **6. Free time**

**What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)**

Traveling by train or renting a car are the best options if you want to go for a one or multiple day trip. There are a lot of nice cities and old towns which are worth to visit like Aalborg, Copenhagen, Odense, Skagen and Ribe. Most of the trips I made were on the weekends.

**What does not appear in the travel guide, but is worth a visit?**

**Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)**

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

### What was a challenge you have experienced?

Biking up the hill every day. Denmark has a very hilly landscape and in Aarhus they decided to build the university up on a hill. I was not used to this since the Netherlands is so flat but after some time it was less hard to do so.

### What was your best memory abroad?

Getting to know such amazing people and becoming close friends in such a short time. We had a lot of nice evenings and trips together which are all part of a great experience.

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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