



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Social Science
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	31-01-2022 until 01-07-2022
Country (exchange)	Denmark
City (exchange)	Copenhagen
University (exchange)	University of Copenhagen (UCPH)
Faculty (exchange)	Science

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

For the experience and to learn more about other courses and cultures

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

In Scandinavia they pay relatively much attention to the environment, sustainability and climate change, Copenhagen in particular is seen as one of the cleanest and most environmentally friendly cities. This is also reflected in the courses they offer at the University of Copenhagen.

Secondly the quality of education in Denmark is very good.

Thirdly, Copenhagen is not too far from the Netherlands, which allows friends and family to come over and visit. The biking and public transport infrastructure is also really good, which makes it easier to move around in the city.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I went to Copenhagen by car (a family member brought me). But it is also doable by train or the Flixbus.

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	Global Environmental Governance	7.5		5	
2	Motivation and Pro-Environmental Behaviour – Managing Change	7.5		3	
3	Tropical Forest Restoration	7.5		4	
4	Energy Systems and Climate Mitigation	7.5		4	

How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Each course had 3 lectures a week of 3 hours each, most exams were oral exams and besides that you had presentations, groupwork, individual assignments and readings.

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?)

The lecturers are really approachable. You name the teacher by their first name and they often try to remember all the names of their students. If you have any questions, you should definitely ask them. Some of the students were more open than others. It is often easier to connect with other international students than with the Danish students. But you should definitely give it a try and start a conversation with your fellow students.

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

There are four different campuses, with each their own canteen(s). Most Danes really like coffee, so this is widely available. Every campus has their own Friday bar, where you can go and have some drinks with your friends.

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?)

Check Housing Foundation Copenhagen: <https://housingfoundation.dk/>

When you apply for the University of Copenhagen you have the option to get more information about the Housing Foundation. You will get an email and be able to book a room. This is the easiest way to find a room, but not the cheapest.

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

The Danish culture is in some ways quite similar to the culture in the Netherlands. They also use bikes to get around, the weather is quite similar and even the language shows some similarities (but they pronounce the words quite differently). A difference is that the Danish people are often a bit more closed than the people in the Netherlands.

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

You should take into account that you're paying twice or thrice as much for your room in Copenhagen compared with your room in Wageningen.

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

Most people use their bike to get around. It is also good to have a public transport card. For one trip with the metro within the city you pay 14,4 – 18 kr. (depending on the time you travel). Apps to use when traveling with public transport are: Rejseplanen and DOT Tickets.

6. Free time

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

The round tower, Nyhavn, Christiansborg (don't forget to go up in the tower, which is for free and gives a nice view over the city), Amalienborg, the Marmor church, Christiania, Frederiksberg Have, Kings garden, Botanical garden, etc.

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

There are a lot of different museums you could visit in Copenhagen:

- Ny Carlsberg glyptotek (free on Tuesdays)
- Københavns Museum (free on Wednesdays)
- You can get a combination ticket when you visit the Botanical Garden, Naturhistoriske museum and the zoologisk museum. You get 48 hours to visit all three places. The natural history museum is right next to the botanical garden and even when you just visit two of the three it is already much cheaper.

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

Reffen (food court). Reffen is a really nice place to go with some friends, where you can find street food from all over the world.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

In the beginning I was sometimes a bit too busy, because I had two courses that both required quite some time, I was getting to know the city and the campus, I was busy making new friends and I also needed to finish my bachelor thesis. Sometimes this was a bit too much, so I would definitely advise you to give yourself some time to adjust and do not want to do everything at once.

What was your best memory abroad?

I do not have one best memory. But it was definitely nice to make contact with other students in the beginning, so you have some people to go to later on.

8. Contact details (optional)

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