



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Field of study in Wageningen</b>	Biotechnology	
<b>Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	22-01-2022	until 30-06-2022
<b>Country (exchange)</b>	Denmark	
<b>City (exchange)</b>	Lyngby	
<b>University (exchange)</b>	DTU	
<b>Faculty (exchange)</b>	-	

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

I wanted to experience how it is to live and study abroad, to meet new people and discover new cultures

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

I wanted to go to a Scandinavian country, since these I think these countries are quite fascinating and the school system is of high quality. Furthermore DTU offered interesting courses and was close to Copenhagen.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I went by car, which was nice, since I could bring a lot of stuff with me, but otherwise you can take either the train and then the bus or go by plane and then you have to take a metro and a bus.

## 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	<i>Positive microbiology</i>	5	About different applications of microbiology in food products	3	Interesting lectures, but missed the red line throughout the course a bit
2	<i>Producing new sustainable food ingredients</i>	5	3 cases on making new ingredients from waste products	2	For me it was a lot of repetition and didn't feel like I learned much
3	<i>Biosensors and bioanalysis</i>	5	Different types of biosensors and their applications	3	Had to do a lot of assignments and learned a bit less than I hoped
4	<i>Advanced medicinal chemistry</i>	5	About small drugs, prodrugs and radiotherapy	4	Very interesting, sometimes a bit too much chemistry for my background
5	<i>Polymer Chemistry</i>	5	Different polymerization techniques and their advantages and drawbacks	4	Nice course, but I sometimes struggled since I found the chemistry a bit difficult
6	Practical NMR spectroscopy: Making reactions in (bio)chemistry visible	5	About the different applications (mainly biochemistry related) of NMR	5	Very nice and kind teachers that are really passionate about the subject

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

I followed 5 courses for 13 weeks and every course was given at one block of 4 hours in the week. The 4 hour lectures for some courses was something I had to get used to, but overall I feel like the workload was a bit less than in Wageningen. For example I was free on Fridays giving me time to explore the surroundings more. The study form is mostly lectures, group work and sometimes exercise sessions.

**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 culture on the university is very relaxed, the lectures are very approachable and kind. I would say, kind of similar to Wageningen. In the courses the local students are kind when you are doing groupwork together. However, in general I engaged more with other exchange or international students

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

There are multiple canteens on campus where you can go to for lunch and there are 5 Friday bars, where you can go for a beer on Friday. There is a running track around campus and they have a gym (but I didn't use the gym)

## 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?)**

The university suggest to rent a room via BDTU, which is also what I did. The rooms are quite expensive, but are very nice and have almost everything you need. The kitchen are also nicely equipped with good stoves and ovens which is nice. I had a private room, but they also offer rooms with shared kitchens.

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

In general it does not differ a lot of the Dutch culture. The people are a bit on their own, but very relaxed and if you ask them something they are always very kind and helpful.

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

The room (including electricity, water etc) was about 700 euros.

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

There is a good train connection from Lyngby station (15 min biking) to Copenhagen and a train connection from campus to the city. They both go very frequently and the bus also goes during the night. A one way trip costs about 3 to 4 euro with a traveling card. I would really recommend to buy a traveling card, since this gives you about 40% discount on all public transport

## 6. Free time

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

Copenhagen is a really nice city and you should definitely visit Nyhavn, the botanical gardens, the food market, reffen and just walk around the nice areas. A bit more north of Lyngby is Frederiksberg slot, which is very pretty.

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

The book-cafe located close to norreport station is really cute and going for a swim in the sea (even when it is still cold) is must.

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

I haven't been bored for a moment there is a lot to do and a lot going on. I especially liked going to Copenhagen for walking around the city or getting a coffee. For going out, a lot of parties are happening on campus or in the student dorms which is fun, but there are of course also a lot of options in the city. For food, I really like reffen, with the food trucks and a really nice atmosphere.

## 7.Challenges & best moment abroad

### What was a challenge you have experienced?

Most of the plans are quite spontaneous, making it difficult to plan calls with people at home. Also having to say no sometimes can be difficult.

### What was your best memory abroad?

The Lapland trip!

## 8. Contact details (optional)

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