



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BVG
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	28-01-2022 until 30-06-2022
Country (exchange)	Denmark
City (exchange)	Odense
University (exchange)	Southern Denmark University
Faculty (exchange)	Faculty of Sport and Health sciences

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to go on an exchange to experience a different culture, make new friends and to step out of my comfort zone.

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

Initially I felt like SDU had the most suitable and interesting courses for me, even though I couldn't follow them after all. Furthermore, I wanted to go to a country with good academic standards and language skills which is what northern Europe is known for.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

I travelled by train from Duisburg (Germany) to Odense. I only had to transfer once and it went very smoothly for me. Price wise, it was much cheaper than going by plane would be (but make sure to book preferably 1-2 months in advance).

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	Movement spaces and experience design in sports	3	In this course we had to form our own company and organise two teambuilding events for actual companies. We learned about company structures and organising events.	4	For the fact that it was only a 3 erts course, it had quite a high workload. In the course we worked closely together with other Danish students which was a lot of fun.
2	International health	7.5	We had lectures and small exercises on different kinds of international health topics, such as law, sustainable development goals and different health organisations.	3	The teacher was really nice and knows a lot, but the lectures took 6 hours once a week, which was very long.
3	B04: Social and personality psychology	15	We had 18 lectures on different social and personality psychology topics.	4	Very nice and educated teacher, but the lectures took 4 hours which was very long and exhausting.

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

The movement course was very practical and hands-on, whereas the other two courses were more lecture oriented. One exam was 150 MCQ, another was a presentation on a self-chosen topic and the other one was a report.

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 all very nice and approachable and very knowledgeable. Two courses were with a very small group of students in which we also got to know the other Danish students, which was very nice. One course was much larger, with 150 students, similar to WUR.

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

There's a student fitness which you can go to for similar prices as the Bongerd. Furthermore, you can make free use of the university pool. There are two canteens which serve both breakfast and lunch, and there are two smaller café's.

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?)

You can apply for guaranteed housing through SDU with which you get one offer for an accommodation. You could also try to respond to housing offers on facebook groups.

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

Denmark is quite similar to the Netherlands. People are very kind and willing to help. Odense is a very cosy city. Many people wear bike helmets here, but it is not mandatory. Also, it is illegal in Denmark to ride along on the back of someone's bike like we do in The Netherlands.

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

The rent is quite similar to Wageningen, but the general living expenses are higher (groceries, going out to eat, etc.)

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

Odense is very well travelable by bike. Cycling from the city centre to university takes about 20 minutes. You could also take the bus or the tram to travel, but you have to buy your ticket in advance through an app or get a Rejsekort (OV-chipcard). Furthermore, there is a train station in Odense which can take you to many other big (and also smaller) places in Denmark.

6. Free time

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

Definitely visit Copenhagen when in Denmark, but also cities like Aarhus and Esbjerg are worth a visit. Try to buy an orange ticket through the DSB app 1-2 weeks in advance for cheaper prices! In Odense the park Munke Mose is very nice to go for a walk or sit in the summer.

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

The island Fano near Esbjerg is very nice to spend a sunny day biking around. You can get there with a short ferry ride.

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

Storms Pakhus has really good street food and a nice ambience. Old Irish Pub for going out. And Nelle's or Den Lille Smalle for coffee and pastries.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

A few weeks before I got to Denmark I had to switch all my courses and only very few were available to follow, but it all turned out fine eventually. I also missed my boyfriend quite a lot.

What was your best memory abroad?

All the lovely people I met with whom I got to make amazing memories. Not only the bigger trips I did with them, but also just smaller things like going out and everyone cooking dinner from their home country.

8. Contact details (optional)

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