



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Molecular Life Science
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	26/08/2022 until 31/01/2023
Country (exchange)	Denmark
City (exchange)	Odense
University (exchange)	University of Southern Denmark
Faculty (exchange)	Science

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to broaden my horizon and get this experience. I wanted to challenge myself on social skills and I wanted to test if I could manage all by myself in a foreign country.

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

I wanted to go to a northern country because I had never been higher than Germany and when I went looking for universities there this one came on my path, and I looked at the courses and found a lot of interesting courses I might wanted to follow here so I decided to go here.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

It is very doable to reach it by car and this way I could take as much stuff as I wanted. It was also nice to have my parents there the first couple of days to settle in and get used to the feeling that you were gonna live abroad.

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	Molecular toxicology	5		4	
2	Computational biology/ Intro to bioinformatics	10		2	I found out this semester that this is not what I want
3	Crispr Cas applications	5		4	
4	Introduction to Programming	5		2	Same for this course
5	Medicinal Chemistry	5	Pharmacie, how do drugs work	4	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

It is very much the same as in the Netherlands. Most courses don't have attendance for the lectures it is your own responsibility. I had plenty of time to have fun besides studying, so I would say the workload is not that much but that is of course depending on how many courses and which course you follow.

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?)

Teachers are just like in Wageningen approachable but do will not learn your name, only in small classes. You can go to them for questions and also emailing is no problem. They will even let you come to their office if you have questions.

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

The university has a very nice gym (cheap) and swimming pool (free). They also have two cafeteria's where you can get lunch and coffee. Around the campus they have an track for running and some other facilities to perform sports.

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?)

It is very well arranged for exchange students. Some weeks before you go to Denmark you get an offer for a room somewhere in Odense. I ended up in a house with 8 other internationals which was super nice, because we could go to activities together and they had to deal with same things as me. It was so nice that I didn't had to worry about getting a room in Odense.

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

Again Danish people are very much alike Dutch people. They seem distant when walking through the streets but when you talk to them they have no problem switching to English and helping you with what kind of problem you have. They also don't have a very broad cuisine. It is a biking country so in that case it again looks like the Netherlands.

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

In Wageningen I pay around 50 euros less per month than I paid in Denmark, so I think it is fine.

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 1 tram in Odense and you have to pay €1,30 for a ticket that is valid for 1 hour. Trains are quite expensive unless you book them like a week before, but you buy a ticket for a certain train at a certain time, so if you miss it, you have wasted your money. Busses have the same as for the tram.

6. Free time

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

Of course you should pay Copenhagen a visit (1,5h by train). You can visit Copenhagen in a day, but a weekend is also fine. There is a very nice hostel near the train station where you could stay.

Aarhus! Also a very nice city, 2h by train. Also a big city where they have a nice night life but also the art museum I would really recommend.

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

If you like nature you should go to the south of Fyn (the island), I haven't been there but it seems to be nice to walk there. Also Skagen is amazing, a town at the way in the north of Denmark. At the beach the east and the west sea meet each other, it is a must see.

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

On Tuesday you should go to Bodegean, they have an offer where you can drink unlimited beer from 20-24 for only €8 euros and after you can finish in Boogies where tequila shots are only €1,30. They also have this cute place called Papas Papbar where you can play all the games you can ever think of. Super nice if you want to go out but not party.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Ofcourse missing the people I left behind. This was sometimes hard and also the days nothing was planned and you were just sitting in your room doing nothing.

What was your best memory abroad?

My trip to Lapland. That was absolutely amazing!! Would highly recommend to join this ESN trip.

8. Contact details (optional)

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