

WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Study programme WUR	BAS			
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	15/08/203 until 10/01/2024			
Exchange destination: University	versity Aarhus University			
Faculty	Technical Science			
Country	Denmark			
City	Aarhus			

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

To broaden my horizon and challenge myself by doing something new.

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

Because it had bachelor courses in English that were compatible with my study programme.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

I went there by car together with someone. If you want to fly there, is often cheaper to fly to Copenhagen and take a flixbus to Aarhus.

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	Domestic Animal Behaviour and Welfare	5	Lectures, some presentations and an excursion	4	Easy course if you already have had a behaviour course
2	Quantitative Genetics	5		3	Master course, difficult and long lectures (4h), the examination is a bit easier.
3	Sustainable Livestock Production	10	A different subject every lecture, some guest lecturers, excursion.	3.5	
4	Food, Consumer and Innovation	5	A lot of presenting and writing.	3	
5	Agriculture in a Global Context	10	Lectures and writing	4	You have to write a long essay for your final grade
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What is it like to study there?

E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material.

The workload is a bit less in comparison to WUR and oral examinations are very common as well as presenting in class.

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 very approachable, everyone calls them by their first name!

What does the university offer students additionally?

E.g. catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?

There are some cafeterias in the university buildings, the biggest one is at the library. I joined a running club, but that's just a student's initiative, not run by the university.

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 provides housing, through AU housing but they don't guarantee a you will get a room! Also sign up for studenthousingaarhus as soon as possible so you will have a good chance of finding housing. You can also stay at Basecamp or Unity, but these are more expensive options. Otherwise look at BoligPortal or facebook groups.

What is the culture of the country like?

E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?

It's pretty similar to the Netherlands. People speak English well. The local cuisine did not look very appealing.

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 big bike culture just like in the Netherlands so get a bike! Buy one second hand or rent at Swapfiets to bike to university. Also consider a helmet because there are some steep hills, most Danes wear a helmet while biking! The public transport in the city is pretty good, you can pay for a ticket that's valid for around 2.5 hours that's around eu 3,50 or buy a day card (6,50). You can also get a public transport card and check in and out this is a bit cheaper. In the weekends there are night busses which are double price. (buy 2 tickets!)

6. Expenses

Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?

E.g. you can also indicate price differences (higher/lower/equal) in comparison to the Netherlands.

Ticket there:

Visa if applicable:

Vaccinations if applicable:

Insurances (extra, if applicable):

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: equal/lower than the

Netherlands. Groceries: Higher Public transport: equal

Restaurant/going out for dinner: Higher

Daytrips/sight-seeing: Higher

Additional remarks regarding expenses?

7. Free time

What are must-sees in the area?

E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?

Do a road trip through Denmark

Botanical garden

Go to the beach in summer

Aros museum

Gamble By

Marselisborg Deerpark

Copenhagen

Infinite Bridge

Samso

Legoland Billund

Tivoli

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

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?

E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?
Cafe Paradis is a nice club but often empty before 00:00

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them?

That the schedules of all my courses overlapped and I had to choose new courses that did not overlap which was a big struggle.

What is your best memory of your time abroad?

9. Contact details (optional)

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