



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student Information

<b>Study programme WUR</b>	Bachelor Molecular Life Sciences
<b>Exchange semester (20/08/2023)</b>	until (26/1/2024)
<b>Exchange destination: University</b>	Aarhus University
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of natural sciences
<b>Country</b>	Denmark
<b>City</b>	Aarhus

## 2. Motivation for exchange

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

To meet up with new people from different cultures and to experience new things.

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

They had a very clear, accessible and convincing website. Besides that, Denmark is known for its large international community.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

If you're looking to travel sustainable, Flixbus is mostly the most convenient option. I know airplane can be cheap and quick (didn't do that myself).

## 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	Eukaryotic research organisms	10	The students are taught about relevant molecular biological research themes, with the aid of 6 model organisms.	5	
2	Conservation genetics and molecular ecology	10	The central questions here are how species differentiated themselves and how they could be	2	

			preserved in the future.		
3	Ecotoxicology	10	How do human-made chemicals disperse and impact organisms on small- and large scale?	4	
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### **What is it like to study there?**

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

We had many presentations here compared to the WUR. We had a lot of oral exams here.

### **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?*

Smaller classes were also common in Aarhus. The setting was formal as well and teachers could be addressed by their first names. As in the WUR, international students and Danes are socially a bit more separated (generally speaking).

### **What does the university offer students additionally?**

The kgl-library was very nice.

## **5. Housing-travelling-living**

### **What are the possibilities for housing?**

*I got housing in the first semester from AU-housing. I haven't heard of exchange students who couldn't get one.*

### **What is the culture of the country like?**

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

Local cuisine is as simple as the Netherlands. Aebleskiver and glogg are nice though and definitely worth trying.

### **Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?**

*public transport isn't cheap. I rented a bike from Swapfiets, since Aarhus is a cycle-friendly city I would recommend that.*

## **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: **higher**  
Visa if applicable: n.a.  
Vaccinations if applicable: n.a.  
Insurances (extra, if applicable): **equal**  
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: **equal**  
Groceries: **higher**  
Public transport: **higher**  
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?  
Mjolsberge is quite nice, accessible by bus. Riskov beach is fantastic too. In the winter havnebadet if you like winterdipping.*

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

Salling tower.

**Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?**

Personally, I think bouldering is nice and quite big in Aarhus.

## 8. Challenges & best moment abroad

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

My place was flooded once, so I had to move to a second location. I moved by cycling up and down two times with luggage.

**What is your best memory of your time abroad?**

The opportunity to travel to different places nearby in Scandinavia. Copenhagen I liked the most.

## 9. Contact details (optional)

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