



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	
Study period exchange (15/01/2023)	until 16/05/2023
Country (exchange)	Denmark
City (exchange)	Copenhagen
University (exchange)	DTU
Faculty (exchange)	Environmental Engineering

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I went on study exchanges for various reasons, but the initial motivation was the desire for cultural immersion. By living and studying in a different country, students I was able to immerse in a new culture, customs, and way of life. This experience allowed me to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for different perspectives, traditions, and values. It provided an opportunity to break out of my comfort zone, embrace diversity, and broaden one's worldview. Cultural immersion through study exchanges fosters my personal growth, intercultural competence, and a greater sense of global citizenship.

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

Copenhagen and the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) are popular choices for study exchanges due to a variety of factors. Firstly, DTU's academic reputation in engineering and technology makes it an attractive option when seeking a high-quality education. The university offers specialized programs and courses, allowing students to gain expertise in their field of interest. Additionally, Copenhagen's reputation as a hub of innovation and research further enhances the appeal of DTU, as students have the opportunity to engage in cutting-edge projects and collaborate with industry partners. Moreover, Copenhagen's vibrant cultural scene, progressive society, and high standard of living make it a desirable city for a study exchange.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

It depends on where you leave. To arrive in Copenhagen and to move around is very easy. DTU is located outside of the city center, almost 50' away, but the bus connection is very good and often.

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	Introduction to GIS	5		5	
2	Chemicals in the Environment	10		3	
3	Water Supply	10		3	
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Generally, include lectures, laboratory work, project work, and exams. Examinations at DTU are typically conducted at the end of each course or module. The specific examination methods can vary depending on the nature of the course and the program. Examinations may include written exams, oral exams, project reports, laboratory assessments, or a combination of these. The workload at DTU is measured in ECTS credits. Generally, one year of full-time study corresponds to 60 ECTS credits. The workload can vary depending on the program and the individual courses. Each course is assigned a specific number of ECTS credits based on the expected workload, including lectures, exercises, laboratory work, and self-study. At DTU, lesson materials can include textbooks, lecture notes, scientific papers, online resources, and other relevant materials. Professors and lecturers typically provide lecture slides or notes to supplement their presentations. In some cases, course materials may be available through the university's learning management system, where students can access lecture recordings, assignments, and additional resources.

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?)

At DTU, the lecturers are generally known to be approachable and willing to engage with students. They are often open to answering questions and providing guidance during office hours or through email correspondence. Many lecturers have extensive industry or research experience, which can contribute to a practical and relevant learning environment. While both DTU and Wageningen University & Research (WUR) are reputable institutions, there are some notable differences in terms of their focus and areas of expertise. DTU specializes in engineering, technology, and natural sciences, with a strong emphasis on technical fields such as engineering, computer science, physics, and chemistry. WUR, on the other hand, focus also in social sciences in every program, and the reports and assignments are not so technical. In terms of culture, both universities strive to provide high-quality education and foster a supportive learning environment.

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

It provides several canteens for lunch every day with a variety of food. It also provides sport facilities in the campus.

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 housing is challenging in combination with the high prices. There is a website to apply for housing, but in my opinion for an exchange it costs a lot, they ask for a big deposit and they oblige you to take the house for a long period of time. There are many possibilities to look to other house possibilities.

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

The differences are mainly in the social environment, the social culture is different in Denmark, the cuisine is different, and habits and lifestyle.

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

Compared to Wageningen Copenhagen is way more expensive in every part. For example, in Wageningen you can stay in a self-contained house and pay from 300-600 while receiving also student allowance for the accommodation. In Copenhagen the self-contained start from 700-900 without allowance.

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

Again, living expenses in Copenhagen for someone how is not earning money there are a lot. It also depends a lot on where you leave because DTU is almost one hour away from city centre. If you are close to the university

6. Free time

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

In the week, there are at least two days free of courses and in combination with the weekend there is a lot of time to go around in Copenhagen. There are plenty of museums and places to visit, and there is public transportation for everything.

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

Reffen Street Food Market: Located in Refshaleøen, this vibrant food market offers a diverse range of culinary delights from around the world. It's an excellent place to sample delicious street food, enjoy live music, and soak up the lively atmosphere of the waterfront.

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

I would suggest checking for local events, festivals and live performances because there are a lot. These can provide a unique entertainment experience and allow you to immerse in the local culture.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

The challenge was only about travelling to Uni because it was far away from where I was leaving

What was your best memory abroad?

Meeting so many international people and have a lot of fun was in general the best memories from my experience there.

8. Contact details (optional)

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