



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student information

Study programme WU	Economie en Beleid
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	02-02-2024 until 02-07-2024
Exchange destination: University	Copenhagen University
Faculty	Faculty of science
Country	Denmark
City	Copenhagen

2. Motivation for exchange

a. Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to experience student life in another city, with new people, a different culture and another university.

b. What is the reason you chose for this country?

I had never been to Denmark and was keen to know what it was like. I heard from friends that Denmark and especially Copenhagen were really beautiful and that it was nice to live there.

c. What is the reason you chose for this university?

The university has a lot of interesting courses about environmental and resource economics. It's also known to be a good university in terms of the quality of its courses and education.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

a. Do you have any advice about reaching your exchange destination?

Going by train or car (on the ferry) is perfectly doable! No need to take the plane ;)

4. University and studying

a. 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	Motivation and Pro-environmental Behaviour	7.5	Is about how we can make the transition to a more sustainable society and how we can achieve behaviour change that leads to more	5	

			sustainable lifestyles. Focuses on topics such as capitalism, behaviour theories, activism and a lot more.		
2	Business development and innovation	7.5	Introductory course to business strategy. Includes a business simulation where groups of 4 have to compete with each other as the executives of car companies in an online setting.	4	
3	Agricultural and food policy	7.5	Course that focuses on the issues, policies and a bit of economic analysis of the agri-food sector. In large parts of the course the focus is on developing countries, so it is not just confined to the Danish / EU context.	3	
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b. I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses that were taught in English (Yes, No - Explain):

Yes. Most or all of the master courses are taught in English and I could choose freely which ones I wanted to follow. For bachelor level courses there were only a few which were in English.

c. I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses in my field of interest (Yes, No - Explain):

Yes. There were a lot of courses related to sustainability which I find interesting. However, my learning agreement was with the faculty of Science, meaning that there were not a lot of economics courses that I could follow. For my study an agreement with the faculty of social sciences might have made more sense.

d. I am satisfied with the level of the courses that I followed (Yes, No - Explain):

Yes. I took master level courses instead of bachelor level, but I feel like the level was quite similar to what I'm used to.

e. I am satisfied, in the end, with the selection of courses I followed (Yes, No - Explain):

Yes. Especially the courses on pro-environmental behaviour and business strategy were very interesting. It turned out that agricultural and food policy was not really my interest, but I did not know how it would turn out when selecting the course.

f. What is it like to study there?

E.g. Study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material?

More contact hours than in Wageningen. The schedule is divided in a way that you always spend an entire morning or afternoon on one subject. When following two courses (the recommended workload), you would have 6 lectures/practicals of 3-4 hours a week. But there are sufficient breaks and there is more time for discussion or small group projects in between the lectures. The level of the courses were similar to Wur, but it is easier to get a good grade.

g. What is the culture of the university?

E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with WU?

Very similar to WUR.

h. What does the university offer students additionally?

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

There are a lot of student bars on the campuses that are open every Friday. They also have good canteens, most of which exclusively serve vegan food from a sort of buffet.

5. Housing-traveling-living

a. What are the possibilities for housing?

E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?

Housing is expensive. International students get access to the website of the Housing Foundation, an organisation that has a lot of student rooms in dorms throughout the city. Living in these dorms is nice, but the rent is usually between 700 and 1200 euros per month. There are also rooms rented out through Facebook. These can be cheaper but also more difficult to get.

b. What is the culture like?

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

Pretty similar to the Netherlands.

c. Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?

Public transport is good. There are buses, trains and metro lines through the city. It is a bit expensive though. A metro ticket from my dorm to the city is 24dkk (a bit more than 3 euros). Luckily you can bike very well in Copenhagen! I would recommend getting a Swapfiets, which would cost around 150 euros for 6 months if I remember correctly.

6. Expenses

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

Category	Expenses
Travelling there	-
Visa - if applicable	-
Vaccinations - if applicable	-

Insurances (extra) - if applicable	-
Daytrips/sight-seeing	80
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation	800, shared flat with 4 people in a dorm
Grocery costs per month	200
Public transport costs per month	25 (mainly took the bike)
Restaurant/going out for dinner costs per month	100

b. The price levels were in general [higher; lower; equal] in comparison to in the Netherlands: Higher

c. Additional remarks regarding expenses?

Copenhagen is just a very expensive city. Try to look for student cafés or other cheap places if you want to stay within your budget.

7. Free time

a. What are must-sees in the area?

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

All of the city! Copenhagen is really nice to explore, with a lot of beautiful neighbourhoods, buildings and cafés. On the South of the city is a large nature area called Amager that is really nice to cycle and walk through. You can also easily go to Sweden by train, eg to Malmo, Gothenburg or Stockholm.

b. What does not appear in a travel guide, but is definitely worth seeing/doing?

Bastard café is a really nice boardgame café with thousands of games to play with your friends. Absalon Folkehuset is a kind of community house that host a lot of activities and have a communal diner every day. These are very popular, so you need to sign up a week in advance or more. Reffen is an area in the North of the city with a lot of small streetfood stands. This is one of the nicest places to go on summer evenings.

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

a. Any challenges? How did you deal with them?

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b. Best memory?

I went to Gothenburg for a long weekend with my girlfriend and a group of friends from Copenhagen. Was really fun and one of the best weekends of my stay.

9. Contact details

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