

WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	BVG
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	29/08/2022 until 22/12/2022
Country (exchange)	Denmark
City (exchange)	Lyngby
University (exchange)	DTU
Faculty (exchange)	

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I wanted to experience something new after studying in Wageningen for 3 years. Friends that had already gone on exchange encouraged me to also apply and I wanted to improve my English.

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

I originally wanted to go to another destination but I didn't get accepted to my top 3. I heard good stories about Copenhagen, and thought the courses would be interesting.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.) It is not that far so you can go by car.

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	Mucosal Immunology	5	Really detailed information about the immunology of mucosal tissues such as the lungs and GI tract.	5	I followed this course with 8 students in total. It was really interesting and various guest speakers gave lectures.
2	Systems biology	5	This course was about visualizing interactions of proteins related to e.g. diseases	3	This course was mostly making exercises which was nice.
3	Molecular biology	5	General information about the biology of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells on a molecular level	3	This course was 2 hours of lectures and 2 hours of exercises each week.
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

I didn't like the way of teaching. Every course was given for 4 hours. Some courses were all lectures. Some were 2 hours of lectures and 2 hours of exercises and others were 4 hours of exercises. I did like the way of examination because it had a lot to do with your skills and not with memorizing things.

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?)

It felt like an open environment. Lecturers are really approachable but there's not a lot of engagement with local students. The WUR organises more activities for exchange students.

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

There are sport facilities and catering.

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?)

You could sign up for a room on campus (you have to be on time for this). The rent rates are a lot higher than in Wageningen but compared to other exchange countries they are about the same.

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

It is really similar to the Netherlands, so it didn't feel like another culture.

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

I think it is about 300 euros more compared to the Netheralands.

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 to Lyngby was not really good. The Public transport in Copenhagen was better. It works about the same as here because you need a card with money on it. Costs are cheaper/similar.

6. Free time

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

Copenhagen is a really nice city to visit, go out and do nice things. Travelling is possible with public transport and pretty easy.

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

I don't know

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

No

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

I felt really out of place and I didn't like the courses so I had a really hard time. But I did stay until the end of the exchange period.

What was your best memory abroad?

The introduction week was really nice and helped me to make friends I hung out with during the whole period I was there.

8. Contact details (optional)

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