PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application process was not particularly easy as I was required to fill in a lot of forms, however if you read your mails carefully, you will be able to simply follow the steps and will not miss any form. If you complete your application in Osiris and you are accepted, you will receive an email (on your UU mail) from Copenhagen Business School (CBS) on how to activate your email address at CBS and via that platform you will receive all information required to registrate for courses and other important information.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University I received the support necessary. The study advisor was able to advise me in a good way. To complete your application and for instance to apply for an Erasmus grand, you will need the UU to sign a few documents and I have discovered that it takes approximately one week before you will receive your signed document. So, it is useful to send documents that need to be signed as early as possible to UU.

academic preparation

The academic preparation was not difficult. Once the course application opens, you will receive an email at your CBS mail address with a link to the platform at which you are able to apply for the courses you want to follow. Before that, the available courses will be published at the website of CBS, so that you are able to choose the course you want before the application opens. The books you are required to use for the courses are for sale at an academic book store at CBS (Solbjerg Plads), so you do not need to buy your books online before moving to Copenhagen.

language preparation

There is no real language preparation necessary. In Copenhagen almost everyone speaks English, so there is no need to learn Danish (you could do it if you are interested of course). To receive your Erasmus grand you are required to complete an online language test (on English), however that is the only preparation required on languages.

finances

If you want to go on an exchange to Copenhagen, you should keep in mind that Denmark is an expensive country. Especially housing is very expensive, so you need to make sure that you have enough resources available to finance your exchange. The Erasmus grand is not enough to cover the costs of living in Denmark, so you should have some additional funds available in order to get across.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The available study programmes at CBS are good and diverse. The four courses I followed were very interesting and the teaching in Copenhagen suited me really well. Most courses at CBS cover the whole semester and only little courses cover a single quarter (as in Utrecht is the case). Besides that, your grade for a course is often build up of just one test or project (which accounts for 100% of the final grade). This means that your exam period is very important. That exam period is in December and January, although CBS aims to have all exams held in December. Another specific feature of CBS is that the classes end in the last week of November, so in December and January you will have no more classes, but only your exams.

academic quality of education activities

The quality of the education in Copenhagen is good, in my opinion higher than the quality of education in Utrecht. For the courses I completed at CBS, I really have the feeling I understand the material. This also has to do with the quality of the teachers. These teachers often have a lot of working experience in the field and are
therefore able to get the material in an interesting way across.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The support I received from CBS was good and they respond swiftly to mails, which is very helpful if you need some documents to be signed. The CBS institution has a lot of mail addresses (each for different purposes), which made it hard to find the proper mail address for certain questions, however it is not a problem if you mail to the wrong address, because if that is the case the receiver will automatically transfer your mail to the correct address, so you will still get a response quickly.

transfer of credits

At the moment of writing, I have not received all my grades yet, so my credits have not been transferred, however there is an arrangement with CBS. They will send a transcript of records to me or to Utrecht. If I receive, I will make send the transcript to the Studiepunt, otherwise Utrecht will do so. I am confident that there will not be any problems and my credits will be transferred properly.

### STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Your first week in Copenhagen will be an introduction week. In this week you will get some presentation on the lifestyle of Danish people, helpful information about you accomodation, specifics of CBS, but also there is a city tour and a campus tour included in the programme. Besides that you have the option to buy a ticket to the Social Programme, this programme includes an evening programme in the introduction week. This Social Programme is helpful to get to know a lot of students, however is quite expensive, so I chose not to buy it. Though, many of my fellow students at Copenhagen did buy the programme and really enjoyed it.

accommodation

To get an accomodation in Copenhagen can be quite hard. CBS has a specific housing department, through which you can apply for a residence at the campus. You will receive an email with the date at which the application opens and I advise you to be online at the time when the application opens, as I was fifteen minutes later and received my fourth choice. The campus does not offer sufficient housing for all international students, so if you are too late you have to find housing through different channels, fortunately CBS guides you very well in this process. I was able to get housing on the campus and I really enjoyed my stay at the accomodation. The residences on the campus are only for international students, which is really nice as there is a real mix of cultures.

leisure & culture

I did not really have a culture shock in Copenhagen, as the Danish culture is quite similar to the Dutch culture. Danish people are really calm, however they are not very approachable, so do not expect to make a lot of Danish friends during your time in Copenhagen. There are a lot of options to spend your leisure time in Copenhagen, as the city is really nice. There are a lot of parks to chill and hang around, swimming places and the city centre is cosy. In the city cycling is the way to move yourself, however the metro is also a good way to move around the city and drives 24 hours per day.

suggestions/tips

If you would like to go to study at CBS, I would advise you to make sure that you are able to keep yourself busy. Most courses only have one lecture a week, which means you will have approximately 10 hours of classes per week, so you have a lot of leisure time. You have to make sure that you will not get bored during that time, as otherwise it might feel quite lonely. Fortunately, there are a lot of international students at CBS, so you will never be alone. Another advice I can give is to apply for an accomodation with a shared kitchen with other students, as that makes contact with other international students easier. If you need to cook and eat on your own everyday, you might start to feel lonely. A final note; the city of Copenhagen is very nice and there are a lot of international students, with whom you can spend your time. So, you really should not be afraid that you will feel lonely, because if you really go for it, you will have an awesome time.
# CONCLUSIONS

**would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain**

I would highly recommend CBS to others, as mentioned before the city is cool, the help of CBS is good and just the experience of living abroad in an international environment is awesome. I really enjoyed my stay in Copenhagen, but it really depends on yourself what you make of it. It is up to you to decide whether you join all activities or whether you decide to spend more time on your own. For both ways there are sufficient options to enjoy your time in the city.

**do you have any additional advice or comments?**

One final comment is on the weather in Copenhagen. In August and September the weather is quite good and sunny, however in October the days will start to become shorter and most of all the sun will disappear. The weather will be very grey, which really is not nice. Once I returned to the Netherlands one of the first things that I recognized was the sun, as I had not seen it for quite some time.

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## 2018-2019

### PREPARATION

**exchange application process**

The application process challenges you to understand why you decided to go on exchange in the first place. The process is voluntarily quite long and, in my opinion, it excludes those that are not motivated enough to go on exchange. However, if you are sure about going abroad, then it just consists of writing a convincing motivation letter, in which the reasons that made you decide to go on exchange are explained, and deciding the subjects that interest you the most offered by the host university.

**counselling & support at Utrecht University**

From my personal experience, the supporting team at Utrecht University has been really useful, both by answering to all my questions regarding the exchange and helping me in choosing the right subjects for my study path. They always responded promptly to my questions and assisted me throughout the whole application process. However, I recommend the students that decide to go abroad not to wait the last minute to contact the international team, as during the last days of the application process they might not have time to help everybody.

**academic preparation**

Regarding the academic preparation, I believe that it strongly depends on the university that you decide to go to. For this reason, it is important to check the requirements that the host university expects you to have and check whether you have what it needs to participate in the program of your choice.

**language preparation**

I believe that, to enjoy to the fullest your experience abroad, you need to have a good command of the language that you will have to speak at the host university. Personally, I did not have to pass any language exams or study the language that they speak at the host university, as my study in Utrecht is fully in English and CBS’ courses were all in English. However, if you need to learn a new language to go on exchange, I would start preparing in advance, as otherwise your experience would be unnecessarily difficult.

**finances**

It depends on the country you decide to go to. Therefore, it is important to check beforehand what your expenses would be in that country on a monthly basis. The UU website offers enough information about this. If you decide to study in Denmark, for instance, you should be willing to spend approximately €1500 per month (including housing).
### Study Programme (Content and Organisational Issues)

At CBS, students have the possibility to choose what they are really interested in. As a matter of fact, in the course catalogue more than 70 subjects are offered to you in the fall semester. Registering to the courses is easy, but it is required to do it in advance, as only a limited amount of students have access to a number of courses. Therefore, you will have to do it before the summer and you will not be 100% sure to be able to follow the courses you want. However, it is highly likely that you will be interested in more than four courses, so that should not be a problem. I personally did not encounter any organisational issues, as everything was really well explained during the introduction week and I was able to find my classes from week 1.

### Academic Quality of Education Activities

The quality of the academic staff was extremely good. The professors were well-prepared and evidently interested in the subjects they were teaching. One thing that I found particularly interesting was the fact that we had multiple lecturers for the same subjects, as external lectureres could integrate their knowledge and improve the level of teaching. Furthermore, many company's CEOs came to give parts of some lectures, so that we could see how it was possible to apply what we were studying. In conclusion, I can say that the academic quality was outstanding at CBS.

### Counselling & Support at Receiving University Abroad

I personally did not need any support during my period abroad. However, during the first weeks you get multiple briefings regarding who to contact and what to do in case of emergency. Additionally, a lot of information was provided regarding how to deal with the institutions in Denmark, such as the police station or the hospital. The international office is always at your disposal in case of any problems, and they give promptly replies to your questions via e-mail.

### Transfer of Credits

The credits will be transferred automatically from CBS to UU, ones they have all my grades. This will probably happen in mid-February.

### Student Life

#### Welcome & Orientation Programme

The orientation program was really well organized and it consisted of a full week of events and lectures. Both the social and academic parts were taken care of by the students. A student is supposed to pick you up at the airport and take you home on your first day in Copenhagen and during the introduction week, it is easy to get to know a lot of people thanks to all the planned activities.

#### Accommodation

Personally, I did not have to look for an accommodation, because the guy that came to Utrecht on exchange offered me his place months in advance. However, from what I have seen, the accommodations are close to campus and all the exchange students are in the same buildings. Housing in Copenhagen is much more expensive than in Utrecht, and for this reason, you should be willing to pay between €800 to €1000 monthly for a room.

#### Leisure & Culture

The Danish culture is very similar to the Dutch culture, therefore Dutch students generally do not have a cultural shock when moving to Copenhagen. Most courses are semester ones and therefore, you should be able to manage your time wisely, as you might not have deadlines until December. Denmark is a beautiful country and it has been amazing to explore also other cities within the country and considering that CBS classes are never mandatory, you have a lot of leisure time at your disposal.

#### Suggestions/Tips

I suggest to start from day one exploring the city and getting to know new people as these 6 months are likely going to be some of the best of your life. I recommend to travel as much as possible during your leisure time and visit Northern Europe, as it is a beautiful world region. Regarding the courses, I suggest you to pick things...
that really interest you and that are not offered at UU, as the available course catalogue is much bigger than the one offered at home.

## CONCLUSIONS

**would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain**

I would definitely recommend Copenhagen as an exchange destination, as the city is beautiful and CBS is a great university. However, you should still take into account that it is really similar to Holland, and therefore if you are planning on having a different kind of experience, I would probably suggest a more exotic destination.

**do you have any additional advice or comments?**

My last comment would be to definitely go on exchange as it is for sure something you would never regret, and if what you are looking for can be found in what I wrote above, I would definitely recommend Copenhagen as your exchange destination.

## 2017-2018

### PREPARATION

**exchange application process**

Went very smooth; clear deadlines and both universities are very helpful and provide a lot of information.

**counselling & support at Utrecht University**

The USE international office is helpful, they inform you about studying abroad, the application process, the Erasmus Grant and the initial contact with the university abroad. However, you must have an active attitude and keep informed about all deadlines (e.g. study plan check, course subscription, erasmus deadlines). They will help you if you ask for help, however you will have to do the organisation of the exchange of course mainly yourself.

**academic preparation**

Be sure that the courses fit your program and the credits you still need.

**language preparation**

Not needed; everybody in Denmark speaks English. I followed a Danish Language course during my time there, but this was more for fun, not required.

**finances**

Save as much as you can before you’ll move there. Also make sure to request the OV compensation and make sure you meet all deadlines for the Erasmus Grant.

### STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

**study programme (content and organisational issues)**

You can follow a lot of interesting business courses at CBS that you will not be able to follow at U.S.E; make use of it! Think about courses such as Fashion Entrepreneurship and Business Development, Neuromarketing and Scandinavian Sustainability and CSR.

**academic quality of education activities**

About the same as in Utrecht. The way of examination is different than we know it here; you can have a written sit-in exam of 4 hours, a home-written(24-, 48- or 72 hour) essay or oral exams. The final exam is almost always 100% of the final grade (projects and presentations are not graded, but you sometimes have to pass them before you can do the final exam).
**counselling & support at receiving university abroad**

Very good; you can always email them with any questions you have and they will respond very quickly. They are very helpful and accessible.

**transfer of credits**

Easy, they'll send your transcript to your home university.

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### STUDENT LIFE

**welcome & orientation programme**

CBS is known for the well organized exchange introduction program. During my semester there, there were about 600 more exchange students at CBS. The exchange organisation organized a introduction week for us, full of (informational as well as fun) activities to get to know CBS, your fellow exchange students and Copenhagen (such as city tour, boat tour, comedy night, welcoming party and information sessions). There was also the possibility to arrive in Copenhagen a week before the mandatory introduction week and enjoy a 'Danish crash course week' which means Danish lessons during the day and fun activities at night. Moreover, CBS works with a 'buddy system' and every exchange students gets appointed a student from CBS as buddy. They will welcome you at the airport, give you the first important documents and help you wherever they can. During the introduction week there was also a buddy dinner to enjoy a night of fun with a group of buddies and exchange students.

**accommodation**

Finding accommodation is a big struggle in Copenhagen. Also Danish students have difficulties finding an accommodation. However, it is not impossible, but take into account that accommodation can be very expensive in Copenhagen. For me it took a lot of time, patience and stress to find a place, but eventually it worked out perfectly fine. CBS has a certain amount of dorm rooms available for exchange students. However, the number of exchange students that moves to Copenhagen (especially in the fall semester) is way higher than the number of rooms they offer. However, if you did not succeed in getting a dorm room via the CBS system, there is the possibility to contact the 'Private Housing department' of CBS. They are the link between home/room owners and exchange students and offer a great deal of good places to stay. This could for example be a room in a family house, a studio or a dorm room. Also in this case it means that there is a lot of demand and it is important to focus on staying in contact with the housing department and responding asap if there is an offer. This is how I eventually found my room. The Private Housing department is extremely involved and helpful. Besides that it is always a good idea to use possible contacts and keep searching yourself. Be careful with using Housing Anywhere, I've encountered multiple fake accounts there.

**leisure & culture**

Copenhagen is a beautiful and vibrant city and there is always something to do. Since you will probably share this experience with a lot of other exchange students, you will never be bored. During my stay in Copenhagen I've had a lot of fun experiences with my fellow exchange students. This included cultural trips such as a visit to the Frederiksborg Castle, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art and a day trip to Lund in Sweden. Moreover, we've enjoyed a lot of dinner parties, and there is also always the possibility to party in a big city such as Copenhagen. Besides, CBS organizes extracurricular activities throughout the semester.

**suggestions/tips**

Save enough money before you go there. The Erasmus Grant and OV compensation are not enough to live there. You need to take into account that rent is about 500-900 euros per month and also prices in supermarkets are higher. However, to fully experience a city and enjoy your exchange you'll probably want to undertake activities, and this is all very expensive. Going out for dinner or drinks will cost you more than you're used to in Utrecht, so save beforehand.

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**CONCLUSIONS**
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

Yes, I would recommend this university for sure! CBS is a very good university with a lot of possibilities. I learned a lot about Copenhagen and the Danish culture during my time there. I've met friends for life from a lot of different countries. The only thing is that you have to take into account that the Danish culture is not too different from the Dutch culture, so if you really want to experience a different culture you might want to consider going somewhere further away.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

It will take quite some time to fully prepare your stay abroad, this is the case regardless of where you go.

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campus, a great way to get to know your new city. The orientation was Fun week, met a lot of great people with whom I am still in contact.

**accommodation**

I was lucky to find a room through CBS Housing, which is by far the easiest way to find accommodation. There are limited places though, and they are quickly gone as well. Be sure to be on time when applying for a room there, but otherwise you can apply for a room through private housing. There is a shortage for Danish students as well, so be sure to check the large Facebook groups. Many of my friends have found their housing through social media.

**leisure & culture**

I have never fallen in love with a city so easily as with Copenhagen. The variety in different areas and neighbourhoods gives the city a vibrant feeling, with different things to explore every day. The endless art exhibitions, plays, shows and events make Copenhagen a city for all people. No matter your interests or lifestyle, you’ll find that Cph has it all.

**suggestions/tips**

Cherish the summer. Seriously. It gets cold, wet and dark REAL quickly. Don't miss out on Christiania. The meatpacking district has the best nightclubs. Go on the Denmark tour organised by CBS. Visit the zoo. Go exploring in different areas of the city - you'll find new amazing things every day. Check out the endless art galleries and exhibitions. "Make friends and go do stuff together" might sound like unnecessary advice, but I feel that I have to mention it because it is what has made my exchange unforgettable. It is great fun to go out on your own, but there's nothing better than to tackle the city together.

**CONCLUSIONS**

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

I would recommend Copenhagen and the Copenhagen Business School to all. Great University, great city. Very comparable to the Netherlands and the Dutch education system.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

No

**2016-2017**

**PREPARATION**

exchange application process

The application process went rather easy. However, for the erasmus grant, some more time was needed. I've also underestimated how difficult it was to find housing in Copenhagen. The housing market there is currently insane. Fortunately, I was able to find a student accommodation through CBS's private programme.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Minimal, you have to do almost everything by yourself. However, I believe that if you really need help, you can always find it.

academic preparation

I've almost finished my bachelor's before going to Copenhagen. This has indeed helped me passing courses which I otherwise wouldn't have.

language preparation

None, everyone in Copenhagen speaks english. It is a very multicultural city.

finances
Copenhagen is very expensive. My expenses have gone up by about 50 percent. You need to take this in mind. The erasmus grant as well as the OV compensation are not enough on its own. You need to have some extra funding, certainly because you want to do some fun things there.

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<td>You can subscribe for all kinds of introduction activities, however they are not mandatory. I highly recommend to attend the general introduction week before the classes start. This is actually your only chance to get to know people since Copenhagen is not really a student town. You are also assigned to a buddy group, this is a really good initiative.</td>
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## CONCLUSIONS

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<td>I would highly recommend this university, I learned a lot an I really enjoyed the education. I would also recommend Copenhagen, but you should know that it is not a cosy student town like Utrecht. Besides, you should not be restricted to a tight budget if you want to stay here.</td>
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## PREPARATION

**exchange application process**

The steps to take are all very clear stated on the website of the University Utrecht. Also keep in mind the rules of the University where you are going to. The contact with CBS was very fluent and they are very responsive.

**counselling & support at Utrecht University**

You can always call, email or walk by the student office to ask your questions.

**academic preparation**

The business school in Copenhagen is comparable with the University School of Economics. Take a look in the course guide what knowledge you need for some courses and verify this with the board of examiners. There are no clear levels (1,2,3) at CBS, like you have at USE so ask the board of examiners which course is of the same level as the level you need.

**language preparation**

Because the programme Economics and business economics is taught in English it was easier for me to keep up with the courses at CBS because I was already used to the use of English during my study. In the beginning the talking was a bit more difficult but when you just do it you will learn it very fast.

**finances**

Copenhagen is a more expensive city than the average city in the Netherlands. I filled in the schedule with my budget that is given at the UU site and because of this schedule I had a good overview of what I could spend in Copenhagen. Especially the cafes and restaurant are a bit more expensive than in the Netherlands. The cheapest supermarket in Copenhagen is comparable with the more expensive products in the Netherlands. I saved money and I also had a small extra student loan so I did not have to look after my money every day.

## STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

**study programme (content and organisational issues)**

The content of the courses at CBS is almost the same as at USE. The way of teaching is different. They do a lot of group work, the lectures are longer and there are no tutorials. The lectures are a combination of listening to the professor and doing some exercises or discuss the content with a group. Also don’t be afraid when you see oral exam. In the Netherlands we are not very used to have this kind of exams but in Copenhagen it is very common. You mostly have to prepare it with an assignment and then during the exam you explain and elaborate your assignment. It is a way to tell them what you know.

**academic quality of education activities**

The quality is similar with what you are used to at USE.

**counselling & support at receiving university abroad**

In the introduction week they explained where to go with questions or who to reach. They told us where we could find the international office and the housing department when you have a dorm from CBS. Keep in mind the opening hours.

**transfer of credits**

The grading system is different at CBS. They have a 12 point scale but they transfer this grades to the same level at USE.
STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

I definitely recommend to do the welcome week and the orientation programme. This is where you meet most of the people and you get to know the city and where to go. It is quite intensive but after that you can start your semester really good with a group of friends.

accommodation

It is hard to find accommodation in Copenhagen so I signed up for the CBS dorms. Keep in mind the date when they publish the application process. You have to sit behind your laptop at the specific time they will publish the application process because it is really popular. Also staying in a dorm will be a way to meet a lot of new people. I was staying in Aboulevard and I really liked it. We had great roommates and the location was perfect. I had also friends in Porceleanshaven. That was also a nice dorm with a lot of people, next to the faculty and if you like it they had their own small kitchen.

leisure & culture

In the first weeks try to get to know the different student associations and sport activities where you can sign up for.

suggestions/tips

I played hockey so I wanted to find a hockey club in Copenhagen. There is no hockey team from CBS but there is one in Valby, Kobenhavn field hockey club and one a bit more far away in gentofte. Hockey is not that popular in Denmark as in the Netherlands. But I really liked it to be part of a sport team during my exchange.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain

I really recommend Copenhagen Business School and Copenhagen as destination. I like the way of teaching at CBS and Copenhagen is a beautiful and lively city. There is always something to do!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Because the Danish language is not very easy to understand in the first case. Do the free Danish course at the language school or as a course at CBS. It is really nice to get to know the Danish language a bit during your stay in Copenhagen. At some point you will recognise things and it is also part of your integration in Denmark.
## 2014-2015

### Preparation

**exchange/placement application process**

Application process was actually very easy. I was the only one who applied for Copenhagen Business School, so I was sure about my place there.

**counselling/support at home university**

During the application process University of Utrecht helped me very well with organising everything. I also had contact with another student who went to Copenhagen Business School one year ago. She explained me a lot.

**academic preparation**

I only did extra courses during my exchange program, so I had no academic preparation.

**language preparation**

Before I went to Copenhagen, I did an extra course in English to practice.

**Finances**

Before I went on exchange, I worked a lot and I saved an amount around 3000 euro for my exchange.

### study/placement abroad period

**study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)**

In the first two week we were able to change our courses. When I choosed my courses in Holland, I didn’t know the schedule. So in the first two weeks I had some trouble, because I realized that the tutorial of three different courses was at the same time. But after I changed my courses, it was ok.

**academic quality of education/placement activities**

I think the quality of education was not very different of the quality of Univeristy of Utrecht. The system was almost
the same and the quality was ok.

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

In the first week we had an introduction week and in this week they explained everything. And because the system was quite similar to the system of UU, it was not hard to understand.

transfer of credits

For all the courses at Copenhagen Business School you receive 7,5 ECTS, so that is the same as at UU.

student life

welcome/orientation programme

The welcome program was really good. They had an introduction week with evening activities (dinners, parties and speeddating). During the first week I met a lot of new people.

accommodation

My accomodation was Porcelaenshaven 28. It was really good. When you arrive, you receive a welcome package with your own bedding, bedsheets and towels.

leisure/culture

I had a lot of spare time, because I had only 8 till 12 hours class per week. And besides that, you don’t have a lot of homework to do. The culture in Denmark is not very different of that of The Netherlands.

suggestions/tips

No

conclusions

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

I would definitely recommend this host destination to others, because they organized the whole exchange period very well.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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### 2014-2015

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<td>As I did my study economics in Utrecht in English this was a excellent preparation for the Englisg taught courses at CBS.</td>
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<td>Living in Denmark and especially in Copenhagen is pretty expensive, therefore I acquired a minor debt at my parents. Currently I’m working to pay the money back.</td>
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### Study/Placement Abroad Period

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<td>Furthermore I took a Danish language course since I think it’s important to show interest in the language of the country you are living in.</td>
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**academic quality of education/placement activities**

I thought the academic quality was good, the lectures and the material was very interesting and on a high level.

**counselling/support at host institution/organisation**

The support for international students at CBS was very good. There was an International office with a big staff to help you with all your problems.

**transfer of credits**

My credits aren’t transferred yet

**student life**

**welcome/orientation programme**

CBS had arranged a quite intensive introduction week with both information and parties. This was a very good start to get to know the city, CBS but foremost the other exchange students.

**accommodation**

I was lucky to get accommodation from CBS. I got a room right in the centre of the city with 14 other exchange students and although a bit expensive I couldn’t have wished for anything else.

**leisure/culture**

Copenhagen is a wonderful city with lots of museums, cultural activities, great architecture and great nightlife. So enough to explore.

**suggestions/tips**

Get yourself a bike, great way to get to know the city and feel like a Dane. Learn Danish and try your skills on a Dane, good way to make contact with the locals. The Meatpacking district is the place to go out, it’s relatively cheap and has a great arty, underground feel to it.

**conclusions**

**would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain**

Yes I would. Copenhagen is a great city with lots of culture and style. CBS is a very modern and organised school. Only downsides are the weather and the prices.

**do you have any additional advice or comments?**
## Preparation

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<td>The placement and application process was very quickly. I hand in all the required forms and a week later I had my acceptance letter. This was really convenient because I went abroad for 4 months before leaving to Copenhagen. Because everything was organised very well I could do a lot via the internet from abroad.</td>
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## Finances

Denmark is an expensive country, I knew that. But to actually be here is always more expensive. I saved a lot of money and with help from my parents and erasmus I could get around. But you have to watch the money. It is not possible to buy everything I want. Even normal groceries.

## study/placement abroad period

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<td>I followed 5 courses during my period abroad and CBS was very kind in organising things for me. If I had overlap there were things organised (for example longer exam time). Sometimes it is difficult to know who to contact and that was the main issue I had. The rest was organised very well.</td>
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<td>The education system is different in Denmark and I liked it. There is a lot of room for your own interpretation and from that you learn a lot. Every class is different but they were interesting. Some were a bit basic in my idea, but still I learned a lot from it.</td>
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<td>All my credits will be transferred. At the moment I don’t have all my grades yet, but they will be transferred and it was not that hard to get them approved because they are electives for me</td>
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## student life
welcome/orientation programme

The welcome and orientation programme was good. A whole week of activities. The group mix was maybe not that well organised because I did not meet a lot of different people however it was great!

accommodation

The place I live in is fantastic. 18 people, small family and we have the best time together here.

leisure/culture

You have enough free time to explore the city and denmark. Danish people are very kind and always willing to help you in everything you want. It is similar to the Dutch culture so there is not really a culture shock.

suggestions/tips

Try to do everything you want, do not wait until the end because there is no time for it. Start doing trips and things in the city as soon as you arrive!

conclusions

would you recommend this host organisation/destination to others? please explain

I would definitely recommend Copenhagen to other people. The city is amazing, it is not too big and everything is nice. It is like a big city only you dont have the feeling it is that big. Secondly, the people are so nice that only that is already perfect. The weather is not always that nice, but well we are used to that in Holland. Everything is pretty good organised over here and everyone is willing to help you. Copenhagen is a city you will not forget very quickly and the experience is the best!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Not really, I would say: Do your own thing and enjoy every moment of your exchange period!