



UU Report form - Erasmus 2019-2020

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| faculty/college | Social Sciences |
| level | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD |
| name study programme | Sociology |

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| destination city & country | Copenhagen, Denmark |
| how did you travel to your destination? | I used a car to move to Copenhagen |
| name university abroad | University of Copenhagen |
| start date | 30 / 08 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 31 / 01 / 2020 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The application process is quite easy, but took some time. Keep in mind that the whole pre-departure process takes approximately a year. Start early with orienting to which cities you want to go and inform yourself about all deadlines and procedures. To apply for an exchange abroad you have to pick a top 3 of universities which you write down in OSIRIS. You also have to upload a motivational letter for your number 1. It takes about a month before UU will tell you to which university you may go. After that, your host university also needs to give a green light, again this took approximately one month. It is possible that you will not be placed in one of your top 3 universities. Then you have to choose from a list of rest places. From personal experience, there were still plenty of nice places left!

counselling & support at Utrecht University

Employees at the international office respond very quickly to your email. They are happy to help you with all your questions. On top of that, they support and give advise when you are excluded from your top 3.

academic preparation

In my opinion is the academic level at the University of Copenhagen a bit lower than at University Utrecht. The courses I followed repeated a lot of knowledge that I already had obtained at the UU. Academic preparation will depend on what kind of courses you choose.

language preparation

Copenhagen University has a large selection of courses in English. Teachers and students speak excellent English. On top of that, almost everyone in Denmark speaks English very well, therefore language preparation is not necessary. If you want to learn Danish, you can follow an intensive pre-semester course of three weeks.

finances

Please be aware that Denmark is one of the most expensive countries in the world. Make sure you save some money, because housing is (on average) twice as expensive as in Utrecht and groceries are also a bit more expensive. For example, if you want to drink a cup of coffee, you have to pay around 35DKK, which is approximately 4.70EUR.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)



There are two semester at University of Copenhagen: autumn or spring semester. The courses you choose that run through the whole semester, which is different from Utrecht University. At the end of the semester you have to hand-in a (written) exam or you have to do an oral exam. It is not usual that you will be assessed during the semester. The grades that you obtain at the end of the semester count for 100%. You do not have a lot of contact hours, on average 2/4 hours a week. These contact hours are mainly a combined class of a workgroup and lecture. Study programmes of each week of every course are clearly presented online.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality of Copenhagen University is good. One teacher teaches better than the other. I experienced the teachers to be a bit chaotic and less critical, maybe a bit less professional than at UU.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

First, information on the website is very clear. On top of that, international officers/coordinators are easily reachable via email, there respond quite fast. Teachers are also open for any questions.

transfer of credits

All courses at Copenhagen Uni are worth either 7,5 or 15ECTS. Copenhagen has another grading system (7-point grading scale: -3/00/02/4/7/10/12), which can be confusing. On your personal page you can find the American grading system. This is one of the first year that UU works with a pass/fail system. My credits are not transferred yet.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

I found out that there is a orientation programme for sociology/antropology students one day before it took place. We did some welcome games and there was a guided tour on the campus and a lunch. They also explained a mentor programme for sociology/antropology students. During the semester there were some fun Danish themed activities. Inform yourself about this welcome programme, it was really fun. The next day, there was a faculty welcome programme, here they explained useful information about studying at Copenhagen Uni.

accommodation

Copenhagen university recommends the 'University of Copenhagen Housing Foundation'. I do not really recommend this organisation, but it is almost the only option to find a room. The application process is stressful, because you have to pick a room really fast on a specific date. On top of that, they charge you much money (rent a month + 8000 DKK deposit), and there is a big change they will charge unnecessary fees for extra cleaning. I know some people who rented their room at a Danish family house. They found these on Danish Facebook pages. Fun to live with Danes, and way cheaper!

leisure & culture

Copenhagen will never bore you. You can do so much stuff. There are tons of museums, nice shops, beautiful buildings, parks. Adapting to the Danish culture easy, because it is similar to the Dutch. However, you will experience situations with which Danes will deal completely differently (very patient, don't do small talk & follow rules).

suggestions/tips

- * Search for 'Foodsharing Copenhagen' on the internet or Facebook. This organization saves food that otherwise will be thrown away. Three times a week they give this food to people that walk by for a little voluntary contribution. Food is fresh and you will get a lot!
- * Fleamarkets ('Loppemarket') are really populair in Copenhagen, each weekend you can find one somewhere in the city.
- * Ask for student discount, you can find it everywhere.
- * If you like museums, follow them on Facebook. Once in a while, special evenings with extra activities are hold. Entrance is free.



CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend this destination. University Copenhagen is a really good university. You will feel at home as an international student. Copenhagen is a beautiful city to live in, there is so much to see and to do! Denmark is also beautiful country with many more cities to explore. The atmosphere in Copenhagen is very pleasant, something I have never experienced anywhere before. As a social scientist, Denmark's (Scandinavian) culture and people will intrigue you.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

The university recommends taking a CPR number when you will be in Denmark for around 6 months or longer. From own experience, benefits having one are less than the 'costs'. You receive a yellow health card, which is usefull, but the Danish Radio will charge you a lot of money for a 'DR media license'. If you do not pay this, you break the law. If you do not have the CPR number, you do not miss anything and it will save you a lot of time.



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| permission to publish contact details** <i>See end note for * and **</i> | <i>optional; only if you allow students preparing for study abroad to contact you (directly)</i> | |
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| destination city & country | Copenhagen, Denmark |
| name university abroad | University of Copenhagen |
| start date | 01 / 09 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 15 / 01 / 2019 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

| PREPARATION | |
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| exchange application process | The application process was very easy. I went to a lecture where the international office explained which steps you had to take to apply for the exchange program. You had to pick a top 3 of cities you wanted to go to for your exchange period, and send a motivation letter and CV to the international office. About 2 months later they sent me an e-mail telling me that they picked me to go to Copenhagen. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University | Support at Utrecht University was very good and fast! When I had a question regarding the exchange or papers I had to fill in for the Erasmus grand, I could e-mail them and they would always reply within 2 (working) days. I also added a course when I was in Copenhagen, and it was really easy to change my Learning Agreement. |
| academic preparation | I experienced the academic level to be a bit lower than at Utrecht University, they expect less from you (for example, for 3 of the 4 courses I just had to hand in an essay). Though, I did one course on master's level, which was the hardest course I have ever taken in my life. So I think it depends a bit on the courses you choose. Though, if you're able to pass your courses at Utrecht University, you will be able to do so at Copenhagen university as well. |
| language preparation | No need to do language preparation, as there's plenty of courses taught in English and most Danes speak English very well. If you want to, you can do a Danish language course before the semester starts, but it is not necessary. |
| finances | Copenhagen is a very expensive city. Housing, groceries, drinks etc. are all more expensive than in The Netherlands. So it is important to come up with an accurate financial plan and have some savings before you leave for Copenhagen. |



| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD | |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) | |
| | The University of Copenhagen was also easy to contact, as they answered e-mails very quickly. I did not experience any organisational issues. |
| academic quality of education activities | |
| | As I said earlier, the academic quality was a little bit lower than in The Netherlands as your grade is mostly based on one big assignment/essay or one (oral) exam. The quality of teaching was comparable to The Netherlands, but the lectures were in smaller classrooms with less people than in Utrecht, so they were more interactive. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad | |
| | If there are any questions about studying at the University of Copenhagen or if you need something to be signed for your Erasmus Grant, they are easily reachable and mostly answer during the same day or the day after. |
| transfer of credits | |
| | Each course holds 7.5 ECTS, with a few courses containing 15 ECTS. The grading system in Denmark is different, as it goes from -2 to 12. |

| STUDENT LIFE | |
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| welcome & orientation programme | |
| | There were two days of orientation programmes at the beginning of the semester, where general information about studying at UCPH and living in Copenhagen was given. This was also a good opportunity to meet fellow international students. |
| accommodation | |
| | It is very hard to find accommodation by yourself in Copenhagen, so the University of Copenhagen Housing Foundation is basically the only option to find a room. You have to apply, and then you receive a link about two months before the start of the semester. Via this link you are able to pick a room. This worked well, but the Housing Foundation did charge unnecessary fees for extra cleaning to everyone I know (they did not tell this in advance) and this fee was very high, around 150 euros. |
| leisure & culture | |
| | Danish culture is very similar to Dutch culture, as they speak English very well and society is rather individualistic. They might be a little more introvert than the Dutch, but there are no major differences. |
| suggestions/tips | |
| | Try to meet people from a different country than the country you're from, it will be such a nice experience to learn about new cultures (and it is very good for your English!) |

| CONCLUSIONS | |
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| would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain | |
| | I would definitely recommend this university and the city of Copenhagen as a study abroad destination. It is a place where it is very easy to feel at home and people are generally nice and helpful here. Nightlife is very fun and I have never experienced a place with better infrastructure. Also living in Copenhagen makes it very easy to go to other Scandinavian countries like Sweden (you just have to cross the bridge and you're there) and Norway. |



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| name study programme | Culturele Antropologie en Ontwikkelingssociologie |

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| destination city & country | Copenhagen, Denmark |
| name university abroad | Copenhagen University |
| start date | 01 / 02 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 30 / 06 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application process takes time. You need to take deadlines in mind, which are quite early on in the year, so decide quickly. Don't start your application at the last moment. You will need to write an extensive motivational letter and a well thought-through course plan, especially if you want to go to a university that has only few spots like Copenhagen. I would recommend to have your motivational letter proof-read by (multiple?) people with a sufficient knowledge of English to make sure you write a convincing and professional letter. After this it's just waiting and hoping to be accepted after which all following steps will be explained to you.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The UU, especially the Social Sciences department, promote going on exchange very well. You can visit information events and talk to older students whom have been on exchange. I can recommend you to talk to as many people as possible to really shape your exchange and chose your destination well.

academic preparation

The level of education is similar to that in The Netherlands. It is therefor not necessary to do certain courses in advance to prepare for univerisity there. It is possible in Copenhagen to do a pre-semester Danish course. But other than that, it's only just necessary to get the requested amount of ECTS at Utrecht University before you're allowed to go on exchange.

language preparation

There is no language preparation really needed in Copenhagen as there are English languaged courses. In the streets, too, most people speak English really well and Danish is relatively easy to understand if you speak Dutch. However if you do want to learn Danish you have various options. The university of Copenhagen offers free courses both for ECTS and without. The Copenhagen municipality will also offer you language courses, but you might need to pay for it.

finances

You will need a bigger budget in Copenhagen than in the Netherlands, as things are more expensive. I was not entirely prepared for this. You will have to hand in a financial plan with your initial application, but keep in mind that your exchange will take place about a year later and that your situation can change. Save up!

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Lectures work differently in Copenhagen. There are no workgroups or big lectures. They are both done in one



classroom-sized session simultaneously. It is therefore important that you visit the lectures, even though there is no attendance requirement. You will otherwise miss a lot of information. Because of the workgroup/lecture combination, you will have a lot less hours at university than in Utrecht. Furthermore, because of the classroom-sized sessions, you will need to apply for courses quickly as they might be full otherwise.

academic quality of education activities

Copenhagen has less sub-exams etc. than in The Netherlands. Most courses have only one, big assignment at the end of the course. Usually a big essay (10 page) or sometimes an oral exam. The quality of the lectures are on about the same level as in Utrecht. They do offer courses that are both for master and bachelor students, so you might feel the tempo is a bit higher, but your end assignment will be judged according to your level of study. Some courses offer excursions to illustrate the taught information better.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I did not make use of this, but it is available if needed. The university will provide you with enough information to be able to figure out what to do yourself.

transfer of credits

Credits work the same way. All bachelor courses are 7.5 ECTS unless stated otherwise. Copenhagen does have another grading system that might confuse you at times, but the university automatically also gives you a mark according to the American system (A through F) which can then be translated to Dutch grades.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

There was a two-day programme, one for the study, one for the faculty. However these were planned before I was able to move in to my room, therefore I was only able to attend one half day. Here, the use of the library amongst other things was explained. You can also attend a guided tour of the campus and get more faculty specific information, but I was unable to attend this.

accommodation

It is fairly easy to get a room in a dorm through the Housing Foundation, as long as you are on time with booking a room. If your application for Copenhagen University is accepted, you will automatically get an invitation to apply to the housing foundation. They keep rooms free for international students in all kinds of dorms and houses. You just really need to be on time. If you aren't, finding a room will be quite difficult. Just like in Utrecht and Amsterdam, rooms are scarce and finding accommodation without the help of the Housing foundation might not succeed.

leisure & culture

Copenhagen is a thriving, active city where you can do a lot of things. There is something for everyone. The city offers tons of museums, events, shopping malls and bars and everything is easily accessible with public transport and by bike.

suggestions/tips

Accommodation wise: Look at Tietgenkollegiet and Base Camp. These are two dorms with a lot of international as well as Danish students. They are very popular, and you can have a great time there.
 Practical: get a personal public transport card (rejsekort) as soon as you get your CPR number. It is very easy to travel and a lot cheaper than if you have to buy separate tickets.
 And last: try to interact with Danes! They might seem a bit distant at first, but when you get to know them they are a lot of fun they hang out with and they can teach you all about the little strange traditions they have.
 Hanging out with internationals is fun, but I can recommend to try to make some Danish friends.

CONCLUSIONS



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

Yes, Copenhagen is a great and beautiful city with more than enough things to do. The university teaches on a high level and is based on discussion and participation, which I think is a great way to learn. My dorm (Tietgenkollegiet) was also a lot of fun. They also offer courses on things you won't find in Utrecht making it a very useful destination academically and your language knowledge of both English and Scandinavian languages will expand greatly.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If going to Copenhagen keep in mind that everything, especially fresh food and alcohol, is more expensive than in The Netherlands. Therefore, your budget for groceries etc. needs to be higher. It might seem like a detail, but you really don't want to worry about money issues abroad.



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| destination city & country | Copenhagen, Denmark |
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| start date | 31 / 08 / 2017 (dd/mm/yyyy) |
| end date | 26 / 01 / 2018 (dd/mm/yyyy) |

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The application process itself was okay. I experienced it as a bit stressful since I wasn't sure about my destination for a long time but once decided really wanted to go to Copenhagen. The writing of the letter and the translation of my resume took me quite a long time, since I was insecure about my English. I would therefore recommend to maybe ask others to talk about your motivation and schedule enough time for writing the letter; Copenhagen is quite a popular destination, so I think it actually matters to write a good motivation.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The support at the UU was nice. I asked for a little talk with one of the international officers when I was not sure about my destination and once more when I missed the overview. I could furthermore email with my questions and I would get a response very quickly and very helpful and friendly. Nice experiences!

academic preparation

I am not sure what is meant with this question. I didn't specifically academically prepare myself in order to feel prepared to follow the courses in Copenhagen.

language preparation

I did not prepare myself language-wise before going to Copenhagen. I did set myself the goal to become better at English (writing as well as speaking on both informal and academic level) though.

finances

Denmark in general and specifically Copenhagen is very expensive. Housing is super expensive and the rest of the stuff as well. I had a relatively "cheap" room, but it still costed me more than 600 euros a month. Although Denmark doesn't have separate liquor store (as Sweden and Norway do have), the alcohol is still expensive, as the rest of the stuff you want to buy, so just casually going out for a beer can sometimes feel a bit painful considering the amount of money you have to spend. Cheap stores you can do your groceries could include: Netto, Fakta, Lidl and Aldi. It makes quite a big difference to actually buy your stuff there. There's also quite an active foodsharing culture, whereas you can find multiple initiatives who will occasionally give out free food (that would be otherwise be thrown away for example).

I would recommend to bring enough savings with you when going to Denmark.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Studywise, everything is a bit different. Danish students only sometimes study fulltime, for example. So



studying fulltime can provide you with quite a load of studymaterial. The courses I followed were all lasting one semester and only consisted of one lecture per week. That results in a lot of reading and studying on your own (or with friends of course ;)). I only had to be at university 9 hours a week.

academic quality of education activities

I would say that the academic quality in Copenhagen is mainly the same as in the Netherlands. It probably also depends on what courses you pick. Danes are used to speaking out and giving their opinions during lectures and lecturegroups are most oftenly the size of around 20/30 people; sort of "werkgroep"size, but furthermore constructed as a lecture, where the teacher talks and gives information out. I sometimes missed the "werkgroep"format as there wasn't always a lot of time to discuss with other students (and therefore also making friends during class was a bit difficult in the beginning, since you mainly sit and listen to the lecturer).

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I didn't make use a lot of any counselling or support, but I sometimes did find them a bit hard to reach when I needed something. They furthermore don't really put a lot of effort in welcoming international (erasmus) students, which I thought was a bit disappointing. On the other hand; the people I've spoken or saw were very friendly once you needed something, etc.

transfer of credits

At the point of writing, my credits weren't all transferred yet, since I didn't receive all my grades yet. The translation from Danish grades (of which the system goes from -3 to 12, please don't ask me why, it is super random) to Dutch grades seem to be a bit disappointing, since the level of education is more or less the same (don't expect getting good grades doing nothing as sometimes is the idea of some students thinking of studying abroad). The two highest grades you can receive in Denmark are a 10 or a 12, but a 10 is transmitted into a B, which on his turn is transmitted into a 7,5 in the Netherlands. Therefore, you can either receive a 7,5 (B) ór a 10 (A) if you receive one of the two highest grades. That gap seems a bit unreasonable big to me (check this with international office though, since I am not sure how everything will turn out to be once I received all my grades).

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome programm is very very minimal. It consist of one or two (depends on if you follow a course somewhere else than sociology) afternoons of someone telling something about the faculty and maybe a quick tour around and that is about it. Don't expect a lot of socializing possibilites with your fellow students. There also is the opportunity of getting a mentor, who is a Danish student. You'll have a group of international students and one or two mentors with who you can organize fun stuff. That is nice, but is not starting at one of the first days. All the information you practically need is provided, but I misses the socializeing aspects since I didn't know anyone yet in Copenhagen. Might be good to be aware of that.

accommodation

Really hard to find in Copenhagen! There is this foundation called Housing Foundation which offers a few student accomodations. They offer way less than is needed though, so it is very hard to find accomodation that way and futhermore it can be very expensive (there were only two rooms left when I got the chance to check their system; both costing around 1200€). I found my room very last minute on findingaroommate.dk a site where you have to pay a little amount, sort of a Kamernet.nl. I was very lucky though, and it is hard; so start early and send as much as possible messages (also through Facebook, there are many pages).

leisure & culture

There is so much beautiful and fun stuff to see and do in Copenhagen. You won't get bored. It is a beautiful city and very nice to live there. On every level, Copenhagen has lots to offer. Student House might be a nice place to start and meet fellow students, they also offer food, beers and activities (fleamarkets as well! In case you need new clothes! Danes are very fashionable, so they second hand clothes are good as well ;)) for reasonable



student prices (Studenterhuset, on Købmagergade near Nørreport metrostation).

suggestions/tips

See above ^^^^

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes! I wasn't very impressed by the (efforts of) university itself, but the quality of education is good and there are nice and motivated teachers. Furthermore, the city is super nice to live in. The people are friendly, the culture is very nice. I loved the city, the culture and the people and I really liked the fact that you get the chance to actually learn about the culture/society as well since you're in sociology or something related and they offer quite a lot of courses that specify on either Scandinavia or Denmark.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Go to Copenhagen. The city is super nice. Food, architecture, culture, society and people wise!!



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PREPARATION

exchange application process

The application process took some time, but when you fill in all the forms before the deadline, it was an easy process. I did not experience any difficulties.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I was very content about the support at Utrecht University. They are easy to reach by phone or e-mail and give all the answers you need. The information evening before we went on exchange was also useful.

academic preparation

I did not do any academic preparation before my exchange. I already expanded my bachelor by one year, so I already had enough ECTS and the required courses I needed to start my thesis after I came back from exchange. I also did not need to do any academic preparation for the University of Copenhagen.

language preparation

I did not do any language preparation in Danish nor in English. My level in English improved during my semester abroad and because I was so busy with other things during my exchange I decided not to do any courses in Danish. This was also not required, as all my courses were in English and Danish people are also good in speaking English.

finances

I made sure I had my own savings and I took a loan for five months. I also had to arrange my public transport compensation. I was already prepared to spend a lot of money during my exchange, because I wanted to go on some trips and because Denmark is known as an expensive country.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I already knew my study programme before my arrival, because I had to choose my subjects before the start of the semester. I had to take at least 20 ECTS in Sociology. In my opinion, the number of courses to choose from was limited. The study programme was clear from the start. We had a syllabus for almost each course and the teachers told us what we had to expect from the course and what we had to do. After that it was still possible to change courses, but I did not do that. I followed four courses during the whole semester, and had to submit a paper for three courses at the end of the semester.

academic quality of education activities

I think the lectures were of a good quality, but beforehand I expected I had to do somewhat more for every



course. I was not used to follow a course for a whole semester and a keeping up with the literature was more your own responsibility in Denmark than in the Netherlands. I had to get used to that in my first months. I took one culture course and with this course we visited a museum and a castle, did a city walk and watched a movie. I really recommend this course (Danish Culture).

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The support from university was good, e-mails were responded very quickly.

transfer of credits

My credits are not transferred yet.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome programme for sociology was only one day. This day was also very short. Therefore, I was a bit dissatisfied in the orientation programme, because this would have been the perfect chance to meet a lot of people during your first days. Nevertheless, we were appointed to a mentor (you had to declare that you wanted a mentor beforehand) and we did some activities with them. During the semester there were also some activities organized by the university in which you could join.

accommodation

It was very hard to find an accommodation in Copenhagen. The Housing Foundation offered some options, but it was very hard to get into the system (it works the same as buying tickets for a popular concert). When I did not manage to get an apartment, I tried to find something through many Facebook groups. In my experience this is extremely hard, because many people are trying to find an apartment and some offers are not even real. Luckily someone cancelled his Housing Foundation reservation, so I got it. My accommodation was a big student flat called Tåsingegade Kollegiet. It was in Østerbro, a big neighbourhood in the city. It was a very good accommodation, though expensive, and near university. You had to put some effort in meeting people in the building, because everyone had his/her own apartment, but in my experience it was very easy to meet people if you joined all activities and organized something yourself.

leisure & culture

I arrived during the end of the summer and there was a lot to do in the city. There were student parties at university every Friday and a lot of activities which you knew about through Facebook events. Those events were attended by international students (which were the perfect opportunity to meet new people) as well as locals.

suggestions/tips

Joining almost every activity offered by university and other people made it possible for me to build my own network in the city quickly. This made me feel at home very easy as well.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend Copenhagen a destination to go to on exchange. It is a big international city with a good university and nice people. The opportunities to meet new people are enormous, because there is so much to do. Though it is an expensive city, you will find out where the cheap places are.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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