



University of Copenhagen

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PREPARATION
exchange application process
I read the other reviews to get an idea of what I was going to expect. While considering the different options, the University of Copenhagen soon stood out as my favourite destination, especially because of its sophisticated and modern ambiance and open-minded way of thinking. To prepare for my application, I did more research: what courses did the University of Copenhagen especially offer, how to write a good motivation letter - I made a scheme in which I put down every single step + deadline to be sure I wouldn't be in a rush when it comes to the final application.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The International office was very helpful in answering all your questions. However: since a lot of people are asking questions, it is recommended to ask your questions on time. Sometimes I sent a mail to the office, but when it came to very important questions I preferred to just go to the office at its counseling hours.
academic preparation
I didn't really prepare academically, since I knew that the courses I was going to take were a nice fit to the courses I already took in Utrecht. However - be aware that the courses in Copenhagen are on Master's level: to my idea, the courses were a little bit more difficult than they were here in Utrecht, so that is a note you should keep in mind.
language preparation
The language that was spoken at the University of Copenhagen was English. I think everybody with some understanding of English is able to make him or herself comfortable in Denmark: even when you are unsure if your level is good enough, it is quite easy to make yourself comfortable with the language, since you are surrounded by other international people.
finances
Copenhagen is expensive, yes! But not that expensive, in my opinion. If you know the good places to go to (cheap supermarkets, cheap bars, get your drinks before going out ;)), then everything will be alright. However, I did have some savings.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
The University of Copenhagen is very easy to contact, if anything is unclear. There is a course catalogue, online. I used this catalogue to find out which courses to take. Sometimes things were a little bit unclear, but when you send a mail to the university, they mostly respond, very clearly, in one day.
academic quality of education activities
The courses I took were at Master's level. What is important to note too, is that the way that the lessons are given are way different than in the Netherlands. There is less structure, in the sense that there are not questions you have to prepare, and attendance is mandatory. However, you are encouraged to be a free thinker: what do you really think of the matter? Students and professors are really equal too - they don't mind if you make jokes with them - which gives it a very nice atmosphere.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad



Very well to reach!
transfer of credits
The credit system is quite the same as in the Netherlands, they also work with ECTS. The only difference is the grading-scale (in Denmark they have got a 12-points grading scale). However, when you have a 2 you already passed the course.. (Not that difficult, in my opinion).

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
There was a 3 days orientation programme, organized by students of Law. I really recommend going there. There is also a final dinner (you have to pay a fee for that), and at this dinner I met my best friends. So really go there! It is a good first start in meeting the people you are going to experience this whole new life with.
accommodation
Unfortunately, I was too late when registering for the Housing foundation. They send a mail during Summer Holidays, and you really have to keep your eyes open: when you click on the link it is first come, first served. I didn't see this mail, so I got my room via Facebook. I was very lucky, since a girl contacted me and I had a really nice room in the inner city - but this was really luck. So be on time and aware when searching for a room in Copenhagen. Prices are really high too, think about 600 Eu/month average.
leisure & culture
Danish people are very kind and friendly, but a little bit introverted. I experienced it as a very calm and cool atmosphere, but the people I hang out with the most were the other internationals. You should keep this in mind when thinking to get really friends with the Danes - this can be a tough one.
suggestions/tips
If you are going to Copenhagen, here are some recommendations: Go to Tivoli during Christmas Listen to some cool jazz at Jazzclub la Fontaine Drink coffee and eat delicious cake at 'Kaf' Book a Lapland trip via ESN (best experience ever!)

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes. The city is really beautiful, the education is good, and the people are friendly.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Copenhagen can be very cold and rainy - bring your rain coat, winter jacket and warm boots with you!

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My experiences with the counseling and the support were good.
academic preparation
You are not required to prepare yourself academically.
language preparation
All my courses were in English and the level of English of the Danes is generally pretty high! Do I just watched some English movies and talked English during summer vacation.
finances
In my opinion this is by far the biggest disadvantage of studying in Copenhagen. Everything is very expensive, especially the rent and everything that requires a certain service. Be prepared!! Try to save money, you will need it!

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	In Copenhagen you are required to follow master courses. They have a lot of interesting courses. It was easy so sign up and the organisation was good. You'll have an app where you can find the most important information about your courses and the schedules. Most of the courses are 15 ECTS, which means you follow them your whole semester. I did like that because you have less "exam periods" than in Utrecht.
academic quality of education activities	The academic quality was good. Since you have a high level of independence it is really up to you. The lectures were nice and not too strict. The exams were generally easier to pass than in Utrecht. The exams are different than in the exams at the law faculty in Utrecht, since you have a lot of oral exams or final essays.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	I did not need a lot of counselling and support. You will receive most of the information on your own university email. You can also receive some emails with information of the lectures, depending on the lecturer of course. The university also has an information email you can send for help.
transfer of credits	I don't have my credits yet. So the transfer not very fast.

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	The welcome and orientation programme was nice. The programme itself was not amazing but I met a lot of great people and some of my best exchange friends. The orientation programme was three days. They showed us around university, around the city and gave us some general advice. We also had a very nice dinner together.
accommodation	The university is connected to the Housing Foundation. This organisation is not user friendly and they change you for everything. However, my copy
leisure & culture	
suggestions/tips	



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CONCLUSIONS
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do you have any additional advice or comments?

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exchange application process
The exchange application process of Utrecht University is very clear. Your letter of application is the most important document, I made this with good care.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The counselling and support was also really good. Their responding time is really short and they state very clear which steps are required and what you have to do.
academic preparation
No additional preparation was necessary. After 3 years of study at the University of Utrecht it is easy to follow the courses at the University of Copenhagen.
language preparation
If your level of English is adequate, there is no additional preparation necessary.
finances
Denmark is a really expensive country so make sure you have enough money before departure. I tried to find a job there but that wasn't as easy as I expected it to be.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
It took a while before my courses were all arranged, due to cancellation and clash of courses. The help I received from the international office in Copenhagen was really good. The courses were a little easier than I expected and the way of teaching is completely different from the Dutch system. However, it was nice to follow the courses and I think I learned a lot.
academic quality of education activities
As mentioned above, the courses were a little easy. However, the examination is different from what I am used to so that makes it all a little harder. Besides that, also the teaching is different so it is also harder to find out what they expect from you.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The counselling and support was really good.
transfer of credits



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STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The orientation programme was a big succes! I could defenitely recommend this. I made a lot of friends during this week, which consisted of nice activities and parties to get to know the city and your fellow students.

accommodation

I lived at Basecamp which is a really nice student housing facility in the middle of the city center. There are a lot of international students living there and there are a lot of parties and dinners arranged

leisure & culture

You have a lot of spare time to explore the nice city of Copenhagen and the rest of Denmakr/Scandinavia. The culture bears comparison to the Dutch one.

suggestions/tips

Participate in the orientation week and meet a lot of new people!

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend the university and the city. I had an amazing time where I learned a lot and made lots of new friends. The Danes are really friendly and their country is really well organized.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Have fun!

PREPARATION

exchange application process

In order to apply for the Univeristy of Copenhagen, we were supposed to write a letter of motivation, make a study plan and financial plan. After I was accepted by the Univeristy of Utrecht and Univeristy of Copenhagen, everything was very easy. The University of Copenhagen will keep you posted on a regularly basis with information about what you have to do and when.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I didn't had a lot of problems during my application process. However, if you have any questions; the people working at international office are always really nice and willing to help you.

academic preparation

I did'nt take specific courses at the University of Utrecht before I went Copenhagen.

language preparation

I followed the course 'Legal English for Acadamic Purpose (LEAP)'; not because I thought my English was bad, but just to make me more confident to speak in class in a different language and to understand the legal terms better.

finances



Copenhagen is an expensive city, so make sure you have enough money. It's twice as expensive as the Netherlands (maybe even more), so think about that before you go!

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

During the application process, I signed up for two courses, but after I had received my time schedule, the two courses were collapsing. I received a really clear e-mail explaining what I was supposed to do in what period of time. I signed up for another course, so my courses weren't collapsing anymore and everything was processed within a few days.

academic quality of education activities

The quality of the education activities was really good, everyone speaks perfectly English. I was expecting it to be a lot more difficult, since I was going to take Master courses and I am still doing my Bachelor, but it wasn't at all. However, the teaching method is different from the Netherlands, in the way that we always need to prepare questions + answers in advance and do a lot of reading. In Copenhagen, you only have to do some readings (depends on the course how much you have to read) and the teacher will explain during 2 sessions (not mandatory to be present but ofcourse highly recommended) of 2 or 3 hours what is said in the readings, but they are not really asking questions. Therefore, it is hard sometimes what to expect on the exams. However, the teachers are really friendly and willing to help if you have any questions about a lecture. I had one take home exam (24 hours) consisting of two parts. The first part was a case study and the second part was an essay question. My other exam was an oral exam with preparation meaning that you go in the exam room, take a question, have 20 minutes to prepare that question and after that you have a 20 minutes during oral exam about that question. As said before, the teachers are all very friendly, so there is nothing to be afraid about.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I didn't pass my oral exam the first time and I already left Copenhagen before the retake period. However, the student counselor and my teachers were very helpful and offered me the opportunity to let me do the retake exam through Skype at the University of Utrecht. Ofcourse, you have to fix some paperwork but I passed the second time with a really good grade and I was really grateful for their help.

transfer of credits

I have not yet received my transfer of credits, but the University of Copenhagen will send it automatically to the International Office at Utrecht and they will send me a notification once they received it.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

We had a one-week orientation programme with lots of nice activities like a Danish Masterchef competition, bowling, games in the park, quiz nights, tour around the University, selfie race in different groups through the city, visit to the Supreme Court and Parliament and ofcourse a lot of good parties where you get to know all of your fellow students. It was accompanied by 8 Danish law students, all very friendly.

accommodation

A few months in advance you will receive an e-mail from the housing foundation of the University of Copenhagen with a booking manual giving you all the details about the booking process and about all the places they offer (students dorms, shared apartments, guest houses, etc.) During the official application process at the University of Copenhagen, you need to tick on a box that you want to receive that information. After receiving the booking manual, it is a good idea to make a list for yourself where you want to live and where not (think about location, money, etc). A few days later you will receive a link and this can be a bit stressful, because you need to be really quick, since a lot of students are entering the booking system at the same time. I ended up



staying in my first choice student dorm: Basecamp. It is one of the most expensive dorms (€800-€900 p/month) but it was totally worth it. It was located in the middle of the city center (15 min by bike or 6 min by metro to University) and I had my own studio, but all my friends were living in the same building and there were also common rooms, a really nice courtyard and a gym. However, if you book a room through Basecamp itself and not through the housing foundation, the rooms are even better and a bit cheaper (if you want to do that, you need to book months and months in advance, because they will be fully booked really quick). The other favorites were: Tietgenkollegiet (next to the University) and Signalhuset.

leisure & culture

Danish people are one of the most friendly people I have ever met. However, they do not really take the first step in approaching people and prefer to avoid conflicts, but if you'll ask them something or you approach them, they are always willing to help or have a nice conversation and you will be surprised on how nice they are. The culture doesn't really differ a lot from our Dutch culture (it's not that far from home). As said before the people are very friendly and they are really just taking it easy and enjoy the 'hygge' of the city, especially during christmas.

suggestions/tips

If you are going to study in Copenhagen, there are a few thing you should definitely do. First of all, you need to by a bike. The biking lanes are just like the ones we have in The Netherlands, only difference is that people in Denmark actually wait for the red light to turn green. You can do everything in the city center by foot or go to the University by metro (depending on where you live ofcourse), but it is just easier to do it with a bike. I've bought mine through one of the many second hand facebook pages and I've sold it when I left Copenhagen. The general price of second hand bike is 800-1000DKK. Also, buy a Resjekort (public transport pass), because the prices will be reduced by 50% if you make use of the public transport.

Furthermore, you really should visit the amusement park 'Tivoli' in the middle of the city center, especially during the summer season (fireworks every night) or during the christmas season (christmas is a big thing in Copenhagen). Ofcourse, there are lots of nice restaurants, coffee bars, night clubs, museums etc. in Copenhagen, so you don't have to be bored! And don't forget to try their famous cinnamon rolls at the Skt. peders Bakery!

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes! I would recommend this university/city because everything is really well organised (not only the university but also just the city itself), the people are friendly, the city is beautifull and there are lots of nice things to do to keep your busy during the day or during the night.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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exchange application process

A lot of paperwork to fill out so make sure you start on time! Because you also need to get some signatures and stamps from the international officer. But besides that it should be fine.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I got the support I needed, I could go to them with all my questions. They send you emails with the deadlines,



so make sure you read those mails.
academic preparation
No preparation.
language preparation
It was in English so language preparation was not needed.
finances
Denmark is expensive!! So I worked a bit extra and lent some money from the state.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
I learned the Danish language and my other course was about International Contracts. I learned a lot about Private International Law.
academic quality of education activities
The quality was good but the seminars were different than in the Netherlands. Also, we had a 100% oral exam, which was completely new to me. We were also allowed to bring our books/laptop/phone/whatever to the exam, that was great.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
There was a student counselling office where you could go to with all your questions. We were introduced to this office in the first week, so it was not hard to find.
transfer of credits
University of Copenhagen transferred the credits to the University of Utrecht, I only had to give them the address of the faculty of law.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
During the first week we had an orientation programme. It was a busy schedule, activities and dinners were planned almost every day. That was really nice because you got to know a lot of people in a very short amount of time. I made friends for the rest of the semester in that week!
accommodation
I lived at the University Guest House, I booked it via the Housing Foundation. That was the easiest option but housing is very expensive in Copenhagen
leisure & culture
There is so much to do and see in Copenhagen! A lot of nice museums and castles, and in spring/summer it is so nice to sit in one of the beautiful parks. There is also a lot to do for international students, CPH is a very international city.
suggestions/tips
Make sure you have enough money, but also enjoy and try to forget about the high prices!

CONCLUSIONS



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

I would definitely recommend the University of Copenhagen and living in Copenhagen, it is such a pretty city, I felt home from the moment I got there. The people are super friendly and the city is just organized super well. And the cinnamonbuns are amazing.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Enjoy! You're going to have the time of your life.

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exchange application process

Copenhagen University was my first choice, which is why I took enough time to make sure the required documents were satisfactory to me.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The counselling and support at Utrecht University is very helpful. However, since a lot of future exchange students have questions regarding their time abroad, it could take a long time for the University to respond and help. Therefore I would suggest future exchange students to start arrangements for the semester abroad as early as possible so no help from the University is needed when you have a deadline coming up soon.

academic preparation

I did not prepare myself academically before starting the semester.

language preparation

I thought about following the Legal English for Academic Purposes (LEAP)-course before starting my semester abroad. In the end I decided not to, and I think that was the right decision to make. Even though the English level at the University of Copenhagen is considered high, I managed to follow the English courses without complications. One should not forget that Dutch students in general have a high knowledge of the English language in comparison to some other exchange students.

finances

Copenhagen is one of the most expensive places to live in Europe. A cup of coffee for example will cost you around six euro's. Therefore I saved up before I came to Copenhagen by working in the summertime and in the last months before I left. During my exchange I worked in a restaurant to earn extra money. I would recommend searching for a student job in Copenhagen since the salaries are a lot higher in comparison to those in the Netherlands. For me it was also a fun way to get to know the Danes.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The subjects that I took were not available at Utrecht University. It was the perfect opportunity to get to know more about certain legal topics I was interested in.

Communication between student and professor is easy and informal.

academic quality of education activities

The academic quality could be considered equal to Utrecht University. They do have a different system of examination. For my courses, the only exams I had to take were writing papers and taking oral exams. All of the exams are at the end of the semester. Mid-terms or something similar do not exist and almost all classes are not obligatory to attend.



counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The University of Copenhagen is fast in responding to questions. There are also various help-desks.
transfer of credits
The transfer of credits is perfectly arranged by the University of Copenhagen.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme
The University of Copenhagen offers an introduction week for all exchange students of the Faculty of Law. It is a fun week with all kinds of activities to get to know your fellow student and Copenhagen. I would highly recommend attending this week as you instantly recognize a lot of people in class when the official semester starts.
accommodation
I booked my room through the HousingFoundation. You have to be lucky to get the opportunity to book a room not too far from the city centre in the first place, and the rent is unbelievably high for some rooms. All in all, there are a lot of downsides by booking through this organisation. Nevertheless, I believe booking through this organisation is maybe one of the most 'safest options' because it is extremely hard to find accommodation on your own in Copenhagen.
leisure & culture
Various organisations for international students organize activities and trips, but a lot of exchange students arrange their own trips as well. Copenhagen is an international hub, travelling to and from the city is easy.
suggestions/tips
Make sure you save up enough money for travel and extra activities as it is bothersome to not attend trips because of money issues.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
The University of Copenhagen is well-arranged. Also, the level of education is very high. Copenhagen itself is a wonderful city to live in; it is a lively city with numerous festivals in summer and activities in winter, internationally-oriented, and the city itself is beautiful.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Copenhagen has become my second home and I hope future students will enjoy spending a semester there just as much as I did!

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exchange application process
If you start on time and mark the deadlines there shouldn't be any problems
counselling & support at Utrecht University



The International Office did help me with the process. There is quite a bit of information on the University Utrecht website, but IO sends out emails to warn to about certain deadlines.
academic preparation
I did not have any special preparations
language preparation
The language I would be taught in would be English, so I did not require any special language preparation before I left.
finances
I had a good amount of savings ready since I knew Denmark was an expensive country to live in.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
One of the courses that I took was International Diplomatic Law, which apparently was a new course. Except for
academic quality of education activities
The quality was good, there was a abundance of guest lectures and special 'interactive' classes we took part in.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
There was a student office you could go to if you had any questions
transfer of credits
very little effort from my part, University of Copenhagen did it automatically .

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
There was an orientation week organised by a group of students ('tutors'). The activities really helped you getting to know a lot of law exchange students in the first week you are here.
accommodation
I lived in Collegium Juris, which is not part of the Housing Foundation; meaning I had to do a special application. It was a lively college where Danish and International students lived together. You were expected to take part in the social life and this was definitely a big part why I found my exchange so great.
leisure & culture
There is plenty to do in Copenhagen, though as a student you try to find the free or cheap activities (e.g. Distortion).
suggestions/tips
Please note that it is an expensive country, I got lucky that I could stay at a very nice place for a relatively low cost compared to other exchange students who got their housing from Housing Foundation.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would! It is a perfect Scandinavian country and has a lot to offer.



do you have any additional advice or comments?

Just be prepared for the rain too

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preparation
exchange/placement application process
It took quite some time to apply for the exchange process, so I would advise to think ahead and plan where you want to go, how long, etc. far ahead. The process was very clear and the information provided was sufficient. There was a lot of choice and I got into my first choice university without any problem.
counselling/support at home university
I did have some problems with my home university, Utrecht University because I went on exchange as a master student from the law faculty and almost all information on the UU website and the presentations you get are geared at bachelor students. This made finding out when to submit my courses for approval, permission to extent my master's program, etc. quite hard. Especially getting and keeping in contact with the 'Examen commissie' was very hard, they tend not to email back and are very hard to reach. I am still, after four months, waiting to get my courses approved. Very disappointing.
academic preparation
Since I had already finished my masters I didn't really need to do any academic preparation as to how to fit the courses of my exchange into my study program, because they were all 'extra courses'.
language preparation
I did not prepare beforehand because everyone in Denmark speaks perfect English. I did however partake in a Danish Language Course throughout the semester (for which you get 7,5 ECTS) which was very fun to do and a definite recommend. As a native Dutch speaker, you can learn a lot of Danish in a short period of time and I found you get more of a 'local' feeling if you're at least somewhat able to communicate and understand the people around you.
finances
Like everyone says, Copenhagen is very expensive. It is definitely more expensive than Holland is. Especially going out for coffee, dinner, beers and rent will cost you much more. I think I have spent around 500 euro a month on like 'living' expenses and about 700 euros a month on rent. I got an Erasmus grand and 'studiefinanciering' to help me cover most of it.



study/placement abroad period	
study programme/work plan (concerning content and organisational issues)	<p>The Copenhagen University study program differs quite a lot from the one in Utrecht, at least at the law faculty. The semester runs from the beginning of September until the end of January. You will however most likely have your last exams in the end of December. In these 4 months most people follow 3 different courses, adding up 27,5/30 ECTS. I did the Danish Language Course, Introduction to Danish Law and European Competition Law. You usually have one or two classes per course per week, which in my case meant that I had 1 class on Monday, 2 on Tuesday, 1 on Wednesday and 1 on Thursday, with the Friday off. Furthermore you get access to 'KUnet' and Absalon, which are like Osiris and Blackboard and work very efficient and clear. From there you can locate your classes, email, see grades, etc.</p>
academic quality of education/placement activities	<p>I found the quality of the academic part of the university a little disappointing. I took classes at masters level but at least two of them I found very basic. The way many classes are taught required not much preparation and participation from the students, which made them a little boring sometimes. This might however depend completely on your teacher, because I did very much enjoy my competition law class. The way you are tested is quite different too, most exams are oral. The oral exams take 20 minutes, but you will only have a conversation for about 15 minutes. In this 15 minutes you draw a question of a pile and the question considers one of topics you've covered in class (this can be up to 11 topics) and you have to answer that specific question. You are graded on your answer to only that question. I did not very enjoy the way of testing because it means that your whole grade depends on the one question you get and you do not get to 'show' what else you know. So a large part of it is just getting 'lucky' with drawing a relatively easy question. However the teachers are very nice and will not try to let you fail or whatever if you just tell them what you know.</p>
counselling/support at host institution/organisation	<p>The university of Copenhagen is very well organised. They reply quick to emails and are easy to reach. In their communication I found them often to be quicker than the UU.</p>
transfer of credits	<p>I have not had my credits transferred but they have told us that they send a hard copy to the UU as soon as all our grades are put into their system. Because they are usually very quick and trustworthy I fully believe that my transcript will arrive not too late.</p>
student life	
welcome/orientation programme	<p>There is an option to do a four week long introductory program that includes a language and a culture course. I heard it was really nice and a good way to meet people but I did not partake in it. The Law faculty organised its own welcome program, which lasted a week. It costs 300kr. To sign up and that covers week full of activities</p>



and parties. I think I met most of my friends during that week so I definitely recommend doing it.

accommodation

I got my accommodation via the University's Housing Foundation. You will receive emails on how to get into their system and its all very clear, but quite stressful because everyone needs to sign up on the same day (online) so you need to be well prepared and know where you want to live. They have many options, I lived in Osterbro Kollegiet, which is kind of like an apartment building with single rooms (including bathroom and kitchen) and shared rooms. It has five floors and every floor has its own common room. I liked the location and my room was perfect, I was only not very prepared for the communal part of living in the sense that our common kitchen was always very dirty and people did not clean after themselves very well but this obviously depends on with whom you live etc. If you have the time to look for something on your own I would definitely do that because renting via the Housing Foundation is ridiculously expensive.

leisure/culture

Kopenhagen has everything you would want culture-wise: cinemas, museums, clubs, bars etc. It has a great craft-beer culture which I found really cool. The university offers a lot of opportunities to join clubs and different sports, which is all geared at students. It is however quite costly to join a club so I usually just played sports / ran in the park near my house. Nature-wise Denmark looks very much like Holland, very flat and not very exciting. But with the train you can get to Sweden really easy and its very beautiful, with lakes and mountains.

suggestions/tips

Go to Tivoli for Christmas, wonderful!

conclusions

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

I would for sure recommend studying in Kopenhagen because the city it beautiful , very safe, lively and its very easy to get used to. The University is very clear in its communication and courses are generally ok. I would however not start a whole masters here because I wasn't very impressed with the level of the education or (most) of the teachers. But for an exchange its perfect.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I went from September until October and did not think about how early it gets dark here! From mid-october its starts to get a lot colder and darker very soon. If you really do not like the cold, maybe its not the place for you. Although its not much colder than Holland.



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PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	The application process was completely clear. It takes quite a lot of time to finish all the necessary documents though, so therefore I would definitely recommend to start on time!
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	<p>The International Office at Utrecht University is easily attainable; it's possible to go to their office, call them or send them an e-mail. In most cases, they respond quickly. Sometimes however, you can experience some trouble trying to reach them, e.g. in holidays. Usually, they inform you in advance about any delay of responding etc. Just make sure you are aware of their (special) opening hours! The people working at the International Office are very kind and helpful.</p> <p>The people from Student Counselling at the University of Copenhagen are also very helpful. Everyday you're able to call them or visit their office and they will do their best to help you with your questions, e.g. about exam and course registrations.</p> <p>My advice in general is: never hesitate to contact the International Office if you have any questions about the application process!</p>
academic preparation	
	You need to be in the 3rd or 4th year of your Bachelors or in your Masters to meet the requirements of studying abroad. This means you earned enough ECTS and your academic level is high enough to enroll in Copenhagen University's modules. But, since all English taught courses are at Master's level and the teachers give you a lot of responsibilities with respect to assignments, you need to take into account that you have to be disciplined and ambitious.
language preparation	
	The University of Copenhagen requires a fair knowledge of the English language. They're not that strict though so if you feel you're already quite confident with talking and writing in English, an extra language preparation is not necessary. When your English is not that good, the University of Copenhagen offers a Legal English course, which you can follow next to your other courses. This course takes 20 hours. There are no tests in the end so the goal is only to improve your English. Moreover, the University of Copenhagen offers a pre-semester Danish language course. I would definitely recommend everyone to participate in this course, because you learn the basics of the Danish language and also, you get to know new people right away.
finances	
	Before you choose Copenhagen as your number one destination for exchange, you should take into account that it's a very, very expensive city. Therefore, it's necessary to save money. You only go on exchange once and it's really annoying if money is an issue if you want to go on trips or do some cultural stuff or even if you want to pay for your daily expenses. A lot of students who do their full degree in Copenhagen, got a job to earn some extra money during their stay. However, if you're in Copenhagen only for one semester, it's quite hard to find a job. Lastly, the government and the EU support students that go on exchange. You'll get an Erasmus+ grant, which is quite high for countries as expensive as Denmark. Besides that, you'll get a public transport compensation of almost 100 euros. Still I want to emphasize that if you don't save any money, you're definitely going to experience difficulties during your exchange and you want to avoid that!

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
	The University of Copenhagen offers a huge variety of interesting - English taught - courses at the Faculty of Law



<p>as well as at other faculties. It's possible to follow courses at different faculties at the same time. Most of the exams are oral. This is different than what we're used to in Utrecht, but the teachers are really kind. Keep in mind that they also want you to pass! The Exam Office makes the schedule for the oral exams in a way that it fits everyone. In the course catalogue you can find the preliminary dates for the exams. I would highly recommend not to choose three (or two if you choose 15 ECTS courses) courses that have exams in the same week, because this can be very stressful!</p>
<p>academic quality of education activities</p>
<p>I liked some of my courses better than others, but I think that depends on everyone's personal taste. I found most of the professors at KU very impressive and inspiring.</p>
<p>counselling & support at receiving university abroad</p>
<p>The student counselling for law students is located at Jurahuset. They're open almost everyday on special openingshours. You can call them or go to their office if you have a question and they will always try to help you.</p>
<p>transfer of credits</p>
<p>The International Office at Copenhagen University sends your Transcript of Records immediately after the grades have been submitted online. When grades change or when you have to take part in the re-examination, they're very helpful and will send a new Transcript of Records as soon as the new grade has been put online. So you don't have to do it yourself and the process is very smooth!</p>

STUDENT LIFE	
<p>welcome & orientation programme</p>	<p>The Introduction programme for international law-students is amazing. It's one week of cultural, social and also study-related activities organized by a group of mentors (Danish law-students at KU). The bracelet to take part in this week costs 300 kroner (about 40 euros), but it's definitely worth it. It's a perfect opportunity to meet all your fellow exchange students and make a lot of new friends.</p>
<p>accommodation</p>	<p>The Housing Foundation is an independent organisation that offers housing to international students. Note that the rooms are very expensive (I paid 800 euros per month for my room). The contact with the Housing Foundation goes via your Utrecht university e-mail. They send you a link through which you can apply for a room. It's important to do the research beforehand so you know which student kollegiums have your interest. The Housing Foundation informs you about the time the link will be sent. Make sure you're on time, because the rooms that are most wanted are gone before you know it!</p>
<p>leisure & culture</p>	<p>The Danish culture is quite similar to the Dutch one. For example, biking is the number one way of transporting. Danes like to party and drink beer. During the weekend, the streets are filled with people that go out. It's really fun! Also, they often play games in cafés with a big pot of coffee or tea and a lot of friends. The particular feeling that goes with this 'cozyness' is called hygge. It's a typical Danish word that the whole world now wants to implement. When you go to Copenhagen, you have to experience it!</p>
<p>suggestions/tips</p>	<p>Christiania, Studenterhustet, Paludan, Meatpacking (Kødbyen).</p>

CONCLUSIONS	
<p>would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain</p>	



Yes, definitely. The University offers a variety of qualitively good courses and the city is great!

do you have any additional advice or comments?

If you choose Copenhagen, enjoy the beautiful city, the great people and all the possibilities of Erasmus-life. It's amazing!!

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PREPARATION

exchange application process

I really wanted to go to Scandinavia, and a friend of mine went to Copenhagen. She told me a lot of good things about the city. And another important reason was the fact that the University of Copenhagen provides a lot of English courses, which eventually was one of the main reason why I chose for this University.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The counselling is good. They are very helpful if you have questions.

academic preparation

There was no academic preparation needed. As an exchange student I could only follow courses at Master Level. However it wasn't that much of a difference with courses at Bachelor Level here in Utrecht.

language preparation

The level of English in Denmark is actually the same as in the Netherlands. Danish people speak English very well, so it isn't necessary to learn Danish. However, they appreciate it if you try. I followed a Danish language course during my stay there at the University.

finances

Copenhagen is really expensive. Espacially the groceries and going out for a drink (coffee and alcohol). Of course you get your Erasmus grant and a compensation for public transport (OV), but that isn't enough. Because the rent of your room will also be much higher. You need to pay the whole amount of 5 months rent + deposit, almost one month before departure, so keep that in mind.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The University of Copenhagen provides a lot of courses in English. This was one of the main reason why I chose this University. I ended up with all my first choice courses. However, I heard that some courses were full or were completely cancelled. You are only able to follow Master Courses at the University of Copenhagen as an exchange student. However, I think there is actually no difference between Master level in Copenhagen and Bachelor level in Utrecht. I followed International Human Rights, Peaceful settlement and dispute resolutions and Great trials in Western legal history.

academic quality of education activities

I think the academic level is almost the same as in Utrecht. My courses were 3 hour lectures, but there weren't any assignments during the week. So we only had to read the book in advance for lecture. Most of the exams



were oral. This system was completely new for me.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The people at the University of Copenhagen are willing to help. However, it was a bit difficult to receive a signature for my learning agreement while I was in the Netherlands. The international office in Utrecht helped me with this.
transfer of credits
My international transcript is not ready yet, so I can't tell much about this.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme
In the first week there is an introduction week of the Faculty of Law. It's a great opportunity to meet a lot of new exchange students. Danish students will show you around in the University and the City. I will recommend to join the activities of this week. There is also an opportunity to get a mentor if you like (who can pick you up from the airport, shows you the city).
accommodation
It's very hard to find a room in Copenhagen. The first 5 weeks of my stay I rented an airbnb room, because I could'nt get a room from the UCPH Housing Foundation. A few months before your exchange, you will get an invitation for accomodation. But you need to be very quick, because everyone gets the invitation around the same time and you will get limited options in the online system. In beginning the Housing Foundation wasn't really helpful. I mailed them a few times and they couldn't do anything for me they said. However after a few days off my stay in Copenhagen, I went to the Housing Foundation and they luckelly had a room left in a shared apartment. Eventually everyone in the Spring semester had a room through the University, but this is different in the Fall semester.
leisure & culture
The Danish culture is really similar to the Dutch culture. It's a bike city, so I directly felt home.
suggestions/tips
Buy a bike. it much easier, faster and cheaper to get around. I travelled a lot in Scandinavia and I would highly recommend to do this with your friends. ESN offers trips to Lapland (Finland), Russia, Norway and Denmark. These trips are sometimes cheaper, than if you orginize it your self.

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would highly recommend Copenhagen. It 's such a nice and pretty city and there are a lot of things to do. The city isn't to big , you can easily get around by bike. The whole experience has been amazing,
do you have any additional advice or comments?
I would really recommend to go on exchange. I have met so many people all over the world.

2015-2016

PREPARATION

exchange application process



The application process was very clear. The UU and UCPH inform you when needed. There are no additional entry requirements.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The International Office is very helpful and they always responded quickly.
academic preparation
I have not prepared myself.
language preparation
I have not prepared myself, but took the Danish Language Course at the University of Copenhagen (it is possible to apply for this course till aprox. the end of your introductionweek. You can apply on the website, very easy. By passing the language course (and you will) you receive 7.5 ECTS.
finances
Denmark is expensive. You should definately increase your loan amount or have safings for your stay in Denmark. Especially, the coffee is expensive.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)
The University of Copenhagen offers interesting courses. You can only followed Master courses. I ended up with 2 first-choice courses and 1 second-choice course. I followed Introduction to Danish Law, Energy Law and Sustainability and International Sales Law. I would highly recommend Energy Law and Sustainability, if you want to experience a total different law field then before. Make sure you check the exam dates on the website, because the exams (in the second semester) take place half may-end june. There is also a variety of exams: home assignments, oral exams and written exams with supervision.
academic quality of education activities
The academic level is high, but you will definately manage to explore Copenhagen (and other cities) and pass your exams with (high) results. The level for Introduction to Danish Law was a bit lower and therefore easy. The courses are very well organized and my teachers were very good.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The people of UCPH are all helpful and friendly. In the Law Library, you can find a person who can sign all the agreements/papers and they are open at special times but almost every day.
transfer of credits
At this stage I can not tell you much about my transcript of records, but I think it will be fine.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme
There is a one week introduction programma in the first week of February (for the second semester). Make sure you do not miss this week!! This is the week you will start knowing the city and the other international students. Make sure you enjoy this week fully and the best way to make friends. I also assigned for a mentor, she was very nice and helped me with all my questions.
accommodation
I got a room from the UCPH Housing Foundation. I was happy to get a room through the university, because it is very hard to find a room on your own in Copenhagen. The accomodation is also expensive, one of the



<p>cheapest rooms are around 450/500 Euro. But if you need to find a room on your own, they would be even more expensive. Make sure you check the dates when you can pick up your key!! This was for me just 2 mornings in the week.</p>
<p>leisure & culture</p>
<p>Enjoy all the nice musea Copenhagen and Denmark has! Especialy the modern arts museum: Louisiana! I did not do sports, but in the introduction week they will introduce you to some students sport teams.</p>
<p>suggestions/tips</p>
<p>The Danish Language Course organized by the University. Make sure you get a bike as soon as possible! There are some possibilities to rent a bike for a semester, with free repairs (the shop is located at Nyhavn). Copenhagen is an expensive city, so make sure you have enough money to enjoy your time! Make international friends (you will definitely meet some people from Australia and New-Sealand, there are many!)</p>

<p>CONCLUSIONS</p>
<p>would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain</p>
<p>Yes! Copenhagen is my favorite city in the world and the Danes are lovely people. The city/country is well organized and you will love it! There are many events, they sell the best cinnamon buns ever, you will love the smorrebrod and the danish desserts. Copenhagen is an amazing city! They don't call the Danes the happiest people on earth for nothing.</p>
<p>do you have any additional advice or comments?</p>
<p>Try to get a room in the Tietgen Kollegium or Kollegium Juris! Those are the best student accommodations! Make sure you buy a bike as soon as possible.</p>