



University of Copenhagen

2019-2020

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| exchange application process | |
| | It was clear how to apply for the exchange. It is advised to go to the meeting organised by the International Office. After this presentation it was way more clear how the application process works. You pick three universities you would like to go to, and after some time you will be informed if you get to go to your first choice university. I think the motivation letter is quite important, so don't underestimate this. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University | |
| | The support at Utrecht University was good. If I had any questions, I could call or e-mail International Office and they would respond very quick. |
| academic preparation | |
| | I did not find it to be necessary to prepare myself for the exchange, since the education in Denmark is quite similar to that in the Netherlands. |
| language preparation | |
| | All of the courses I took were taught in English, as were most other courses. If your English is sufficient, language preparation is not needed. It is possible to do a Danish language course if you wish (if you are staying longer than a semester for example). |
| finances | |
| | I found Copenhagen to be way more expensive than the Netherlands. The cost of living, and mainly rent and groceries is much higher. I would advise you to save up really well for the exchange. You are better off overestimating the amount of money you need than being short of money during your exchange. Also keep in mind you will (likely) be travelling/doing other social activities more in comparison to in the Netherlands. For example going out for dinner etc. is also more expensive. It might be worth looking into Too Good to Go for some of your groceries, since this is quite popular and the cheaper option in Copenhagen. Also consider shopping at Lidl/other cheap supermarkets. |

| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD | |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) | |
| | I took courses at the Faculty of Law and I found the courses to be very well organised. It was always clear what we were going to speak about in class and what we should prepare beforehand. Also the communication between the teacher and the students was very clear and fast, mostly by e-mail but also via Absalon (a kind of Blackboard). |
| academic quality of education activities | |
| | I took master courses and I found the quality of the courses to be high. I would say the courses that I took here were a bit more difficult than the courses I take at UU, but they were still doable if you do your readings and go to the classes. Since the courses were 15 ECTS each, the papers that we had to write were way larger and this took some getting used to and good planning. Overall, I was certainly not disappointed by the quality of the education. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad | |
| | I didn't contact the university that much because everything was quite clear, but once I did have questions and |



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| they were quick to respond and helpful. |
| transfer of credits |
| Has yet to happen. |

| STUDENT LIFE |
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| welcome & orientation programme |
| I wasn't a fan of the orientation programme. It was only one afternoon, and it only consisted of a few talks with a lot of breaks in between. It was quite intimidating to be there on your own and suddenly have all of these breaks. They also gave some 'workshops' on how to print etc but I didn't find these to be very useful since this was already clearly explained in some folders we got. All in all, I wasn't too impressed with this introduction day. |
| accommodation |
| In theory it is possible to find accomodation by yourself, but in practice the Housing Foundation is your best bet. You will receive an e-mail and you have to log in right away to get yourself accomodation. This is on a first come first serve basis, so make sure you look at accomodations you would like beforehand. Also keep in mind that accomodation is very expensive (I pay around 800-900 euros for a small-ish studio). Rooms usually range from 550-800 euros as well, with the cheaper rooms usually being shared by two persons. |
| leisure & culture |
| Copenhagen is a really beautiful city. It has a lot of beautiful architecture, museums and lots of good and unique restaurants, shops and places to go out. There are also lots of activities and parties for internationals. Regularly check on Facebook and you will find out about nice things to do. I still found new places even after months of studying in Copenhagen. |
| suggestions/tips |
| Start early with looking for accomodation and be open to new and different people. |

| CONCLUSIONS |
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| would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain |
| Yes, definitively! I had an absolutely great time. I met loads of nice people from all over the world, and really got the chance to work on my English. I learned a lot from the courses that I took and I really got to know Copenhagen. |
| do you have any additional advice or comments? |
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| PREPARATION |
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| exchange application process |
| The exchange application process was easy and clear. I looked up different destinations through the website of the University of Utrecht and came up with my top 3 preferences. I needed the University of Utrecht to sign my studyplan and after that I could apply through Osiris. I needed to write a motivationletter for my first choice, but this wasn't too much work. |
| counselling & support at Utrecht University |



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| Because of the fact that the procedure is quite clear, i didn't need a lot of counselling. The international office answered quick when I sent them an e-mail. |
| academic preparation |
| I didn't do any academic preparation for my exchange. |
| language preparation |
| The language of the courses i was planning to take was English. I relied on the English knowledge I already had. Because of the fact that I had to speak English most of the time in Copenhagen, I got better real quick. |
| finances |
| Denmark is an expensive city to live. I saved around 4.000 euro's for livingcosts and trips. |

| STUDY ABROAD PERIOD |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| As an exchange student at the University of Copenhagen, it is only possible to participate in master courses. I think the courses are challenging, but doable for bachelorstudents from the Netherlands. I took the courses 'Artificial Intelligence and Legal Disruption' and 'International Commercial Contracts'. The courses were pretty different than the courses i took back home, so that was really nice. |
| academic quality of education activities |
| The academic quality was high and the teachers could speak really good English. My exams consisted of writing two research essays. For me it was quite strange to have your entire grade of a 15 ECTS course based on one research essay, but it was nice to work on this skills for a change. |
| counselling & support at receiving university abroad |
| I didn't need a lot of counselling at the receiving university as well. When you need a signature of the university of Copenhagen, you can just go to the learning centre during opening hours and ask for it at the desk. |
| transfer of credits |
| The University did not yet transfer my credits. |

| STUDENT LIFE |
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| welcome & orientation programme |
| Because of the fact that i organised an event in the end of summer in the Netherlands, I couldn't attend the orientation programme. I've been told that the orientation programme of the faculty law was not that interesting. My friends said that it was kind of awkward and that most of the, only one day, programme was mixed with Danish students who already knew each other. |
| accommodation |
| There is a big corporation called 'The Housing Foundation' that owns a lot of student accomodations in Copenhagen. The corporation is not part of the University but they will contact you at your student e-mail. These accomodations are quite pricey but a really good way to find a nice accomodation. They will send out invitations to the website on a specific day and you have to be quite quick. A lot of people are interested in these rooms. |
| leisure & culture |
| Danes are nice people but a little bit more reserved than Dutch people. Almost everyone speaks really good English and there is a lot to do in Copenhagen. The architecture of buildings is beautiful. Be aware of the fact |



that the weather in Denmark is a little bit worse than the Dutch weather. Also be aware of the fact that it will get dark around 15:30 in winter.

suggestions/tips

- As in the Netherlands, you can rent a bike at swapfiets. The swapfiets store is located in the city centre.
- Meatpacking District is a really nice area to go out.
- It is really easy to visit the cities Aarhus, Malmö or Lund by train/bus
- A lot of faculties throw 'fridaybar' parties at the faculty. It's a nice way to get to know some Danish people and to drink cheap beers.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, I would totally recommend this destination. I had an amazing time and learned so many new things. It was really nice to participate in courses which are different than the courses back home and it was interesting to meet so many new people from all over the world. It was really nice that everyone's English was that good.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

The closest friends I made, lived in the same building as me. Renting your room through the housing foundation in a dorm is a great way to meet people and to build friendships.

PREPARATION

exchange application process

De aanmeldingsprocedure ging aan het begin goed en was duidelijk. Ik raad je aan om toch wel je best te doen voor de motivatiebrief, want ik heb het idee dat dat wel meetelt. Verder bleken de vakken master niveau (voor Denemarken dan) te zijn, wat ik niet wist en ook niet duidelijk op de website stond.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

De hulp van de international office was prettig. Ik heb mij per ongeluk ingeschreven voor een universiteit dat

academic preparation

alleen mastervakken had. Dit zou een niveau te hoog voor mij kunnen zijn. De international office heeft mij hierbij goed geholpen door mij te informeren over de moeilijkheidsgraad. Wat minder was is dat de international office mijn aanvraag om met anderen die ook naar Kopenhagen zouden gaan niet goed heeft doorgestuurd waardoor ik heel de tijd geen contact heb kunnen hebben met iemand die ook naar Kopenhagen zou gaan.

language preparation

Mijn Engels is al redelijk goed, toch heb ik voor de zekerheid een talencursus academisch Engels bij Babeltalen gevolgd. Dit heeft mij wel hier geholpen maar het is niet noodzakelijk.

finances

De Erasmusbeurs voor Kopenhagen is redelijk groot, maar ook noodzakelijk. Ik raad je aan om goed te sparen want de huur en de kosten om te leven zijn hoog.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

De lessen zijn heel prettig. Je hebt voor elke les twee werkgroepen per week. Je hoeft niet aanwezig te zijn. Het



is vrij informeel en prettig vragen stellen en goed contact met de docent. Als je geen tentamens in de helft van je periode hebt, ben je twee weken vrij. Je krijgt sowieso een week vrij voordat je tentamens hebt. Veel tentamens hier zijn of een mondeling of in de vorm van een assignment.

academic quality of education activities

De kwaliteit komt redelijk overeen met die in Utrecht. Het verschilt waarschijnlijk per vak, maar mijn ervaring is dat de vakken die ik heb gevolgd je wel naar een hoger niveau tillen qua kennis. Er zijn veel verschillende opties en anders dan in Nederland.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

De docenten zijn fijn om mee te werken. Mijn mail deed het helaas aan het begin niet waardoor ik de inschrijfdeadline voor vakken in Kopenhagen heb gemist. Er is een na-inschrijf periode en tijdens die periode waren nog genoeg vakken beschikbaar en werd er binnen een uur op mij gereageerd met welke vakken ik kon volgen.

transfer of credits

Nog niet ontvangen.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Het oriëntatie programma voor de rechtenfaculteit in Kopenhagen stelt niks voor. Je hebt een dag en ze leggen je wel wat praktische informatie over de universiteit uit, maar helaas organiseren ze geen activiteiten en komt het maken van vrienden vrijwel op jou neer. Andere faculteiten hadden wel meer activiteiten, ik vond het jammer dat dit niet bij de rechtenfaculteit was.

accommodation

Via de housing foundation kun je een kamer huren in Kopenhagen. Je kunt dit aanvragen bij je inschrijving bij de universiteit van Kopenhagen. Op een bevestigend moment krijg je een mailtje met een link naar de website om je in te schrijven. Deze link kwam twee uur later dan beloofd, wat heel frustrerend was. Er was vervolgens een wachtrij van een uur. Ik ken overigens niemand die moeite had met een kamer vinden dus waarschijnlijk komt het wel goed. De huur is heel hoog hier dus probeer daar misschien op te selecteren.

leisure & culture

suggestions/tips

Spaar zoveel mogelijk geld en als je tijd over hebt in augustus is het misschien wel leuk om de lessen Deens te volgen. Ik heb dit zelf niet gedaan, maar veel mensen hebben voordat de lessen in september waren begonnen al veel vrienden gemaakt.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Ik raad deze stad ontzettend aan. Ik ben er alleen maar positief over; het is hip, schoon, mooi, je kunt er goed uitgaan en lekker uiten. Het is helaas wel prijzig maar daar leer je wel mee omgaan. De universiteit is zelf heel mooi, hele interessante lessen en een prettige studie omgeving.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Nee.



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| 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 |
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| 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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exchange application process

Fout! Bladwijzer niet gedefinieerd.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

My experiences with the counseling and the support were good.

academic preparation



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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 charge you for everything. However, my ccop |
| leisure & culture |
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| suggestions/tips |
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| would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain |
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| do you have any additional advice or comments? |
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| PREPARATION |
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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 |
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| study programme (content and organisational issues) |
| It took a while before my courses were all arranged, due to cancelation 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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



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| <p>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.</p> |
| <p>leisure & culture</p> |
| <p>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.</p> |
| <p>suggestions/tips</p> |
| <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> |

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| <p>CONCLUSIONS</p> |
| <p>would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain</p> |
| <p>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 beautiful and there are lots of nice things to do to keep your busy during the day or during the night.</p> |
| <p>do you have any additional advice or comments?</p> |
| <p>If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.</p> |

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| <p>PREPARATION</p> |
| <p>exchange application process</p> |
| <p>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.</p> |
| <p>counselling & support at Utrecht University</p> |
| <p>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.</p> |
| <p>academic preparation</p> |



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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

2016-2017

PREPARATION

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!

2016-2017

PREPARATION

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



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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |



2016-2017

| preparation |
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| 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 extend 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) |



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.

academic quality of education/placement activities

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.

counselling/support at host institution/organisation

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.

transfer of credits

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.

student life

welcome/orientation programme

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 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.