



## University of Copenhagen

**2022-2023**

<b>PREPARATION</b>	
exchange application process	The exchange application process was comprehensible and easy to follow. Any emails containing a step-by-step walkthrough of the application process of both universities were clear and structured so you knew exactly what was expected of you to arrange. In case of any questions, you could always contact the international exchange office and they were more than willing to help. Also, please attend the general information meeting if you're planning to go on exchange, it will clarify A LOT! Lastly, make sure to hand in a well written motivational letter, because the university can deny you your stay if they don't find your motivation compelling enough or if they think your English is not on the required level.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	The counselling & support was great. I took on the course Intercultural Learning in advance of my exchange which helped me immensely to especially prepare mentally for moving abroad (because the mental aspect is in fact very important). And just like previously mentioned, in case of any questions you could always go to the IEO.
academic preparation	I did not (have to) academically prepare for my exchange. If I had to buy books etc. I made sure to order these in advance.
language preparation	I did not do any language preparation either. It was not needed for me to speak Danish abroad for the Danes are generally very proficient English speakers and I felt like my English was already on the required level (C1). In preparation for the exchange, Erasmus did require me to take an OLS language assessment.
finances	I saved up money for a whole year for the exchange. I also worked full-time during the summer before my exchange, I received an Erasmus grant, and lastly, a grant for public transport now that I did not use my Studenten OV anymore (about a 100 euros a month). My parents financially supported me with rent. In total I think I saved up about 4000 euros. For me that was more than enough, but you should calculate for yourself how much money you want to be able to spend outside of rent/groceries. Be aware that Denmark is VERY expensive and you're most likely to go on more trips/go out eating more than you would in the Netherlands.

<b>STUDY ABROAD PERIOD</b>	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	The study programme is very well organized at the University of Copenhagen, there were no problems or organizational issues. Just make sure that you apply for all the deadlines in time, but everything was very well explained and nothing was left unclear as for what was expected of you. The study programme is very diverse, however, the university did cancel some courses a few weeks before the start of semester because not enough people had signed up. Luckily for me, none of the courses I had signed up for were cancelled, so in the end I did not have to pick courses that weren't my first choice. I took on the courses Legal English (0 ECTS), Artificial Intelligence (15 ECTS) and Drafting and Negotiating International Contracts (15 ECTS). My favourite course was Artificial Intelligence, the teachers are the BEST and it is a highly relevant field of study.
academic quality of education activities	The academic quality in Denmark was on-par with the University of Utrecht and overall, very high. Teachers and



professors are very knowledgeable and have extensive knowledge of the topics they are teaching. The law courses are given on master's level, but if you are in year three of the Bachelor of Laws this generally won't be a problem.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
I did not receive counselling or support at the receiving university abroad.
transfer of credits
Has yet to happen

## STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme
The welcome & orientation programme was amazing. There was a full day of shared group activities where we could all get to know each other through introductory games (line dancing ??) and this greatly helped in making friends. So make sure you attend!
accommodation
I rented accommodation through the Housing Foundation--affiliated with the University of Copenhagen. Make sure you apply in time and the day the rooms become available for booking ensure you click the link sent to you via email as fast as possible. It's like Ticketmaster; first come, first serve and there will be hundreds of people trying to get a room at the same time, so be in time. You can also apply for housing at UMEUS, a privately owned company renting out to internationals.
leisure & culture
Danish culture is highly individualistic and the Danes are quite cold and not that talkative, so don't expect to make a bunch of Danish friends. You'll most likely 'live' in a so-called international bubble. As for leisure, there is more than enough to see. You can visit well-known tourist attractions like the Little Mermaid or simply sign up at a local gym, go to a park, or go shopping.
suggestions/tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- like I said, make sure you have your housing figured out. Be prepared to pay A LOT. Rent can be 800+ a month.</li> <li>- Denmark is an expensive country, make sure you save up enough</li> <li>- go out and make friends, really put yourself out there at the beginning of the exchange. It is way harder to make friends near the end than it is at the beginning for in the beginning everyone is in the same boat.</li> <li>- sign up your KU-email in time and make sure to regularly check if you have to arrange something new in preparation for your exchange.</li> </ul>

## CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would recommend this university, because of the high level of education, the modern campus, the perfect organization and the knowledgeable teachers. I would recommend DK for people who want to go abroad but not 'too far' from home and want to go to a destination with a similar culture as the Netherlands. I also felt very safe living there; you can easily walk the streets as a woman all by yourself at 2 AM without being scared.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
Go in the spring semester, because then the weather and overall atmosphere in CPH will only get better. The Danish spring is breathtaking!



2021-2022

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
I would really advise you to follow up on all the e-mails you receive about studying abroad, right from the start! They only send out one or two e-mails about the process and where to attend the general information meeting. You should attend this presentation because it does clarify to process a bit more. It can be a little difficult at times but the response time was good and they were always ready to help! Also I would say the motivation letter is most important, so put real thought into what you write there.	
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
As stated before, the response time was quite fast and they were always very happy to help and assist you in anyway possible. I even had a call about what to focus on when choosing a destination, which really helped me get my wishes straight and made choosing the destination a lot easier.	
academic preparation	
The courses I attended did not require any academic preparation.	
language preparation	
I also did not do any language preparation. I feel the level of english we get taught in the Netherlands is sufficient to get by.	
finances	
Denmark , and Copenhagen especially, is really expensive! The basic expenses like rent (around 800) and groceries are definitely higher than in the Netherlands. I would strongly advise you to save up before going if you want to have a budget to do fun stuff and maybe go on a trip. I saved up around 4000 euro's and found this to be the perfect amount for which I didn't have to hold back on anything. (Keeping in mind that uou do a lot more stuff here like going out to dinner, activities, travelling abroad...)	

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
I took courses at the Faculty of Law that were part of the Full Degree Masters' Program. I did Criminology and International Human Rights Law which I both really loved (and thus would recommend if you're interested in the fields). The informal ambience at the University made it really easy to approach professors or any other staff/and or students with questions. Studying at UCPH was a really good experience for me!! It was always clear what was expected and I got to enjoy every second of it. Especially the criminology professor was literally the best (academically) and also the funniest professor I ever had. So if Keith Hayward is teaching the course, you should take it :)	
academic quality of education activities	
I would say the quality of the courses is high (since most of you will be bachelor students taking master courses), but still very doable! The material is of high quality, which sometimes might seem scary. But I feel like they don't make it too difficult to pass. Most (english taught) classes have a close to 90/100% passing rate, so you shouldn't worry too much.	
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
I didn't need a lot of counselling and/or support but I'm sure that if I did need it, it would be easily accesible.	
transfer of credits	
Has yet to happen.	



STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	
For us it was one very long day (9-5), but it was quite fun! We did a whole morning of line-dancing (haha no joke) and in the afternoon we had all kinds of speakers telling us a bit about danish culture & students telling us about fun/affordable places to go. We also did a campus tour. I did end up meeting most of my friends there, who I stucked with for an entire semester, so I would strongly advise you to go!	
accommodation	
The univerity works together with this private organisation called the Housing Foundation. The 1.2 stars it has on google review are unfortunatley very deserved. They are likely to keep an amount of your deposit at the end, which sucks. That's why I tried to book my room myself. You could go on facebook and join groups with rooms for rent. I started my search early which meant I was still able to book a room directly through an organisation called 'Basecamp'. This was a bit cheaper than through housing foundation, and communications is just way nicer. I stayed at Basecamp in the city centre, which was a really good place to stay at. You're close to everything and the parties are happening there!! Also made friends there from outside my studies, since it is a big campus with mostly exchange students all very open to meeting new people. The downside is that it is very expensive, around 900 euros, but as are most rooms in Copenhagen (ranging from 700/1000 euros a month). I found Basecamp city really worth it!	
leisure & culture	
Copenhagen is a beautiful cities with lots of fun stuff to do and places to go. Pretty architecture, museums and theme parks etc. A lot of (vintage) shops, cafés, clubs etc. I really loved living here. Danish culture looks a lot like the Dutch in some ways, but also different in other ways. The Danish are more reserved and very very direct. In the service sector, a lot of them are quite rude. But don't let that scare you from trying to meet some Danish people. I found that especially young people are open to meeting new people and they were very friendly.	
suggestions/tips	
Start your search for an accomodation early and do try to be open to meeting people right from the start of your exchange :) You'll learn everything nice to do and discover from the internet, but mostly from other international and/or danish students.	

CONCLUSIONS	
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain	
YES to both! I really love the country and (most of) the culture. Equality has such a high place on the agenda and I felt really safe, even by myself, in such a big city. Everybody speaks Englis well... etc. Copenhagen is a vibrant city which has a lot to offer. It's super cliché but I really had the best time of my life so far.	
do you have any additional advice or comments?	
I would advise going during the spring semester because I heard from many many people that winter in Denmark is darker (and therefore more depressing) than the Dutch winter. Spring was beautiful!	

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
The process was pretty easy. All the information you need is available online. I didn't go to the meeting organised by the International Office but I have heard that this was quite useful. You can pick three universities you would	



like to go to so really look into the cities and universities before making your choice. Of course you hope you get to go to your first choice so make sure to write a good motivation letter.

#### counselling & support at Utrecht University

The communication was good. You can ask the International Office all your questions and they usually responded really quick.

#### academic preparation

I didn't find it necessary to do any preparation before going to Denmark.

#### language preparation

I believe almost all the courses available to exchange students were taught in English. You don't really need to prepare if you think your level of English is already good.

#### finances

Copenhagen was pretty expensive but it's really doable if you save up some money beforehand. After some time there you will learn how to live a "cheap" life as a student in Copenhagen.

## STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

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

I took two courses at the Faculty of Law and they were pretty well organised. They use Absalon, a programme like Blackboard, where all the information for the classes, like what you need to prepare for each class, is organised. You can ask any questions you have to the teachers and coordinators.

#### academic quality of education activities

It was mandatory to take Master's level courses so it was a bit harder than what I was used to back in Utrecht. The courses were also both 15 ECTS so you followed them the entire semester with one exam at the end. The teachers were really good and helpful. For me, the classes mostly consisted of one part lecture and one part group discussions, which I really liked.

#### counselling & support at receiving university abroad

They were always super helpful in case I had any questions.

#### transfer of credits

My credits have not yet been transferred.

## STUDENT LIFE

#### welcome & orientation programme

There was an orientation day the Friday before the semester started. The programme wasn't that special but I did meet some of my best friends that day.

#### accommodation

The university recommends using the Housing Foundation but I had heard some really bad stories about it so I found accommodation by myself. I lived at Basecamp City. It was quite expensive but the location was perfect and they organised some fun events where I made some really good friends.

#### leisure & culture

I absolutely love Copenhagen. It has beautiful parks, buildings and the best restaurants. It is quite an expensive city but that is something that you get used to after a while. There are also a lot of parties and social events organised for international people.



suggestions/tips
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Start looking for accommodation as soon as possible and save up some money before going there. But most importantly, have fun!
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>
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would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
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One hundred percent. You will have the time of your life. The university is really good and the city is amazing and has become my favourite city in Europe. Your English will rapidly improve there and you will make friends for life.
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do you have any additional advice or comments?
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Be open to meet new people and participate in new activities.
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<b>PREPARATION</b>
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exchange application process
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I found the application process easy to do. I do advise to start early, so that if you do come across questions you have, you have plenty of time to ask your contact person at Utrecht University. Also, it did take me quite some time to figure out what courses I wanted to follow and what courses I was allowed to follow. You need to intergrate this in your study plan that is a part of the application process, so start early with your orientation so that you will not be stressed to meet the deadlines. The meeting that is organised by the International Office was also helpful.
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counselling & support at Utrecht University
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The support at the UU is good. I did not need help very often, but when I did they answered fast.
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academic preparation
I did not prepare myself specifically for my exchange. The teaching in Denmark is quite similar to the Netherlands.
language preparation
My courses were taught in English. If you can speak and read/understand English to a certain level, I think this is enough to be able to follow the courses.
finances
Copenhagen is a very expensive city to live. Everything is way more expensive than in the Netherlands: rent, groceries, going out etc. I had a maximum loan from DUO, my Erasmus grant and I had also saved a lot of money myself (around 3000 euros). I do really advise to save up for your exchange. At the end of my stay I spent all the money I saved and received from DUO/Erasmus. I must say that I could have spent less money, but I wanted to do all the fun stuff while I was there. I went out multiple times a week (VERY expensive), got a coffee in a nice café every once in a while and went on a trip to Norway. These were things that made my stay abroad the best time, so if you want to do these extra things I do recommend saving up. Also, groceries are expensive. So, I found that eating together with friends is nice. And also, I bought my bread via the app To Good To Go, which was very nice! A lot of bakeries, supermarkets and restaurants use this app in Copenhagen.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
I followed three courses while I was on exchange (two courses of 7,5 ETCS and one of 15 ETCS). These courses were very well organised and it was always communicated clearly through Absalon (a kind of Blackboard) what we had to do. I did find the teaching to be different from the teaching at the UU. You have 2 seminars a week per course you follow. In these seminars you do not have to prepare and answer questions, like you have to do in the seminars (werkgroepen) at the UU. In the 2 seminars that you have at the UCPH, the teachers give lecture about the subject of that week and they sometimes ask questions to the class. You do have to do readings in advance of these seminars.
academic quality of education activities
I found the academic quality of the courses to be equal to the courses I followed in my bachelors at the UU. I followed master courses at the UCPH. I did find the course that I followed of 15 ETCS difficult. But this was a subject that ended up not interesting me at all, so I was not very motivated to do all the preparing.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
The university helped me with all the questions I had. They answered e-mails quickly. They also arranged for me to do my exams online from Zoom, so that I could go back home for the holidays.
transfer of credits
Has yet to happen.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
The orientation programme is not very extensive. They give a few talks (that I found not very interesting and helpful) and you have a lot of breaks in between. I did however meet some girls that day that I kept seeing after that day. All together, it is not that important to go to the orientation day for the informational aspect. But if you have the time, it does no harm in going and maybe you will meet some other international student friends.
accommodation



You can try to rent an accommodation through the Housing Foundation. They work through the university and you will receive a link some day and via this link you can choose an accommodation. You have to be really quick to be able to choose the accommodation you want (popular ones are gone quickly, and with quickly I mean seconds after receiving the link). I however, did not rent my accommodation through the Housing Foundation, because the reviews were not very good. I got a studio directly via the website of Basecamp Copenhagen. This is a lot more expensive, but I wanted to be sure that I had a nice place through a trustworthy company. My experience with Basecamp is amazing and I had an amazing time there.

#### leisure & culture

I love the city of Copenhagen with its architecture, museums and lots of nice cafés, shops and places to go out. Via Facebook there are also a lot of activities that are organised for international students.

#### suggestions/tips

Remember that everyone is there in the same position as you: wanting to meet new people and make friends. Be open to all kinds of new and different people and you will have the best time. If you have the possibility, do not hold back on doing fun stuff while you are on exchange. It is also nice to go on an extra trip. I went to Norway with my friends, but I also know some friends that went on an organised trip to Swedish Lapland!

## CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes! I had the best time ever and I met lots of people I still talk to.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

Save some money before you go :)

## PREPARATION

exchange application process

The University of Copenhagen has quite a clear website. Therefore it was easy to find most of the information I needed for my application. I found that websites of other Universities were less clear. My application process took a bit longer than I anticipated, so I recommend future exchange students to take some time for it, to enable them to make a well-considered choice on which city or university to put in their top three.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

In my experience, the UU was very helpful and responded quickly to questions I had concerning the preparation. It was however, a bit unclear how to fill in my Learning Agreement. I think it would be very helpful if an example of that would be uploaded on the UU website.

academic preparation

In my case there was not really any academic preparation necessary.

language preparation

Besides taking one English test, there was no language preparation necessary.

finances





It was easy to find information concerning finances.

## STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

### study programme (content and organisational issues)

The University of Copenhagen offers a lot of 15 ECT courses. I took two of those, so I only had two exams at the end of my stay. There are some advantages and disadvantages to this. Some examples of the former are that you do not have to worry about exams for most part of your stay and you really dive into two subjects, so you learn a lot about them. Disadvantages were that revising takes a lot of time, and you have to do the readings for each class during the semester, or else there is not enough time to catch up on stuff you missed. However, both my exams were oral (a lot of the others are as well) and they don't expect you to know every single thing. If you attend all classes you do not have to worry about passing, but if you like to get a good grade you have to put in some more effort. Overall I really liked the way my studies were organized. Each course had two seminars per week, one of which took 2 hours and the other 3. So I had 4 classes and a total of 12 hours a week. Preparing for these seminars included doing reading and sometimes we were supposed to do group presentations. The courses I took were Laws of Armed Conflicts and Climate Change and the Law. The one on Armed Conflict was not my first choice but I ended up liking it a lot. It concerned topics like the (il)legality of nuclear weapons, types of armed conflict and in what way the natural environment is protected during armed conflict. In the course on climate we discussed, amongst other things, the main treaties (UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement), the EU ETS and Renewable Energy in the EU. Both courses also covered some Human Rights Law, which was very interesting in my opinion.

### academic quality of education activities

In my opinion the academic quality was very high. The University of Copenhagen is the 7<sup>th</sup> best University in Europe and it was obvious that the professors (at least mine) were experts in their fields. There were some voluntary educational activities organized by my professors, such as 'breakfast seminars'. Those were held in the morning and after the reading we'd have breakfast at uni together. For example, we had one reading from a professor at Yale on COP26 in Glasgow, which was incredibly interesting. The University of Utrecht only allows UU students to take master-level courses at the University of Copenhagen. Because of this, there were a lot of Danish master students and other international master and PhD students taking the course. In my opinion, the course was of a higher quality also because of these students.

### counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The University of Copenhagen (KU) was very helpful whenever I had any questions. They replied very quickly whenever I needed a signature or anything else. One of my friends originally signed up for an exchange during the first semester, but she later decided that she wanted to stay for the full year and the University of Copenhagen helped her arrange this without any difficulties.

### transfer of credits

KU uses the 7 point grading scale. This is very different from the Dutch system but it's quite clear and logical. Basically, you can get a -3, 0, 2, 4, 7, 10 or 12. You pass an exam if you receive a 2 and 12 means you did an excellent job. If you pass an exam, you are rewarded with ECT's, so that works the same as in Utrecht.

## STUDENT LIFE

### welcome & orientation programme

I highly recommend attending the orientation day. I met most of the people I got to know during my exchange there and even though the orientation was in my opinion not very relevant itself, it was a great opportunity to



meet people.
accommodation
I got my room via the Housing Foundation. At one point I received e-mails from KU and they link you with the Housing Foundation. My room was in a very nice part of Copenhagen and the building only had international residents. The rent was quite expensive but so is everything in Copenhagen. I enjoyed my room a lot but the Housing Foundation is known for not paying back the deposit and I also had to pay rent for July, August and January, even though I was not there in those months. Therefore, I'd recommend people to look for other options as well, since they might end up to be a lot cheaper.
leisure & culture
The Danish culture is in my opinion not too different from the Dutch. I think overall the Danish are a bit more reserved and a little less kind, but they are content and reasonable. They are also quite neat, for example I don't think I have seen a lot of people cross the street when the traffic lights were red. Also, most of my teachers were internationals and they were very welcoming in my experience.
suggestions/tips
I have included some recommendations in this report, but to sum those up and give some others: (1) Go to the orientation day, (2) look for other housing options than the Housing Foundation offers (for example Basecamp South Campus), (3) do the required readings so you don't end up stressing at the end, (4) rent a Swapfiets (same as in the Netherlands, works great), (5) choose two courses of which one has an oral exam, and the other requires you to write a paper (I had two orals and I don't recommend that), (6) don't go to Tivoli more than once, (7) study in the old reading room in the Black Diamond, (8) if you want to go to Noma, make a reservation one year in advance :)

## CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
I would definitely recommend (the University of) Copenhagen to others. The city is big, but not so big that you'd feel anonymous. It's incredibly well organized and clean and the food is amazing. The faculty of law was great too. The teachers were all very kind and committed. I also liked that the classes weren't focussed on preparing for the exam, but more about gaining understanding of the subject and being able to have well-founded opinions. Because of this, I feel like I have gained knowledge that I won't forget in the long term.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
No.

## 2019-2020

## PREPARATION

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

STUDENT LIFE
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 accommodation 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 accommodation. This is on a first come first serve basis, so make sure you look at accommodations you would like beforehand. Also keep in mind that accommodation 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 accommodation and be open to new and different people.

## CONCLUSIONS

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

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

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

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 bachelor students 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

#### 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 accommodations in Copenhagen. The corporation is not part of the University but they will contact you at your student e-mail. These accommodations are quite pricey but a really good way to find a nice accommodation. 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 wachtlijst 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 uiteten. 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.

## 2018-2019

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!

## PREPARATION

exchange application process

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counselling & support at Utrecht University

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, specially 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 scheduals. Most of the courses are 15 ECTS, witch means you follow then your hole 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 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, depeding 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 univeristy, around the city and gave us some general advise. We also had a very nice diner together.
accommodation
The university is connected to the Housing Foundation. This organisation is not user friendly and they change you for everything. However, my ccop
leisure & culture
suggestions/tips

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
do you have any additional advice or comments?

**2017-2018**

PREPARATION
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
N.A.

## STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme
The orientation programme was a big succes! I could definitely 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 Denmark/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 University of Copenhagen, we were supposed to write a letter of motivation, make a study plan and financial plan. After I was accepted by the University of Utrecht and University 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 didn't take specific courses at the University of Utrecht before I went Copenhagen.

language preparation

I followed the course 'Legal English for Academic 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. Of course, 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 of course 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 things you should definitely do. First of all, you need to buy 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.

## PREPARATION

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.