



Copenhagen Business School

2021-2022

PREPARATION
exchange application process
The application process was very straightforward. Just follow the steps that are posted on the UU website and then you should be more than fine. Just make sure you know the dates to all the information meetings and take plenty of time to explore your possibilities. The only part that I struggled with and that I wish I would've known beforehand is choosing the subjects at your host university. UU requires that you follow subjects that are of level 3. As this is a different country with a different educational system it didn't specify this anywhere. The exam committee only checks if they're of that certain level after your exchange, which was surprising to me. The only way to be somewhat sure of the level of the subject is by sending it to your course coordinator that is affiliated with the subject and ask him/her if this is something that could be of level 3 difficulty.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The counselling & support was very nice and helpful. Fast responses to my e-mails and a clear overview in the information meetings. The only thing I struggled with was the subject selection as I talked about above. I would have really liked some more support in selecting subjects that are of level 3.
academic preparation
For the academic preparation I did not do a lot. Only two of my courses required books and I bought them online as a digital book, the waiting list for physical books was extremely long. So, if you prefer physical books, buy them as soon as possible. Furthermore, everything is self explanatory. Just keep an eye on your emails and handle them as soon as you get them and you're fine.
language preparation
For the language preparation I didn't need to do anything as I'm following a bachelor's degree in English. In that case you just need an English Language Statement and you're accepted. The only thing you need to do for your erasmus grant is make an English test at the beginning and at the end of your exchange. But it doesn't matter if you improve or not. If you don't follow a bachelor in English you need to show your English skill in ways of a test, think of TOEFL or Cambridge.
finances
If you're going to this destination I would highly suggest to put some money on the side and make use of all the grants. Especially in the first month you're getting to know all the people and you don't want to miss out because you're budgeting. Also, the currency takes some time to get used to so especially in the beginning you don't really realise how much you're spending. Going out to eat and drink is very expensive. The erasmus grant is a really big help and I used the travel green grant as well. I travelled by train, it is doable but because I had a lot of luggage with me not optimal. However, I did not have to pay for my journey there.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
I followed the following four subjects: 'Intermediate accounting according to IFRS', 'Management and Control Systems', 'Machine Learning and Digital Behaviour', 'Techlabs'. The first one was very focused on accounting and was a deeper more detailed dive into the subject. The second one I expected to be a lot of accounting, but it rarely included anything about accounting, this was more a subject on management and how you can control/prevent actions from happening in a firm, how to manage different situations and people. The third one I really enjoyed as I'm doing the dedicated minor in Data science. The first 50% included a lot of the ethical side of machine learning, AI etc. and what the positive and negative side is. The other 50% was pure machine



learning programming in R. The last one was a subject that was partnered with an external organisation called Techlabs. Throughout the programme I chose to learn the track in AI. The setup is that you are paired with other members who follow different tracks and that together you choose a project, like an app on recycling, that you are going to work on. I did really like the setup, but the content of the AI track I thought was not very good and the classes were often at night (7-9 PM) and on Saturdays (09-15). This was because people who are working can also apply for the programme and they don't have time during the day. I felt less motivated to come to these classes due to the fact that you want to spend time enjoying the city and exploring. It limited me to a certain extent.

academic quality of education activities

The educational system is a little different from what we know in the Netherlands. It is especially focussed on lots of teamwork and presentations. I had to do a presentation for each individual subject that I was following and had to do most assignments with assigned group members. I liked this as you got to know more people and because this is required all the time everyone took part in the assignments. On top of that, the presentations were really helpful as they help you with your preparation for meetings in your career.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

I did not really use these services as they weren't really needed. Most information that was helpful to me was on their website.

transfer of credits

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Upon arrival there was the option for exchange students to partake in an introduction week. This was around €100 and that included activities throughout the entire week. It was very nice as you got to know lots of other exchange students and they hosted parties in the evening that you could go to. Lots of fun and I would definitely recommend.

accommodation

I stayed in Kathrine Kollegiet, an accommodation that was partners with Copenhagen Business School. The accommodations are privately run, only the allocation is done by the university. There is a huge demand for rooms, so the only tip I can give to you is that you note the date of when the accommodation allocation website is up and make sure you have multiple laptops to try and get into the allocation website. I pressed the link as soon as it was live and was number 120 in the waiting list. Make sure you make a top three list of the accommodations you want to be in and that you have a picture of yourself that you can upload at the end of the application. Therefore, issues with payments and other stuff are not handled with the university, but with the owners/managers of the building. In all accommodations the prices are relatively high, you pay around €3500-€4000 for staying from 13-08-2012 till 31-12-2021. Everything is expensive though in Copenhagen and private housing can be very hard or even more expensive, that's why I opted for this (safe) option. The building consists 80% out of studio's and 20% out of shared rooms. When applying you can select your preference, however I noted that I wanted a single room but got a shared room anyway.

leisure & culture

The exchange team at CBS especially in the beginning organises a lot of parties and activities in which you can partake. They are very nice as you see a lot of the city straight away and get to know more about Danish culture as well and how Danish people are. The city offers a lot of possibilities, there are very nice food truck areas. For culture, the city offers some museums in the city but they were not very impressive in my opinion. For modern art for instance, you will have to search a little beyond the city. Two nice museums, 'Arken' and 'Louisiana' are outside of the city but very impressive and very enjoyable.



suggestions/tips

I would highly suggest that you take part in the activities organised by the exchange team as this is the perfect way to see both the city and meet a lot of people.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, I would very highly recommend both this university and this destination to others. The university, because it has a different educational system compared to Utrecht University. They are more focused on working in projects as an exam format and a lot of presenting. I specifically enjoyed this as I think this is very helpful for preparation for the future. The destination is very nice, because everyone is accepted and welcomed, a very safe environment and a very enjoyable environment.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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PREPARATION

exchange application process

The exchange application process was fairly simple, everything at Copenhagen Business School was organized well, fast responses, and clear requirements and deadlines. However you do have to be organized in everything yourself. I bought a notebook to write in everything I needed to do and when deadlines were etc.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The support and counselling was good, in preparation for my exchange someone was always able to answer the phone or give a quick reply on my e-mails with questions. However, the information and the required documents for the Erasmus grant was in comparison with fellow students in Copenhagen very late. Many fellow Dutch students in Copenhagen received information and approval months before their departure while I had to fix it all while already being there. It would have helped if this was already taken care of before being there because when you arrive in Copenhagen there are already a lot of things you have to take care of and you have to start making friends immediately and then still having to arrange the Erasmus grant was a bit much.

academic preparation

I did not really prepare myself academically, but I did do research on the optional courses I could follow and what type of courses they were. There are quarter courses and semester courses, both types are 7,5 ECTS. It is useful to see what you prefer. I did 2 quarter 1 courses and 2 semester courses. So in the first 2 months I was having 4 courses which was a lot but most courses only have 1 or 2 lectures a week and that's it. In December, the exams of the quarter 2 courses and the semester courses are being held, so some people that did 4 semester courses were really busy in their last weeks being on exchange. Looking back I was really happy that I had more time the last 2 months so that I had time to do everything I still wanted to do instead of being caught up in studying.

language preparation

For language preparation, I downloaded Duolingo 2 weeks before departing, but there is really no need to speak any Danish. Literally every person in Denmark speaks very well English. There is a crash course in Danish available in the beginning but I decided not to do it.

finances

Copenhagen is a really expensive city: from going out for dinner, actually going out, and groceries to housing and clothes, everything is more expensive than in the Netherlands so you really have to have your finances in order. I underestimated it for a bit but you really shouldn't. The Erasmus+ grant was a really nice way for me to plan some trips, for instance to Stockholm or a road trip to the cliffs.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

The study programme at Copenhagen Business School was very interesting, there where a lot of elective courses. I chose the courses Fashion Entrepreneurship and Business Development, Asian Economic Organization and Competitiveness, The Philosophy and Economics of Inequality in the 21st century, and International Business and Sustainable Development. Each course have taught me a lot of new insights.

academic quality of education activities

I would consider the academic quality of education quite similar to the academic quality of Dutch education I have received over the past years. However the way exams work was quite different, exams usually count for 100% of the grade which is very different from the Dutch system where the grade is always build up from a few assignments or midterms and endterms. Also most of them were not really exams like you have in the Netherlands where you sit for two hours but they were exams that were 48 hours or even 2 weeks (in this case



you usually had to write a paper individually). I had to get used to this way of tests but I liked it.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Support from Copenhagen Business School was very good, they have a great international office that responded quickly to all of my emails. Furthermore, I did not really need a lot of support or counselling but what I got from the international office was very good.

transfer of credits

I have received an email from Copenhagen Business School that they have transferred all of my credits to the international office of Utrecht University, and if I understood it right, Utrecht University's international office will submit this to Osiris now.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The orientation programme started 2 days after I arrived in Copenhagen and I think it was a great way to meet people. The programme lasted a week and contained a mandatory part with informative presentations about the university, housing, and a sightseeing tour. Additionally, you could purchase a social package, allowing you to go to all the parties this week and others during the semester, it also contained a canal tour, movie night, and a comedy night. I would really recommend to purchase the social package because it was the perfect opportunity to make friends. There also was another kind of orientation programme, this was the Danish Crash Course and also contained a social package, but I did not feel it was really necessary when I heard fellow students talk about it.

accommodation

Copenhagen Business School provides housing for exchange students in the form of student dorms and help to seek private housing. For the student dorms there are not enough spots for exchange students, and I do really recommend trying for the student dorms considering it is a really easy way to make friends and these dorms are located closest to the CBS campus. I was in the Svanavej dorm and I have really enjoyed this dorm. It does not look the greatest on the pictures on the CBS website but it was not as bad as it looked and it came with a large common room with a TV, pool table, etc.

leisure & culture

In terms of leisure and culture there is a lot to do in Copenhagen and its surroundings. A lot of museums are free on certain days of the week, so in our free time we would go to museums or cafes. There is a lot of water in Copenhagen and activities to do, so we went swimming or we would go on rental electric boats that were not that expensive. A Tour of Denmark was offered by CBS and this was a really nice way to see more of the country. Denmark has a lot more to offer than only Copenhagen and its nature was really beautiful.

suggestions/tips

I would really recommend applying for a credit card before leaving, because in some bars I could not pay with Maestro. Also for planning trips you often need a credit card for plane tickets or accommodation. Another tip I would like to give is getting Revolut, because with Revolut you do not pay exchange fees, because Denmark has a different currency. Copenhagen is the biggest biking city in Europe, so I would recommend getting a Swapfiets for the months you are there because this is the cheapest option and if something breaks you can have it fixed there without extra costs.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend this university/destination to others. The city has a really nice ambiance and



there is a lot to do and the nice thing is that it is pretty close so friends and family can visit but you still have an exchange feeling and you learn a lot about doing everything at first on your own.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

I already gave some advice/tips in a previous section, but I would really advice you to plan some trips to other Scandinavian cities because it was something I have never been before so I saw a lot of new places.



2018-2019

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	The application process challenges you to understand why you decided to go on exchange in the first place. The process is voluntarily quite long and, in my opinion, it excludes those that are not motivated enough to go on exchange. However, if you are sure about going abroad, then it just consists of writing a convincing motivation letter, in which the reasons that made you decide to go on exchange are explained, and deciding the subjects that interest you the most offered by the host university.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	From my personal experience, the supporting team at Utrecht University has been really useful, both by answering to all my questions regarding the exchange and helping me in choosing the right subjects for my study path. They always responded promptly to my questions and assisted me throughout the whole application process. However, I recommend the students that decide to go abroad not to wait the last minute to contact the international team, as during the last days of the application process they might not have time to help everybody.
academic preparation	
	Regarding the academic preparation, I believe that it strongly depends on the university that you decide to go to. For this reason, it is important to check the requirements that the host university expects you to have and check whether you have what it needs to participate in the program of your choice.
language preparation	
	I believe that, to enjoy to the fullest your experience abroad, you need to have a good command of the language that you will have to speak at the host university. Personally, I did not have to pass any language exams or study the language that they speak at the host university, as my study in Utrecht is fully in English and CBS' courses were all in English. However, if you need to learn a new language to go on exchange, I would start preparing in advance, as otherwise your experience would be unnecessarily difficult.
finances	
	It depends on the country you decide to go to. Therefore, it is important to check beforehand what your expenses would be in that country on a monthly basis. The UU website offers enough information about this. If you decide to study in Denmark, for instance, you should be willing to spend approximately €1500 per month (including housing).

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
	At CBS, students have the possibility to choose what they are really interested in. As a matter of fact, in the course catalogue more than 70 subjects are offered to you in the fall semester. Registering to the courses is easy, but it is required to do it in advance, as only a limited amount of students have access to a number of courses. Therefore, you will have to do it before the summer and you will not be 100% sure to be able to follow the courses you want. However, it is highly likely that you will be interested in more than four courses, so that should not be a problem. I personally did not encounter any organizational issues, as everything was really well explained during the introduction week and I was able to find my classes from week 1.
academic quality of education activities	
	The quality of the academic staff was extremely good. The professors were well-prepared and evidently interested in the subjects they were teaching. One thing that I found particularly interesting was the fact that



we had multiple lecturers for the same subjects, as external lecturers could integrate their knowledge and improve the level of teaching. Furthermore, many company's CEOs came to give parts of some lectures, so that we could see how it was possible to apply what we were studying. In conclusion, I can say that the academic quality was outstanding at CBS.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

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

transfer of credits

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

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

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

accommodation

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

leisure & culture

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

suggestions/tips

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

CONCLUSIONS

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

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

do you have any additional advice or comments?



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



2017-2018

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	Went very smooth; clear deadlines and both universities are very helpful and provide a lot of information.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	The USE international office is helpful, they inform you about studying abroad, the application process, the Erasmus Grant and the initial contact with the university abroad. However, you must have an active attitude and keep informed about all deadlines (e.g. study plan check, course subscription, erasmus deadlines). They will help you if you ask for help, however you will have to do the organisation of the exchange ofcourse mainly yourself.
academic preparation	
	Be sure that the courses fit your program and the credits you still need.
language preparation	
	Not needed; everybody in Denmark speaks English. I followed a Danish Language course during my time there, but this was more for fun, not required.
finances	
	Save as much as you can before you'll move there. Also make sure to request the OV compensation and make sure you meet all deadlines for the Erasmus Grant.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
	You can follow a lot of interesting business courses at CBS that you will not be able to follow at U.S.E; make use of it! Think about courses such as Fashion Entrepreneurship and Business Development, Neuromarketing and Scandinavian Sustainability and CSR.
academic quality of education activities	
	About the same as in Utrecht. The way of examination is different than we know it here; you can have a written sit-in exam of 4 hours, a home-written(24-, 48- or 72 hour) essay or oral exams. The final exam is almost always 100% of the final grade (projects and presentations are not graded, but you sometimes have to pass them before you can do the final exam).
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
	Very good; you can always email them with any questions you have and they will respond very quickly. They are very helpful and accessible.
transfer of credits	
	Easy, they'll send your transcript to your home university.

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	



<p>CBS is known for the well organized exchange introduction program. During my semester there, there were about 600 more exchange students at CBS. The exchange organisation organized a introduction week for us, full of (informational as well as fun) activities to get to know CBS, your fellow exchange students and Copenhagen (such as city tour, boat tour, comedy night, welcoming party and information sessions). There was also the possibility to arrive in Copenhagen a week before the mandatory introduction week and enjoy a 'Danish crash course week' which means Danish lessons during the day and fun activities at night. Moreover, CBS works with a 'buddy system' and every exchange students gets appointed a student from CBS as buddy. They will welcome you at the airport, give you the first important documents and help you wherever they can. During the introduction week there was also a buddy dinner to enjoy a night of fun with a group of buddies and exchange students.</p>
<p>accommodation</p>
<p>Findig accommodation is a big struggle in Copenhagen. Also Danish students have difficulties finding an accommodation. However, it is not impossible, but take into account that accommodation can be very expensive in Copenhagen. For me it took a lot of time, patience and stress to find a place, but eventually it worked out perfectly fine. CBS has a certain amount of dorm rooms available for exchange students. However, the number of exchange students that moves to Copenhagen (especially in the fall semester) is way higher than the number of rooms they offer. However, if you did not succeed in getting a dorm room via the CBS system, there is the possibility to contact the 'Private Housing department' of CBS. They are the link between home/room owners and exchange students and offer a great deal of good places to stay. This could for example be a room in a family house, a studio or a dorm room. Also in this case it means that there is a lot of demand and it is important to focus on staying in contact with the housing department and responding asap if there is an offer. This is how I eventually found my room. The Private Housing department is extremely involved and helpful. Besides that it is always a good idea to use possible contacts and keep searching yourself. Be careful with using Housing Anywhere, I've encountered multiple fake accounts there.</p>
<p>leisure & culture</p>
<p>Copenhagen is a beautiful and vibrant city and there is always something to do. Since you will probably share this experience with a lot of other exchange students, you will never be bored. During my stay in Copenhagen I've had a lot of fun experiences with my fellow exchange students. This included cultural trips such as a visit to the Frederiksborg Castle, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art and a day trip to Lund in Sweden. Moreover, we've enjoyed a lot of dinner parties, and there is also always the possibility to party in a big city such as Copenhagen. Besides, CBS organizes extracurricular activities throughout the semester.</p>
<p>suggestions/tips</p>
<p>Save enough money before you go there. The Erasmus Grant and OV compensation are not enough to live there. You need to take into account that rent is about 500-900 euros per month and also prices in supermarkets are higher. However, to fully experience a city and enjoy your exchange you'll probably want to undertake activities, and this is all very expensive. Going out for dinner or drinks will cost you more than you're used to in Utrecht, so save beforehand.</p>

<p>CONCLUSIONS</p>
<p>would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain</p>
<p>Yes, I would recommend this university for sure! CBS is a very good university with a lot of possibilities. I learned a lot about Copenhagen and the Danish culture during my time there. I've met friends for life from a lot of different countries. The only thing is that you have to take into account that the Danish culture is not too different from the Dutch culture, so if you really want to experience a different culture you might want to consider going somewhere further away.</p>
<p>do you have any additional advice or comments?</p>
<p>It will take quite some time to fully prepare your stay abroad, this is the case regardless of where you go.</p>



PREPARATION
exchange application process
No real struggles, everything was taken care of through the excellent exchange programme of Utrecht University.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
N/A.
academic preparation
No real preparation.
language preparation
No preparation. CBS teaches in English and the Danes are quite fluent in the language as well.
finances
Saved up for a few months, applied for the Erasmus+ grant and got a loan from my parents. Make no mistake - Copenhagen is a pricy city.



STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

Many different courses, most of them interesting and well structured. Every course has guest speakers, people from businesses or other universities with a lot of experience on the subject.

academic quality of education activities

High quality. CBS has a high ranking and the school deserves it.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

Luckily I did not need much support or counselling, but the exchange office was easy to reach and helpful when I needed assistance.

transfer of credits

Without problem, within 6 weeks.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

Welcome was organised and a lot of fun. The first week was filled with activities in the city centre and around campus, a great way to get to know your new city. The orientation was Fun week, met a lot of great people with whom I am still in contact

accommodation

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

leisure & culture

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

suggestions/tips

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

CONCLUSIONS

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

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

do you have any additional advice or comments?



No



2016-2017

PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	The application progress went rather easy. However, for the erasmus grant, some more time was needed. I've also underestimated how difficult it was to find housing in Copenhagen. The housing market there is currently insane. Fortunately, I was able to find a student accomodation throught CBS's private programme.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	Minimal, you have to do almost everything by yourself. However, I believe that if you really need help, you can always find it.
academic preparation	
	I've almost finished my bachelor's before going to Copenhagen. This has indeed helped me passing courses which I otherwise wouldn't have.
language preparation	
	None, everyone in Copenhagen speaks english. It is a very multicultural city.
finances	
	Copenhagen is very expensive. My expenses have gone up by about 50 percent. You need to take this in mind. The erasmus grant as well as the OV compensation are not enough on it's own. You need to have some extra funding, certainly because you want to do some fun things there.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
	Very interesting way studying economics and business. CBS makes use of business cases in every course. Mostly business cases from the Harvard Business School. They focus more on the business part of economics than in Utrecht. I'd say overall level is a bit higher than in Utrecht, however it is definitely doable if you participate and prepare well for exams. An average exam at CBS takes 4 hours, instead of 2 at UU.
academic quality of education activities	
	High
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
	I didn't need any counselling or support, but they offer a lot. If you need it, you will get it.
transfer of credits	
	Not yet received.

STUDENT LIFE	
welcome & orientation programme	
	Fun, they offer 2 weeks of introduction programme specifically for international students. Definitely go to the evening activities.
accommodation	
	Very hard to find! The private housing market is insane there! Also expect to pay a lot more than you're used to in Utrecht. Average monthly rent for student housing in copenhagen is around 700 euros.



leisure & culture
Enough to do. Copenhagen is voted the most liveable city in the world for a couple of times now. It is a very multicultural and beautiful city. Everybody is friendly and speaks English. You will definitely not be bored there. However, if you're looking for a larger cultural gap, you might want to consider going further away.
suggestions/tips
The Jane

CONCLUSIONS

would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
University: yes. Destination: not really. If I could do it over, I would probably go further away. Mainly because I found that there was not a big cultural difference between Denmark and the Netherlands. However, the quality of the University is superb.
do you have any additional advice or comments?
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PREPARATION

exchange application process
The application process went very smooth. The UU is clear about the requirements and deadlines, so you know exactly what to expect.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The international office has been very helpful in answering questions and completing/ providing required documents. They always reply very fast.
academic preparation
language preparation
I haven't done any language preparation since my bachelor programme at UU is also in English.
finances
I wasn't well prepared enough for the financial aspects of moving to Denmark. It would have been helpful if the UU had better warned me about the cost of living here. Denmark is extremely expensive, especially housing is 2/3 times as expensive as it is in Utrecht. Luckily my parents could help me out, otherwise it would not have been possible for me to do my studies here. I would never have been able to save enough money to pay 800-1000 euro's a month rent here in such a short period of time.





STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

CBS is a really well arranged universities. It easy to sort all practical matters (such as they digital education system) out. They lectures are more interactive than at the UU, I really liked that.

academic quality of education activities

The education at CBS is of high quality, all lecturers I experienced had a lot of experience in the area they teach.

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The international office at CBS is really helpful, they reply really fast and answer all your questions.

transfer of credits

Comparable to UU.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

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

accommodation

CBS does not offer enough student housing for the amount of exchange students they accept. So 70% has to find something themselves, this is really stressful, hard and expensive.

leisure & culture

Copenhagen is a great city for going out, shopping, having dinner etc. Unfortunately everything is really expensive, eating out is not affordable to do very often.

suggestions/tips

Attend introduction activities, otherwise it could be hard to make friends.

CONCLUSIONS

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

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

do you have any additional advice or comments?



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PREPARATION	
exchange application process	
	The steps to take are all very clear stated on the website of the University Utrecht. Also keep in mind the rules of the University where you are going to. The contact with CBS was very fluent and they are very responsive.
counselling & support at Utrecht University	
	You can always call, email or walk by the student office to ask your questions.
academic preparation	
	The business school in Copenhagen is comparable with the University School of Economics. Take a look in the course guide what knowledge you need for some courses and verify this with the board of examiners. There are no clear levels (1,2,3) at CBS, like you have at USE so ask the board of examiners which course is of the same level as the level you need.
language preparation	
	Because the programme Economics and businesseconomics is taught in english it was easier for me to keep up with the courses at CBS because I was already used to the use of English during my study. In the beginning the talking was a bit more difficult but when you just do it you will learn it very fast.
finances	
	Copenhagen is a more expensive city then the average city in the Netherlands. I filled in the schedule with my budget that is given at the UU site and because of this schedule I had a good overview of what I could spend in Copenhagen. Especially the cafes and restaurant are a bit more expensive then in the Netherlands. The cheapest supermarket in Copenhagen is comparable with the more expensive products in the Netherlands. I saved money and I also had a small extra student loan so I did not have to look after my money every day.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD	
study programme (content and organisational issues)	
	The content of the courses at CBS is almost the same as at USE. The way of teaching is different. They do a lot of group work, the lectures are longer and there are no tutorials. The lectures are a combination of listening to the professor and doing some exercises or discuss the content with a group. Also don't be afraid when you see oral exam. In the Netherlands we are not very used to have this kind of exams but in Copenhagen it is very common. You mostly have to prepare it with an assignment and then during the exam you explain and elaborate your assignment. It is a way to tell them what you know.
academic quality of education activities	
	The quality is similar with what you are used to at USE.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad	
	In the introduction week they explained where to go with questions or who to reach. They told us where we could find the international office and the housing department when you have a dorm from CBS. Keep in mind the opening hours.
transfer of credits	
	The grading system is different at CBS. They have a 12 point scale but they transfer this grades to the same level at USE.



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

accommodation

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

leisure & culture

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

suggestions/tips

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

CONCLUSIONS

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

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

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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