



Copenhagen Business School

2023-2024

PREPARATION
exchange application process
The application process is quite long. There are a lot of documents you have to fill in and it is very chaotic. My advice is to make a special map on your computer where you could store every document you have to fill in for your exchange destination. There are a lot of documents you have to sign before you have to leave and it is a good idea to make a checklist, so that you will not miss anything (otherwise you will miss a lot of money, for example if you miss a document of Erasmus grant).
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The support of Utrecht University is great. You have to be aware of the emails you get, otherwise you will miss every important announcement. Most of the time, if you have to get a document signed by any university, Utrecht University will send a checklist about how and in which order you have to do it. Therefore, I think the key is to keep reading your e-mail!
academic preparation
I did not really do any academic preparation. I already finished my Bachelor's and I just followed some extra courses related to my study and my minor.
language preparation
I also did not do any language preparation. My studies is already in English, which makes it a bit easier for me to follow the English courses in Copenhagen.
finances
I know that Copenhagen is a really expensive city. The rent you will pay, will be much higher than in Utrecht. Therefore, I started saving early. You get the highest Erasmus grant, so that is around 350/400 euros per month. In addition if you stop your public transport (this is only for Dutch students I think), then you will get 120 euros on top of your supplementary grant/loan from DUO.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
My study programme is Economics and Business Economics. However, I attended the following courses: AI for Sales Management, Danish Language course, Programming and Data Analysis and International Economics. Meaning that I had a lot of different courses and not all related to the economics faculty. I really liked my courses and it was very fun to follow the Danish Language course, so you could understand a tiny bit of what the Danes are saying. Furthermore, my courses are all a bit related to my studies and my minor, therefore I liked my courses and they were not too hard.
academic quality of education activities
The quality of education was, I think, comparable to the education level in the Netherlands. Most of the lecture were around 3 hours and the longest I had was 5 hours. That was very long and not what I was used to in the Netherlands. At the end it was doable and nice to experience another kind of education. Some of the exams were harder than in the Netherlands and the sit-in exams are much longer. My longest exam took 4 hours. If you will have a sit-in exam, I recommend to go to the open days for the exams (in the exam hall). I did not go, because I thought I was



unnecessary, but when I had my first sit-in exam, a lot went wrong that could have been prevented by going to the open day!

counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The support of Copenhagen Business School is quite good. For example the open day at the Exam hall is a good supporting thing. Furthermore, if you have any issues you could always send them an email and they will be very helpful.

transfer of credits

In Denmark they have a different grading system. Therefore, it is not possible to transfer your grades into grades in the Netherlands. Your credits will be transferred, but just noted as "passed" or "not passed".

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

I went to Copenhagen in the autumn semester. My study started at the 28th of August with an introduction week. My advice is to go to the introduction week, since you will meet people from your study there and that is a great way to start your time here.

accommodation

I had a room in Basecamp South. That is located on the island Amager. It is around 10 minutes by bike to the city centre. I had a Swapfiets (they have that in Copenhagen too). My room was very nice and big, but expensive. Although you get a lot for what you pay. I had my own bathroom and kitchen, but every floor also had a common kitchen and a gym was included in your rent. I had a hard time with finding a room, so I would recommend to start early and prepare yourself for high rent prices. The accommodation of Basecamp is very nice. You also have a Basecamp in the city centre where a few of my friends lived, but the rent there is higher and the rooms smaller... You could also try to find a room through CBS housing, but the deadlines for that are early and the accommodations are not always nice.

leisure & culture

I really love the city Copenhagen. There is a lot to do here. It is one of the greatest horeca cities of Europe and you will notice that. There are a lot of cute bakeries or coffee/lunch spots or restaurants. Note that going out for dinner could be very expensive. Especially when you want a drink such as wine or beer in a restaurant, that could be between the 10-15 euros. In September, there was a free museum week, so you could go into almost every museum in Copenhagen for free when you were a student. The Danes don't really go out at the age of 20. They prefer to sit in bars till 5 am and just chat and drink beers with friends. Therefore,

suggestions/tips

One of my biggest tips is to start with CPR (Civil Registration Number) as soon as possible. It is very helpful to have a CPR, for example to go to the doctor, but you could also get housing benefits, which is around 100 euros per month extra from the Danish government. In addition, I have a list of tips for places to go for dinner/lunch/going out, so try to contact me if you want it :). In Scandinavia they use Facebook and Facebook Messenger a lot, so download that again, to find some cool and nice events in Copenhagen as well. For example, they have social runs. These are runs organized by cafes/bakeries and after your run you will get a pastry or another tasty breakfast/lunch thing. To find these kind of events, you will have to look on Facebook sometimes.

CONCLUSIONS



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

I would definitely recommend Copenhagen to go to on exchange!! It is such a nice city to live in. Copenhagen Business School is also a good university with a nice atmosphere. You are surrounded with a lot of Danish people, so that is a nice way to blend in in the Danish culture.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

In the beginning of your exchange, you are eager to get to know as much people as possible. It is normal that you want to go on every invite and want your whole day planned. But also don't forget to take a bit of time for yourself, because the beginning of your exchange could be very intense and you will need to take some time to process everything.



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PREPARATION
exchange application process
The application process was quite easy to follow. All the correct information and documents forgiven, I just needed to fill them in correctly and ask the right people for their signatures. Within a couple of weeks everything was done.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
Utrecht University was always able to help when I had a question. They really helped me out when I asked for their help or wasn't sure about something. Besides that they informed me very well of everything that was necessary from my side way ahead of all the deadlines.
academic preparation
CBS and UU gave me a lot of free choice as to what courses to follow. CBS also gave me plenty of information on my courses in order to help me prepare.
language preparation
No language preparation necessary for me personally, study was in English just like at Utrecht University.
finances
I did most of the financial preparing by looking into costs in Copenhagen myself, of course I already knew that Denmark wasn't going to be cheap, so I personally decided to get a bigger loan from DUO while I was in Copenhagen to fulfill my financial needs.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
<p>I followed the following courses at CBS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strategic Management- Entrepreneurial Strategy- Theories of Modern Society- EU, the Internal Market and Business Strategy - A Case Based Approach <p>The content was mostly up to me, I had all the freedom to choose my own courses, as long as they didn't have schedule overlaps. Up until the start of the september I had the option to change courses if I wanted to.</p>
academic quality of education activities
What I really enjoyed about the courses at CBS is that they were all very relevant to current events. CBS focuses on relevant information and models. I also feel like CBS tries to prepare you for life after your Bachelor. My exams were in form of 48/72-hour periods in which you got given a case and had to write an essay relevant to that case. I really enjoyed following the courses at CBS, which were mostly in the form of lectures and sometimes workshops.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
If I need some counselling and/or support at CBS there were several options to go to. It was always clear who I could ask for advice. Besides that, CBS has a buddy programme which gets you into contact with a full-time CBS student who can help you with anything.
transfer of credits



It was always easy to access my progress on credits and there was always a lot of transparency on my grades and how I could get enough credits.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

CBS had a great orientation programme which allowed you to meet all the other exchange students present at the university and several other fun activities which allows you to immediately make great connections and get all your information.

accommodation

I found my own accommodation, BaseCamp (south campus). I loved my time there and met most of my friends there as well. It is expensive, but that's what Copenhagen is like. In my room (18m²) I had my own kitchenette and my own bathroom. Besides that, there were public areas and kitchens, and a gym as well.

leisure & culture

I spent most of my time in and around my accommodation hanging out with friends. I also visited multiple football games from FC Copenhagen. Moreover, I went into the city a lot, to see the cultural highlights, go shopping, out for dinner and to enjoy the nightlife that Copenhagen offers.

suggestions/tips

Copenhagen has many beautiful spots to visit, but my number one suggestion would be Reffen. An old harbor place which now contains multiple food trucks with food from all over the world. You can get anything you like and enjoy it by sitting next to water with your friends.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes, 100%. My best decision ever was to go on exchange to Copenhagen. I loved the local culture and the city in general. It has everything to offer to a student exploring the world. Everything is well taken care off in Copenhagen, in Denmark in general. Besides that, there's a great international population and interest in Copenhagen which allows you to make friends from anywhere in the world.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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PREPARATION
exchange application process
I just followed the steps from the UU and it was very well organized. Both universities replied rather quickly as I was guided through the steps.
counselling & support at Utrecht University
The counseling and support at the UU was fine, but I unfortunately received my Erasmus grant 2 months after I arrived and the time leading up to the payment, the support from the UU could have been better. The response time was late and all the other Dutch students who were in Copenhagen received their money beforehand.
academic preparation
I did not really have to prepare anything before going abroad.
language preparation
I did not learn any Danish beforehand and this was not a problem because the Danes have a high level of English. I did follow Danish over there and I really liked getting to know the language, and the teacher at CBS was really great.
finances
The city itself is quite expensive, so the Erasmus grant and DUO are not enough to cover all your costs. So, I would recommend saving up before you go. During your introduction period, and also after this, you spend a lot of time with your fellow exchangers in cafes and bars getting to know each other. This costs quite some money, but you wouldn't want to miss out on it.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD
study programme (content and organisational issues)
I followed the courses 'AI for Sales Management', 'Programming and Data Analysis for Business', 'Danish for Integrated Skills' & 'International Political Economy'. I loved following Danish and IPE. Both courses had great professors and it was taught in a nice way. I, however, did not like the other two courses, but this is your own personal preference ofcourse.
academic quality of education activities
I was impressed with the level of the professors and the level of lectures I received at CBS. I do however believe that the level of exams is lower than in the Netherlands. The Danish university system usually uses assignments and as I am better at assignments, than making tests I preferred this exam system. It was also rather easy to obtain a sufficient grade, as you already pass your exam with a 2 in the Danish grading system.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
CBS was very well organized and very responsive to questions.
transfer of credits
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STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme



CBS had their own exchange committee who organized a lot of events. They organized an introduction week and loads of events during the semester. Before the introduction week, you had the option to participate in a Danish crash course with a social package also organized by the exchange committee. I would definitely encourage you to join the social packages of both the crash course and the normal introduction week. Because I already joined the crash course, I had met quite some people and that made it easier during the normal introduction period.

accommodation

I stayed at one of the CBS accommodations, named 'Kathrine Kollegiet'. The rooms itself were not that special, but fine for a semester's stay. I would recommend staying over at one of the dorms, especially the ones with a common area. My accommodation had a basement and this meant that I could always invite all my friends over for pres or to just hang out.

leisure & culture

During my free time I explored the city and parts of Scandinavia. The city has so much to offer. It has many different kinds of museums to see, loads of exquisite restaurants to taste food from and many night clubs to dance the night away in. Next to this, the city also has loads of water and a beach which is all nice during the summer.

suggestions/tips

I would get a credit card, because sometimes I wasn't able to pay with my normal card or Revolut.

CONCLUSIONS

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

I would definitely recommend going to CBS. The university is well organized and offers loads of activities for exchange students, which made it easy to make friends. Next to this, the city Copenhagen is amazing and the Danes are very friendly. I made loads of great friends whom I still speak to every day.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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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 13-08-2021 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?



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 21 st 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 intenational 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 accomodation.



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.