



ERASMUS+ STUDIES - UU Report 18/19

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name study programme	Pharmacy

destination city & country	Copenhagen, Denmark
name university abroad	University of Copenhagen
start date	01 / 02 / 2019
end date	30 / 06 / 2019

PREPARATION

exchange application process

The process took a lot of time. I had to figure out where I wanted to go on exchange. It was useful to go to those information lectures of the international office to hear about the different options for going abroad. The application itself took a lot of time because the University of Copenhagen also asked me to fill in some papers before accepting me.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

The support was great. It was easy to ask questions to the international office. Besides that, it was also nice to talk to the study supervisor about the planning of my bachelor.

academic preparation

I attended one course in Biology here, but I study Pharmacy at my home university. This made me having a bit of a lack in my background knowledge. However, it was not that difficult to keep up with the Biology students.

language preparation

I did the OLS to see on what level my English was. The English I learned was from high school.

finances

My parents support me. And I got an Erasmus+ grant.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I did my elective courses here in Denmark. It was a pity that some of the courses I wanted to do here was not available for me, because my home university didn't allow me to do that course. Other than this I didn't have any problems with organizing the courses in my bachelor program.

academic quality of education activities

It was funny to see that here in Denmark it is common to have oral exams and digital exams. Compared to my home university they give more lectures than classroomsessions. The teachers were very nice and really wanted to help you with understanding the learning material.



counselling & support at receiving university abroad

The teachers really tried to make you understand the subjects you needed to learn. They were available by email when you had more questions.

transfer of credits

The transfer was just like my home university in ECTS.

STUDENT LIFE

welcome & orientation programme

The welcome day was nice. It gave me the opportunity to meet new people super fast. Via this way I made new friends very quickly.

accommodation

Accommodation was organized by the Housing Foundation. It was quite expensive. My rental was around 8000DKK per month. This is quite a lot for an old building I lived in.

leisure & culture

The Danish culture is not that big. I experienced that Danish people are very introvert at the beginning. After you get to know them they are more open and social. Danish people put their own flags everywhere, for example on cakes. I had some free time besides studying. I went to a lot of castles and museums. This was nice to see. It is funny that Danish people wear summer clothes immediately when there is just the first little bit of sunshine outside.

suggestions/tips

It is nice to meet Danish people by going to bars.

CONCLUSIONS

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

Yes. The university organizes a lot of events for the exchange students. For example, we went to a museum and we had an international dinner. This made my exchange much more fun. Copenhagen is a nice city to live in. I felt very safe. Just heads up that Copenhagen is quite expensive. For a coffee outside you can pay around 5 euros.

do you have any additional advice or comments?

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faculty/college	Science
level	<input type="checkbox"/> bachelor's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
name study programme	Theoretical Physics, Mathematical Sciences

destination city & country	Copenhagen, Denmark
name university abroad	København Universitet
start date	26 / 8 / 2014 (dd/mm/yyyy)
end date	23 / 1 / 2015 (dd/mm/yyyy)

PREPARATION

exchange application process

I applied for Copenhagen University through my faculty (Science) in January. Before finally choosing for Copenhagen, I looked through all the possible faculty exchange partners. I wanted to go to a university that was at least as good as Utrecht and that offered enough interesting courses in theoretical physics and mathematics.

counselling & support at Utrecht University

I discussed which mathematics courses I should follow in Copenhagen with a professor in Utrecht. This was a very good idea, since I found it hard to decide which courses were the most important.

academic preparation

There was no specific academic preparation, the courses in Copenhagen fit in nicely with my previous courses.

language preparation

The courses in Copenhagen were taught in English. It was possible to follow a Danish course in Copenhagen, but I decided not to do this.

finances

I received an Erasmus scholarship, an amount that replaced my student's public transport subscription that I normally have in the Netherlands, the normal student scholarship from the government, and my parents paid a part. The housing was extremely expensive in Copenhagen (about 650 Euros per month in my case, but if you're lucky there are cheaper options). Also, groceries were more expensive than in the Netherlands.

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD

study programme (content and organisational issues)

I followed courses in physics and mathematics and this was no problem at all.

academic quality of education activities



The quality was very good, at the same level as in Utrecht.
counselling & support at receiving university abroad
Copenhagen University organized an introduction for all science students. During these days many organisational things were discussed and we attended lectures on Danish culture. The support and information given to the science exchange students was very good.
transfer of credits
I have not yet transferred my credits.

STUDENT LIFE
welcome & orientation programme
There was a welcome program for science students in the week prior to the beginning of the block that took four days. Many organizational things were explained and we were introduced to the University and Danish society. I met friends during this time with whom I regularly met during my stay abroad.
accommodation
The accommodation I had was extremely expensive. Copenhagen University has a housing foundation that offers rooms to exchange students. I rented my room through them. There was a certain day, a couple of months before my study period abroad started, when I could choose a housing option on their website. On this day many people accessed the website and the system crashed multiple times. Also, options disappeared extremely fast. I would recommend future exchange students going to Copenhagen to research the possible options before this day and make a clear top 5 of your favourite choices. On the day that you should choose your housing option, make sure that you have internet access the entire day and as soon as you can log in to the system, select the best option that is left.
leisure & culture
I made some trips to other places near Copenhagen and went to museums with a group of friends I met at the introduction. We also met regularly to have dinner together. My girlfriend visited me and I visited her in the Netherlands a couple of weekends during the semester.
suggestions/tips
Research the housing options that Copenhagen University offers and on the day you can apply sit behind your computer and wait until you can log in to the booking system.

CONCLUSIONS
would you recommend this university/destination abroad to others? please explain
Yes, definitely! Copenhagen University offers very good education and the city is very nice and offers enough of things to do.
do you have any additional advice or comments?