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I spent the second year of my EnvEuro master in Copenhagen and really fell in love with the city. I really appreciate the time I had there and the people I met along the way – I hope it's going to be the same for you!

Accommodation

Finding an affordable place to stay in Copenhagen was not the easiest task. I would recommend applying for different dorms or looking for a room in a shared flat on facebook (beware of scammers!). I applied for a room in the CPH village and luckily got one in Amager. It is not the cheapest place to stay (about 730€ per month, 630€ if you apply for boligstøtte), but the location was the best, people are really kind and I enjoyed living in my small room there. Also, South Campus is right next to it and is a nice place to study, hang out or go for lunch.

Costs

Copenhagen is definitely one of the more expensive cities. Besides the high costs for accommodation, groceries and going out is expensive too, so it makes sense to figure out some ways to save money. For food I would recommend using the 'Too Good To Go' app, foodsharing (they have a facebook page) and cooking at home with your friends. If you need furniture, bicycles etc. have a look at facebook marketplace or dba. Also, you can find lots of stuff for free at the recycling stations of the city (genbrugsstation).

University and courses

In general, I really liked the atmosphere at KU and the block course system. Although, it was still a lot of work throughout the course, it was nice not having to go through such an intense exam phase. Most lecturers were very supportive and there is less of a hierarchy between lecturers and students.

The focus of my studies was on Ecosystems and Biodiversity, which is not offered at KU anymore. Some of the courses were pretty basic since they were taught together with bachelor students. If you feel the same about your courses, or you just don't like them, check the deadline for de-registering in KU self-service. For most courses there was the option to de-register/register 1-2 weeks after they started. If you miss the deadline though, you are stuck with that course and need to complete it, KU is pretty strict about this.

During my time in Copenhagen, I also wrote my master's thesis. At KU there only is the option to start in the beginning of each block and you get a total of 4 months, which they are also really strict about. It definitely was a lot of stress, so if you want to have some time between courses and your thesis, there might be an option to start in the next block.

Life in Copenhagen

As I said earlier, I really fell in love with the city during my time there. Winter was quite harsh, but not as bad as expected – just be prepared for biking in the rain. I would definitely recommend buying or renting a bike as soon as you move there, since Copenhagen is the best city for biking, and it makes life a lot easier. Even in winter, there is still a lot to do, like going to a nice coffee place, a free museum or one of the Friday bars at campus, signing up for a KU sports class (KU Studenteridræt), going to Folkehuset Absalon for one of their workshops, or just meeting at a friend's place for dinner and save some money. As soon as



the weather gets nicer in spring, everyone is suddenly outside, enjoying every second of sun. I spent most of my time going to the beach in Amager or swimming in one of the channels. Copenhagen has many nice areas and parks to go for a walk or sit outside for a picknick or drink. I'm sure you'll find a lot of nice activities that suit you!