



REPORT ON ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

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THE FOLLOWING POINTS COULD BE OF INTEREST TO FUTURE OUTGOINGS:

1. The city, country, people and social integration
2. Accommodation
3. Costs
4. Miscellaneous administration (visa, insurance, etc.)
5. Description and overview of the host university
6. Registration and enrolment formalities, including details of the orientation period
7. The courses that are on offer and the courses you attended (short description and review)
8. Study workload (ECTS) per semester and the grading system
9. Academic advice/support available
10. Tips and summary



- 1) Danish people are very polite, though they won't make an effort to try to be friends with you, luckily we were about 12 people that came together from Vienna so I already had friends. There's a big community of international people, so I guess is true what they say that internationals stay with internationals. Anyways, this is Denmark, further north, only they speak the language, people are reserved and comfortable in their little perfect bubble... so I knew what to expect.
- 2) Finding affordable accommodation is going to be hell, even worse for international people because landlords here take advantage of them, charging outrageous prices. So be prepared to spend at least 670-870 euros per month for a semi-decent room in a shared flat somewhat close to the center, once you're "integrated" maybe a couple of Danish people can recommend you danish facebook groups to find accommodation, if you're lucky you'll find something for 670 euros per month.
- 3) If you don't drink alcohol, cook always at home, never eat out, nor take-away, nor order food, and you dumpster dive, then you can spend about 200 to 350 euros in groceries per month, which is what I've been spending. Otherwise, be prepared for at least 450+ euros a month. A hamburger with fries can easily cost you 17 euros, and a very cheap beer costs no less than 5 euros in a bar.
- 4) If you're non-EU be prepared for hell again, thank goodness we don't need to buy an insurance here but all the visa procedures and etc will stress you out the WHOLE time. First, we don't get to apply for SU (a juicy amount of money that only European students get per month), nor any monetary governmental aid. If so, our visas will be revoked and they will kick you out of the country, giving you about 5 days or so to leave. They also punish us with some years that we cannot go back, don't know the amount of years exactly. Second, about visa procedures, SIRI's webpage is always up-to-date and all the information you need is there, just take screenshots all the time cause you'll need it later when for A or B reasons. The international office at KU won't be of any useful help, since it seems that they rarely deal with non-EU people, so we are always on our own. Third, don't remember much of the CPR and NemdiD procedure, but got everything within a month. Finally, bank account, since I was 28 when I moved here, student bank accounts weren't an option anymore because of my age (they have an age limit of 26 I think), so opened in Arbejdernes Landsbank, within a week my account was open, maybe was fast cause I already had a working contract... I've heard could take up to a month.
- 5) KU is very relaxed, good thing that everything is online, like signatures and stuff, so that was pretty smooth. But there's not much of a community feeling, KU is scattered throughout the city so you barely meet people from your campus.
- 6) That was all good, just had some troubles with enrolling one course, but managed to get in.
- 7) Wish I could've been able to take more courses, the ones that were of my interest weren't in my master's list so I couldn't... Also, courses weight a lot (7.5 ECTS), so instead of being able to take 6 courses of 5-ECTS in a semester, we can only take 4 and was a bit inflexible.
- 8) Study workload is fine, as well as the grading system.
- 9) Anything that was not visa related was easy to get answers from, so academic service and IT-support were good. But I was part of a double degree master program and they never made up their minds whether we are "exchange" or "international" students, that was very annoying cause that also influences in our visas. Also because we were supposed to be "full time students", a complete mess... anyhow, I gave up trying to fix or understand that.
- 10) KU's workload gives you enough time to have a part-time job as well as social life, so it is doable. People throw lots of furniture to the streets, so walk around your neighbourhood cause you might find cool stuff!