

ERASMUS-EXPERIENCE REPORT

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Field of study: Environmental Science

Host University: UCPH

Year of study: 2021-2022

Duration of stay: from August 2021 to July 2022

Publication of the report

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I chose to go to Copenhagen for two semesters, and I am very grateful I did so. I really enjoyed my stay, and I now very much appreciate the city and its people.

What certainly helped me feel at home in Copenhagen was how welcoming some of the people I met were. I would recommend visiting Studenterhuset, a place (not solely) for students run by international students, which offers several workshops and free time activities, and is therefore a suitable place for making new connections.

Life in Copenhagen

The weather can get quite harsh during the winter time with a lot of rainfalls, so make sure to be well-equipped for rainy days. Also make sure to surround yourself with good people and whatever else makes you feel 'hyggelig', as the winter days with only little daylight can get you feeling down quite easily.

However, not even the harsh rain or snow can stop people in Copenhagen from riding their bikes. It is very easy but also very expensive to use public transport in Copenhagen, which makes the bikes widely used means of transport there. Apart from being practical, ecological, and economical, riding the bike through the city is also enjoyable :).

After not being successful in finding accommodation in Copenhagen on my own, I decided to get accommodation offered by the Housing Foundation in one of Copenhagen dorms. I was happy with this choice in the end, even though the accommodation was a bit more pricey. You can find dorms close to your campus or the city center, but make sure to be very fast once the applications are open, as there are plenty of interested students.

The prices for services in Copenhagen are quite high, but one can find ways to live on a budget. I for example recommend using the Too Good To Go app, which thrives to prevent food waste, and offers food for a very good price.

University

I appreciate how supportive the teachers I came in contact with were. I felt very safe in the academic surroundings. There is a flat structure among teachers and students, and students are encouraged to ask questions and for advice, which helps with the learning process.

I also really liked the system of blocked courses, when I focused on one or two courses at a time, not more. The workload of the courses can be quite overwhelming, but as one focuses only on a few topics, it is manageable, and it allows one to gain a lot of knowledge on the topic in question.

Going abroad and being part of a group of international students left me more open minded, and also brought me several strong friendships. I would strongly recommend going abroad to anyone interested!