



Exchange Report Copenhagen Business School

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Monthly Activity Log

August

I arrived Copenhagen on August 26. It was a pretty warm day and I was so exhausted after more than 10 hours of flight. The weather in Copenhagen is extremely hot in August and the student dorms are not equipped with air-cons but only heater/warmer. I spent most of time in the week to get myself familiar with places and the heat over there.



The library of CBS

September

September is a pretty fruitful month. Everything seems new to me and I got to meet a lot of new friends from all the mingling and introductory sessions that CBS provided us. I was also managed to participate in a city tour held by the volunteers from CBS. September is the month in which I started my European journey, I managed to travel to 3 countries in Europe: Malta, a place full of sunshine; Germany, for the infamous Oktoberfest, meeting my dearest friends from UST; and Amsterdam, for its water tunnels and windmills.



Pictures from Oktoberfest

October

October is probably the most exciting month for me throughout the whole exchange: started to get familiar to the places and things around me, the weather also started to be colder, and I got to have a road-trip with 6 of my friends! We have travelled to Czech and Austria within the 9-day trip. We went up on the Alps and deep in the ice cave and salt mine. It was really a wonderful and spectacular journey!



Picture taken on the alps with our car

November

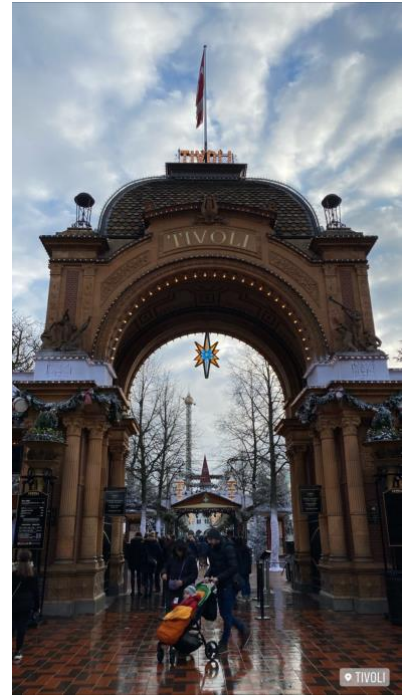
November is a month where my life there at Copenhagen started to get hectic. The first term written paper and job interviews were kicking in (so sleepless nights started). I managed to get to travel to two countries still: Italy for 12 days and Iceland for 5 days. The worst thing ever happened in November though: I got my phone stolen during my trip in Italy. So make sure that you are very aware and alert about anything happening around you on the metro.



The digital exam portal of CBS...

December

December is kind of an extension of the “hecticness” from November, 3 exam papers was due within that month. So pretty much two-third of the month was spent on finishing 3*15 pages of assignments. I finally get to visit the most famous amusement park in Denmark, Tivoli, during the Christmas period with some new-met UST friends that are also exchanging in Europe. I also get to visit the United Kingdom for the New Year’s Eve. Unfortunately, I was suffer from the worst cold that I have ever had over the period of time that I was in the UK. So, again make sure that you will have enough clothes when you are going on exchange i Europe during the Fall semester.



We had a lot of fun there at Tivoli!

January

January is the last month that I stayed in Europe. I was again most of the time sick that month, even after I finished my UK trip and went to Spain for the GBUS study trip. I encountered the mass strike in France so I had to cancel the original plan of going to Paris



Spain



Tate Modern, London



The London Eye



Little Mermaid

after the Spain trip. In such, I went back earlier to Copenhagen and spent my last 5 days during the exchange, revising every places that I have been to throughout the four months that I have been in Denmark.

General Exchange Information

Visa Procedures

I went to Shen Zhen for applying the visa. Remember to bring all the documents required including the visa fee before you go to the centre (passport photos that fits the requirement, income proof etc.). It might take months for the embassy to process your application, so do it as early as possible

Orientation Activities

CBS organises two induction programmes for exchange-in students (one in August and one in September). This is a great opportunity to meet friends. However, the programme comes with a considerable amount of participating fee.

International Services & Activities

The staff there is friendly and helpful in the International Office. They are welcoming and always ready to answer your questions and doubts.

Accommodations

I stayed in the Postgraduate Hall of CBS. The room there is clean and nice (and it's a single room with a very spaceful common room and kitchen).

Courses Registration

There are two course registration windows for exchange students.

I have registered for 37.5 ECTS load (5 Courses):

BBLCV1401U	Negotiation and Conflict Management – Drivers of Success and Complexity
BHAAV2703U	Fintech Revolution
BINTV1051U	Big Data Analytics for Managers
BDMA02023U	Digital Organization
BHAAV2704U	E-commerce Strategies and Practices: A Global Perspective

Teaching & Assessment Methods

Most of the classes do not require attendance rates. Classes that I took were all with take-home written assignments (15-page max) as final exams.

Sports & Recreation Facilities

There are gym club and other sports & recreational clubs organised by the CBS students. They offer activities and session and a low price/even for free.

Finance & Banking (including currency / expenses)

I used credit cards for most of the time as mobile payment is really widely applied in every corners of Copenhagen. But make sure that you will have around 1000 – 2000 DKK for shops that only accept cash (e.g. the hairdressers)

Social Clubs & Networking Opportunities

There are student initiatives around and an exchange buddy assigned to you as well. This is a very good opportunity to meet some CBS students and get to know how their lives at CBS have been and how you could prepare yourselves before hand.

Health & Safety

With the residence card from Denmark and a yellow health insurance card, your basic medical expenses are covered. It is pretty safe in Copenhagen, people usually leave the laptops in café unattended and no one will come and steal it just like what we do in the school library. However, it is always good to stay alert to your own property.

Food

It is advised to cook your own meal in Copenhagen. Getting groceries in supermarkets (Lidl/Netto) makes the meal affordable.

Cooking has been one of the greatest experience that I had in the exchange!

Transportation

I rented a bike from Swapfiets as their road are well designed for bikers to get around every places in Copenhagen, providing a cheap and convenient option to your transportation. The metro in Copenhagen is also pretty developed and it operates 24/7.

Climate

The climate in late-Aug to mid-Sep is very hot so make sure you have the right clothes for that (especially at night where no air-con is equipped in your dorm). Then the weather turn drastically, giving you a bit of a chill in October and November before it turns to constant 3°C-ish, windy weather in December and January.

Communication

There are free SIM card offered by the International Office of CBS. You only have to subscribe to the 99DKK plan for 100GB data and 100-hour international calling minutes (including HK).

Cautionary measures

It is really windy and cold during December and January. Make sure that you have enough clothes to keep you warm, you should also have a pair of gloves for cycling in cold weather to protect your hands. Raincoats/water-proof jackets are also important as Copenhagen rains pretty often.

Items to Bring

- Adapter
- Jackets
- Backpack
- Computer
- Personal ID copy
- Gloves
- Small Suitcase
- Phone
- Cash (EUR and DKK)
- Personal Medicine
- Credit Card
- Personal Hygiene Items

Useful Links and Contacts

Information for Exchange Students:

<https://www.cbs.dk/en/international-opportunities/international-students/guestexchange-student>

Rejsekort (Transportation Card) Information:

https://www.rejsekort.dk/?sc_lang=en