



My Exchange Evaluation

Basic Information

Host University	University of Copenhagen
Semester & Year of Exchange	Semester 2, 2022
Otago degree(s)	Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce
Major(s)	Majoring in Economics

Academics/ course load

Which papers did you take whilst on exchange?

Course title	Language of instruction	Otago equivalent
Danish Culture Course	English	15 ECTS
Introduction to Digital Law	English	15 ECTS

Total Otago credits gained: ☐ 54 points ☒ 72 points ☐ 108 points ☐ _____

Any comments about these papers?

The Danish Culture Course was a great choice as an exchange student as the whole class is other exchange students from all around the world so its a great place to meet people. The paper is a broad overview of Danish Culture and an insight into how Denmark has developed over the years. I found it really interesting learning about Danish history, architecture, film, food and more. As part of the class there is also excursions to castles and museums which is a great chance to explore places outside of Copenhagen. There are several different options on how many points you can do with this

course, I choose to do 15ECTS, 7.5ECTS of it was purely attendance based and 7.5ECTS of it was a written assignment at the end.

Introduction to Digital law was a masters level law paper however was equivalent to Bachelors level at Otago. It was really interesting, and we had a number of guest lectures from all around the world and touched on a number of different topics.

How did the academic experience/ workload/ style of teaching differ from Otago?

The Danish Culture Course had a relatively light workload with half of the points being attendance based and half being a written assignment at the end. The teaching style was similar to Otago with a big lecture theatre and one 2 hour lecture a week.

With Introduction to Digital Law, I enjoyed the smaller class style learning, with discussions and group work, rather than a lecture. There was around 30 people in my class. There was only a written assignment at the end of the semester so the workload was relatively light with this paper.

Accommodation

What accommodation did you stay in? What were the pros and cons of your accommodation?

I stayed a student accommodation called BaseCamp. The pros of this accommodation was it was probably the most central student accomodation in Copenhagen which made getting around really easy and it was only a short walk to the city centre. The accomodation was a beautiful old building and had warm, modern rooms. The rooms each had a kitchenette and bathroom so it was independent living however there were bigger common spaces to cook in if you wanted to with friends. The cons was it was very expensive accomodation and it was not very social as everything you needed it was in your individual rooms so not many people spent time in the few common areas.

Money matters

Please detail your basic costs, e.g. accommodation, flights, visa, food, insurance

Accommodation is very expensive in Copenhagen and probably double to what you pay in New Zealand.

Eating out in Copenhagen is very expensive however supermarkets are similar to New Zealand, if not cheaper.

What means did you use to access your finances? What would you recommend? (Credit card, Cash passport, foreign bank account, etc.)

I used a cash passport called Wise which I highly recommend. You load money onto it and can convert the money to most currencies with a very small conversion fee. Most of my friends used it travelling and it was great.

Visas & Insurance

Did you have to apply for a visa? What was the process?

Yes I sorted out my Visa in New Zealand before I left overseas as I travelled before I moved to Copenhagen but I know some of my friends did it once they arrived in Copenhagen. It required a number of documents and time and I had to fly up to Auckland to do my biometrics and get my passport sent away etc. When I got to Copenhagen we had to have an appointment to get a CPR number and health card.

Did your host university have a mandatory insurance?

No.

Extra-curricular/Social Activities

What organised activities were available to students? What extra-curricular activities would you recommend to future exchange students?

My accommodation had a number of events available to students living there such as parties, movie nights and cooking nights and I know most halls similar events too. The orientation days at the start for both my departments were really good and a great way to meet people - definitely go to them. We also could sign up for a buddy to help us with any questions. There was also sport teams and clubs you could join through the uni too.

What was the university/ city like?

I was at the South Campus which was very modern and a beautiful campus. There are great libraries there and two big canteens which we usually went to get lunch at if we had classes on that day. It was only a 15 minute bike from my accommodation BaseCamp which is in the city centre.

The city Copenhagen is a wonderful city to live in. Everyone bikes everywhere so it makes getting around very easy and cheap. If you aren't wanting to bike the public transport in Copenhagen is great however would be expensive to use every day. There are so many great eating places, bars and cafes to go to everywhere and lots of markets every weekend. It has a great, bustling city centre with lots of places to shop or things to see. There is also great museums.

Any recommendations for things to do, places to visit, places to eat etc.?

Frederiksborg Castle, Louisiana Museum, Deer Park, walk around the lakes and parks, picnic by Islands Brygge and get a group together to do the GoBoats, go to Junos bakery, do a group dinner at Absalon, great second hand shops in Nørrebro or next to the city centre, day trip to Malmö in Sweden.

Any tips for future students?

Overall Experience

Please write one paragraph (or more) about your exchange experience. Please include some photos!

Overall I had an amazing exchange experience in Copenhagen. It was an amazing city, with so much to do and beautiful places. I met so many incredible people from all over the world which made my time all the more enjoyable. I would definitely recommend going on exchange, especially to Copenhagen, if you get the option. It is a great city to live in as it is so easy to get around on bike, clean, everything is central and the people are great.



