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I chose to study at the Technical University of Denmark because of its excellent exchange program and there was not a language requirement. DTU has an exceptional engineering exchange program with the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I was able to take an entire semester worth of credits through the Management Engineering program at DTU that transferred back to the Industrial and Systems Engineering program at UW. Another reason I chose DTU was because the program was for all international students, not solely Americans or native English speakers. I feel that I received a better study abroad experience because I was able to study with students from all over the world, including Spain, France, Germany, Mexico, Australia, and Denmark. Many other study abroad programs isolate Americans to study abroad together as one group. I prefer the program at DTU because it exposed me to many different cultures. My expectations were to try and experience as many new opportunities as possible, including educational and cultural. Before I departed, I made sure to get my student visa and to work out the accommodation with the school. I feel I did not need to make other special preparations before I left.

For students coming to Denmark and studying at DTU, I highly recommend that they stay in campus village, which is the on-site international student housing area. This area is where many of the international students are able to get together to dinner and other activities. Other international students that lived in places other than campus village had a difficult time coming to festivities and spent a lot of time traveling back and forth. Many students moved into campus village as soon as spots were available. The study abroad coordinator in the college of engineering at UW-Madison helped me with my application and all of the appropriate forms. She also had a sit down session with me and another student explaining what life will be like abroad and what we needed to expect. She also was there to assist in any issues with communication with DTU. DTU had an exceptional international orientation program. The program was setup extremely well and the student group leaders were very passionate about making everyone feel welcomed. I met the vast majority of my international friends during the introduction week. I was not informed that I received the Scan|Design scholarship until after I arrived, so the coordinator was not able to assist me during the first few weeks in Denmark.

On an additional note, I would like to mention that if a student has the chance, they should try to live at Egmont in Copenhagen. I had a friend who lived in Egmont and she highly recommended it. Egmont has an application process, but it is well worth the effort. Egmont would be the idea living situation because of its location and it provides an excellent opportunity to meet Danish students.

Here are the comparisons between DTU and the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

- Class Registration
 - Both universities had similar online class registration systems.
- Classroom Structure

- DTU had a much different classroom style, with 2 hour lectures followed by 2 hour group work sessions. This was different because Madison has usually has lectures either twice and three times per week for either 75 or 50 minutes respectively.
- Instruction
 - I felt that the instruction at DTU was much more ambiguous and open-ended. For example, many of the class assignments did not have specific details in regards to what needed to be accomplished. Students were simply given the “go figure it out” mentality. This was extremely evident in my risk assessment course. At UW-Madison, I am used to having all details of assignments and projects being clearly defined.
- Teacher/Student Relations
 - I felt that both universities had similar teacher/student relations. It seemed the professors at DTU were open to meeting with students outside of class.
- Grading/Exams
 - With the classes that I had at DTU, I did not receive any feedback on assignments to see how I was doing throughout the semester. I would turn the assignments in, but I never received a grade back or any feedback, just a final grade at the end of the semester. It was actually quite frustrating because I had a hard time telling what the professor thought of my work.
- Administration
 - Both administrations are equally helpful.
- Library, Classroom, Computer facilities
 - I found it frustrating that the only library at DTU closed at 8pm. At my home university, I get a majority of my work done at the library after that time. There were 24 hour computer labs in various buildings, which were helpful and similar to my university.

The quality of instruction at DTU was very good. The professors were very knowledgeable. The courses were also difficult, because a large majority of the classes taught in English were Masters level courses. I did not experience this, but a few of my international friends received very critical grading and failed some of their courses. The aspect that I enjoyed the best about the academics was the large amount of group work. This gave me the opportunity to work with other international and Danish students. The part that I did not enjoy was that entire course grades came down to either one project or exam. This was not for ever course, but it was for the courses that I took. It gave me lots of flexibility at the beginning of the semester, allowing me to travel, but it was difficult because I had only one opportunity to receive a grade.

I would say that the campus village containers were the ideal place for international students to live. All the international students were together in close quarters, but it made it very hard to meet Danish students. I located my housing through my study abroad coordinator in the college of engineering. I had the option to live in campus village, to live in a Danish dorm hall, or to live with a Danish family. I chose to live in campus village because I wanted to live close to other international students. I recommend this because the international students were very friendly, and my friends that lived in Danish dorms had a hard time getting to know the Danes. If a student has the opportunity, I highly recommend they apply to live at Egmont in Copenhagen. It is a very social atmosphere and it will give the students the best opportunity to meet Danish students. After visiting Egmont, I would have lived there if I had the chance.

DTU is located in Lyngby, about 20 minutes north of Copenhagen. The campus was nice and had excellent facilities. The main area of Lyngby is a 15 minute walk or 5 minute bike ride away from campus. I would have much rather had the university in Copenhagen. It took between 30 and 60 minutes depending on the trains and buses to get into Copenhagen and transportation into the city was expensive. I typically went into Copenhagen on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

I did not have any health or safety concerns while in Denmark. Healthcare was completely free to all students. I felt very safe in all areas of Copenhagen and Lyngby.

I met most of my Danish friends during the introduction week at DTU. They were the program leaders and were eager to get out and meet new international students. I met other members of the community because I already had a contact in Copenhagen and he introduced me to many other Danes. DTU is not setup well to meet other Danish students outside of the classroom.

To overcome the general American stereotype, I was very open about my country and what I thought about it. I was very open to the Danes that I met about politics and social aspects, which allowed me to bond with them very quickly.

I had already chosen to study abroad at DTU before I received my scholarship. I applied before I left and did not receive the scholarship until my second week in Denmark. However, it made a significant impact on my study abroad because I was able to get out and experience more of Denmark and Europe. The best way to transfer money was to setup a Danish bank account with Danske Bank, and then do a onetime transfer from my US account to my Danish account. From there, I would just withdraw money as needed and pay for things using my Danske Bank card. The unexpected expenses that I incurred were just the general cost of living and transportation. The cost of living for accommodation was very similar, but mostly because living on campus at DTU is far less expensive than living in Copenhagen. Other cost of living aspects, such as food and transportation, were at least 1.5 to 2 times more expensive than my home University.

I appreciated that the coordinator setup events that organized all of the scholarship winners. We had some very fun events. My favorite event was to see the final FCK football match of the year. I was unable to attend most of the other events because I was traveling during those weekends. The DTU administrative services were effective when I needed them.

The type of student for this program must be very hard working, as the classes are indeed difficult. They must be able to crack down and accomplish large projects and study for final exams because at times those are the only grades you will receive. The student must also be social and excited to be in a new country and to experience many new cultures, not just the Danish culture. I feel that DTU is special in a sense because it allows for so many different cultures to come together and experience Denmark. The advice that I would give for students is to be very open-minded and to get excited to meet a variety of students.

I would rate my study abroad experience as the greatest decision that I have made in my academic career. Studying abroad allowed me to experience many new cultures, through both academics and traveling. My academic expectations were met, because I knew that I was receiving a very good education from DTU and I had to work hard to receive the grades that I did. My personal expectations were exceeded by volumes because of the financial support from the Scan|Design Fellowship Program. Since I had already financed my study abroad through student loans before I arrived in Denmark, this scholarship allowed me to experience much more of

Denmark and Europe. I was able to travel to Århus and many other major cities, such as Berlin, London, Paris, and Barcelona. This made a significant impact on my study abroad because I was able to see much more of Europe and experience many different cultures. More importantly, I feel that I made major strides in terms of my independence and confidence after this study abroad experience. I would say that the greatest benefit of studying abroad is seeing another part of the world and meeting so many new people. The greatest challenge of studying abroad is getting used to not being at home anymore. At first it can be frightening, but then you quickly overcome it and become excited to be in a new place.