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I decided to study abroad in Denmark because I had visited my brother there 4 years earlier (he was studying there at the time). I fell in love with the atmosphere of the city and wanted to get to know more about the culture. I am a business major at Madison so I ended up at CBS. Before I left for Copenhagen I made sure I had packed the important things (medications, contacts etc). I also studied up a bit on cultural norms in Copenhagen to help prepare for the culture shock I was sure I would experience.

The accommodations and orientation activities offered by CBS were great. I got to meet people from all over the world in my dorm and got to meet a lot of Danes at the welcome week activities. It was a good way to get to know people and helped to make the transition to living in a new country a lot easier. ScanDesign also organized some events that brought together other students from my University in Copenhagen and introduced us to some of the lesser known happenings in the city.

Classes were very different in Copenhagen than they are here at Wisconsin. It is a lot more self teaching. Your grades are dependent on only one final exam which puts a lot more pressure on it. CBS has beautiful classroom and library facilities which made going to class very pleasant. The instruction at CBS was very good, but required you to learn a lot of the material on your own. I liked the freedom you had at CBS but I wish there had been more exams throughout the semester. It lets you cushion your grade and forces you to keep up with the material, something I struggled with at CBS. I loved the course Sports Economics, the professor was so enthusiastic and it was a very interesting topic.

I stayed in the housing provided by CBS. I lived in Nørrebro which is the multicultural center of Copenhagen. It's not what you think of when you think of Denmark but it was home. The accommodations were really nice and it was easy to get around as we were just across the street from the S-train. I would definitely recommend living in the student dorms. It made it really easy to meet a lot of people that were just learning their way around a new city like you.

The campus and main building of CBS was beautiful. It was in a very nice part of the city and had a gorgeous library and really good cafeteria food. It was right off of the bike path which provided a more scenic route for getting to and from school.

I always felt safe in Copenhagen. Everyone was very helpful and the transportation made it easy to get where you needed to go at anytime. I never had to go to the doctor but know others that did, it seemed to be a very smooth and easy process.

I integrated into the host country mostly through my school. CBS did a great job having a buddy program and an exchange crew. These were Danish students that would meet with you and come to various organized events throughout the semester. I noticed that the Danes are very quiet and reserved. That took a bit of getting used to and it took a while to realize that they weren't being rude, that's just how they are. Otherwise it was very easy to get used to the culture in Denmark. Everyone was very friendly, helpful and welcoming. It also helped that everyone speaks such great English!

The ScanDesign Foundation fellowship helped me so much with my decision to study abroad. Studying abroad, especially in Denmark is so expensive. The ScanDesign scholarship gave me the freedom to say yes to many new experiences. While I was abroad I used my debit card for almost everything. I tried to take out a large amount of cash at a time because it was more efficient with transfer and exchange charges. One unexpected expense was having to buy your plastic bags at the grocery store, so make sure to bring your own! The cost of living at CBS is far more than in Wisconsin. It was a bit of a shock at first but you get used to it. And, when you come back everything seems like such a deal!

The ScanDesign Fellowship coordinator did a great job of giving us all tips for daily living in Denmark. It was very helpful when you first got there and didn't know anything. CBS's international student offices were very helpful as well. They will help you with registration for things and if you need help translating a letter you get in the mail! Everyone made it a really easy transition.

This exchange is well suited for independent students who are looking for a very new and diverse experience. School is very self taught and you have a lot of independence.

My overall experience in Copenhagen was amazing! The ScanDesign fellowship program helped make the transition really easy and gave me a lot of good cultural experiences in Denmark that I wouldn't have had otherwise. I think studying abroad is a great experience for everyone. It gets you out of your comfort zone and you learn so much about yourself when you're challenging yourself and trying new things.