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I decided to study in Copenhagen for numerous reasons; I wanted to be in a metropolitan center in Europe, I am Scandinavian by heritage, the University of Copenhagen offered several pertinent classes for the degrees I am pursuing, and I could manage the program financially. I expected that my courses would be difficult and time demanding. I also thought that I would feel financially secure during my stay and that I'd have all the necessary tools and amenities to comfortably live on my own. I had all the appropriate clothing and electronic accessories, but would have benefitted by seeking out information about phone and internet prior to my arrival.

Both my home and host universities provided adequate orientations. While the information was rather general, they provided us with many of the resources we would need. It was helpful for both parties to mention that there may be some culture shock, because most students including myself expected it, and then got through it really smoothly and quickly. Anne, my Scan Design Fellowship Coordinator, offered help and advice to all of us.

My academic experience in Denmark differed greatly from my experience thus far at the University of Wisconsin. Registration for classes at the University of Copenhagen differs by department; I registered for one class by email and for another by physically turning in a form at the International Office. The classroom structure is extremely informal, and professors welcomed any and all comments at any time. Often times, the presentation slides were packed full of information, and occasionally the class discussion would digress immensely. Professors were extremely helpful in answering

any questions and very little was expected outside of the classroom. I only had class for four hours a week because I took the pre-semester Danish course worth 7.5 ECTS. I received the maximum number of credits at my home university for very few hours of class in Copenhagen. Both of my exam essays were free choice and quite entertaining to complete. Overall, I found the course work to be less challenging than I am accustomed to, but I do feel as if I obtained new and profound knowledge by taking the classes I took. I would recommend any philosophy class offered to international students.

I was satisfied with my housing arrangement, in large part because I had my own privacy while also having access to so many peers. I lived in a four-bedroom apartment south of Copenhagen called Signalhuset with a Dane, a Swede, and an Australian. I met most of my friends and spent a lot of time cooking and socializing there. I would recommend a kollegium to anyone studying in Copenhagen.

The University of Copenhagen has an immense and sprawling campus, with sites both very old and classic and very new. I had class on the City Campus and the Humanities Campus and enjoyed both. I encountered no problems with health or safety and never had the opportunity to seek out my doctor or use my free health care.

I was able to meet Danes through my mentor from the University of Copenhagen and some of my neighbors. I also met a few Danes while out at bars and concerts. I spent time with them both in our homes and in the community and found them to be very open, friendly, and respectful.

The only reason I was able to do any traveling at all while I was in Europe was due to the generosity of the Scan Design foundation. The scholarship I received covered my tuition cost entirely and I was able to put that money towards trips to Holland,

Belgium, France, Spain, England, Italy, and Morocco. I decided not to open a bank account in Copenhagen because I had Visa debit and credit cards through my home account that I could use anywhere. Unfortunately, all credit cards require a pin number for use in Denmark, which I was not prepared for. I found things to be nearly twice as expensive in Copenhagen, particularly eating out and spending time in cafes and bars. Therefore, I'd recommend roughly \$1000 a month for living expenses, without extra travel costs.

I am very honored to be a part of the Scan Design Foundation and all the contact I had with anyone involved in the program was wonderful. I was not able to take part in many of the excursions because I was often out of the country.

Overall, I had an excellent experience in Denmark and will think of it fondly forever. I have no regrets regarding my decision to study abroad and believe that it helped me to discover several things about myself that I never would have discovered otherwise. While it was challenging and difficult to be away from home and spend so much time alone, it encouraged me to seek out what is most important to me while also elucidating just why those things are most important.