

- 1.) The choice to study abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark was simple: great academics, great people, and the mysterious aura of the trendy Scandinavian seas. I chose to study at the Copenhagen Business School, because of its affiliation with the University of Wisconsin business school and its reputable classes, which would convert to the specific requirements I would need to earn a BBA. I went in with no expectations, and knew very little about Denmark. The only noteworthy preparations I made were made on Google Maps, where I measured the distance of each CBS student housing residence, to the main walking street Stroget- the center of Copenhagen nightlife. To improve preparations I recommend ensuring you have the most open mind you have ever had, and are not inhibited to make friends by any sort of commitment/obligations whatsoever. You may also want to know how to say cheers or “skol”, and thanks or “tak”. These two phrases are just about all you need to get around Copenhagen.
- 2.) The only place I would recommend as far as CBS housing goes is Peder Skramsgade or Tordenskolgade. They are adjacent to one another and overlook the most beautiful and historical canal in the entire country. They are walking distance from the main walking street, and make you appreciate where you are in this wonderful life experience with each walk to the Metro. CBS gave me a buddy who not only picked me up at the airport twice ( the first time I failed to account for the time difference and she came a day early), but also helped me get set up, and acclimated to the city enough where I felt comfortable getting around without my iphone. Orientation at CBS is arguably the best opportunity you will have to travel, as there is no class or necessary school obligations, so take advantage.
- 3.) Academics between Copenhagen and the US are comparing apples to oranges. If you're an independent, self disciplined person who does not fold under the pressure of a big exam than CBS is going to be the best school that you have never studied at. However, if you are the type that prefers to be spoon fed information, constantly checked up with in the form of quizzes and homework's, or provided with incentive of going to class other than the foresight of knowing it is in your best interest-you might want to re think your potential study abroad institution. Being the former, I walked into CBS an average student and took the notoriously hardest classes (Finance, Accounting, Global Supply Chain management), acing them all and boosting my GPA. The teachers are excellent, the facilities are state of the art and the main building brand new in an ideal location right off the metro stop.
- 4.) Do a CBS residence. You may not live with Danish people, but you will have the potential of being placed in the most desired Real Estate of Copenhagen. I didn't live with any Danish people per say, but I did live with people from just about every other place in the world. Students throughout Europe, Mexico, Australia, and just about any other non third world country you could think of, all assimilated under one roof with the unified common goal of having the most memorable abroad experience possible. It is truly the opportunity of a lifetime to live in a CBS student housing residence with so many great people from cultures you have never had the opportunity to truly

- understand. Dinner had the feeling of a United Nations meeting and the housing is perhaps the element of a broad I will cherish most dearly, as I made lifelong friends throughout planet Earth.
- 5.) CBS is new, beautiful, and very busy on Thursday nights. Perhaps one of the only institutions that turns into a raging club every Thursday night, which has happy hours at the same time every week, and a fully servicing bar open at every prime opportunity of the day. In colloquial terms, "Solberg Plads is where it's at". The other buildings however can be confusing and are slightly outdated. So my advice as far as the exchange site is concerned, is to take as many classes at Solberg Plads as possible. This is your best opportunity to meet the most Danes, and experience the best environments that CBS has to offer.
  - 6.) No cultural issues, only opportunities. Talk to as many people as possible and never be afraid to ask questions. Danes are ranked the happiest people in the world for a reason. If you are ever lost, which happened to me frequently, they are more than willing to help you find your way home. This is one of the rare countries in Europe that speaks fluent English so take advantage of that. The best opportunities to meet Danes are at class, nexus, through your buddy, Scan Design, and every other adventure you decide to take. You should do so frequently.
  - 7.) Open a bank account with Nordea. They don't charge like Dansk Bank. Wire all payments electronically as this is the most convenient way to transfer funds. Scan Design is a nice support base but Denmark is very expensive so it would be wise to keep track of your finances and set a budget.
  - 8.) Scan Design set up some awesome events. They took us biking at Hven Sweden, and to a Copenhagen soccer game. It was their final game of the season and we got to see them dominate and hoist the trophy for the super league. It is a luxury to have such tremendous trips set up for you, to the point where the only thing you have to do is show up. This is also a wonderful opportunity to explore what the rest of Scandinavia has to offer so put the events on your calendar and plan accordingly.
  - 9.) Be independent, willing to make friends, and have a desire to go out and have fun. Your only abroad once. However, work is serious as your grades will transfer so don't take class for granted. If you're a good time manager you will find plenty of opportunities to catch up on your reading and prepare for the exams enough that you do well.
  - 10.) In conclusion, you've already made your first good decision if you're taking the initiative to consider this scholarship and opportunity to study in Denmark. It is hands down, the greatest city that nobody knows about and you should be very lucky to study there for half a year. Any further questions don't be afraid to email me at Serothstein@wisc.edu