

OUTGOING STUDENT FEEDBACK FORM 2008-2009

Programme **BSc in International Management**

University Attended **COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL (CBS) Denmark**

INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

What did this involve, how long did it last, was it useful?

Danish Crash Course week

The Danish Crash Course was helpful to learn the basics of Danish even though you will never really master Danish. You can get the Danish Crash Course paid for by the University of Manchester (ERASMUS agreement ELIC or something) it is also a great way to meet new people and they also organise evening activities (pay extra) which are definitely worthwhile.

Introduction Week

The introduction week is compulsory and free. The part about housing is useless, but make sure to go to the ones about how to use their online system (very difficult to get used to), the day tour is fun too. They also organise evening activities (pay extra) but also worth it!! Oh and if you decide to do the introduction week evening activities don't forget to bring dressy clothes since they organise a formal dinner.

Overall probably a very intense 2 weeks!!!! Think Fresher's Week times 3!! A lot of fun.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Style of teaching, courses, ease of access to courses, methods of assessment, teaching support

Be on time to classes as well as in handing in your assignments (I mean make sure you hand it in at least 10min before deadline just in case, there are no penalty points like in Manchester, you will just fail if you don't get in on time!)

Long classes (3hours!!!!). Lecturers are ok depends on the courses. Some oral exams (basically your grade depends on how lucky you are: you can get an easy or more difficult question)

Some 4h open book exams

Overall very different from what you are used to (different grading system)

In my opinion CBS is not very academically challenging. But it's a good opportunity to try out different subjects.

Oh books are very expensive (buy textbooks off amazon.uk it's cheaper or look on CBS e-campus: some students sell theirs online and negotiate)

Easy subjects: events management, intercultural business communication, Tourism

Subjects with good lecturer: outsourcing across borders (tough grading at oral exam),

Financial Management (attend all lectures and work!)

Possible to retake exams only if attended them in the first place

CBS buildings are all nice and new

The libraries don't have as many books on loan as Manchester. The library at Solbjerg plads is always packed.

Porcelaenshaven is confusing (make sure you know where to find the room or you will be late)

If you need to print you can print at the library in Soljberg Plads. Be careful if you have a deadline as sometimes there might be a long queue and the printers often have problems (so allow yourself plenty of time)

MBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

Lovely!! Very supportive, big contrast compared to CBS!!

They are prompt in responding to emails; if you have any issues just email them they are really helpful.

Thank you Susan and Louise.

Be sure to send them a postcard!!!!

MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS

Any additional information that could have been useful

Bring a thick bike lock (more expensive in Copenhagen)

Buy an English to Danish dictionary (useful when you first arrive, for food products (ingredients are never listed in English)

Gets very cold in winter – bring warm clothes (coats, scarves, gloves, boots)

Nice weather in August, April, May and June

Metro runs all night. Taxis are expensive especially weekends

HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Level of support, additional information that could be useful for future students

Beware the opening hours!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nice. They will fax your learning agreements for you

If you are planning on receiving packages get them sent to the International Office (they will email you when they receive it)

ACCOMMODATION

Very expensive!!!! (the accommodation provided for international students is a rip off, so even more expensive)

But, great way to make new friends (for life!!!!)

Holger Dankes Vej and Katherine Kollegiet are the best halls (social wise). But be sure to apply early to get in (they are very demanded)

Otherwise CBS offers a few rooms for rent from Danish people, but no parties or noise allowed (depends who you live with) - limited amount of spaces too

Don't even bother trying to find accommodation on your own unless you know someone living there who can help

CBS Accommodation office: not very helpful! Key word: stick up for yourself, go talk to them, insist (if you have any problems)

DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE

Transport, travel, social life, integration with local students, student activity groups

Amazing year, you meet people from all over the world!! Little contact with Danes since you will always hang out with international students. You meet some in classes and Nexus on Thursday nights, but you really need to make an effort if you want to meet some locals.

There are a lot of bar/clubs to go out to (for all tastes) It can be expensive though

Life here is expensive so make sure you can afford it before you go (some students from other universities have had to go back home). Be careful with your spending.

The Erasmus grant helps. A lot of the other International students will be travelling a lot around Europe so save up if you want to join them, you'll meet travel buddies there.

Norwegian airlines are the cheapest airlines plus can buy extra luggage space online for cheap.

Malmö (Sweden) 30 min train ride away, cheaper shopping

Jobs: tough to find jobs if you don't speak Danish but try out some bars (the Irish Rover, Australia Bar) especially if you've got previous experience. Show them that you are learning Danish (take Danish) – always a big plus

Set up an account with Nordea (no fee and you'll get a VISA electron, free withdrawals in Nordea ATMs) – you will need your CPR n° and ID

Buy a bike!!!! Bring a thick lock with you. Check out the residences (the international students' ones) for bikes left by previous students. Make sure they don't belong to anyone and then get them unlocked.

Otherwise check out e-campus for students selling bikes, or 2nd hand stores in Norrebro. A bike with a basket, front brakes and gears is always better. Expect to spend between 500 and 900DKK for a second hand bike depending on the quality/state of the bike. Generally around 700DKK

The metro here runs all night (buy a 2 zoner klippekort 130dkk, monthly passes are also available) There are also buses and trains (be careful always have a valid ticket since you always get checked on the trains) depending on where you want to go

CBS also has sports groups (volley, soccer, badminton, handball), a choir (apparently not too good) and AIESEC but nothing compared to Manchester association wise.

The International Society organises events/trip every month you will receive emails on your CBS account)

Summary

Bring money!! Life is expensive (7th most expensive city in the world)

Bring warm clothes

Be prepared to bike a lot

No need to speak Danish (impossible to learn) – everyone speaks English

Be prepared to party a lot

Fantastic opportunity to travel (you'll have your pick of people to travel with)

Things to do

Walk through Christiania

Bike around the city

Frederiksberg have park (not far from CBS) is a very nice park to go to when it's sunny

Go up the spiral tower of the Church next to Christiania (fantastic view)

Tivoli

Rosenborg castle (museum with the crown jewels)

The little Mermaid (disappointing, very small) – will be moved to China in 2010 for an exposition

Carslberg factory

Check out the Meat Packing district for cool clubs (Vesterbro)

Ice Bar

Norrebro (the trendy place with trendy bars/shops)

Have brunch at the Laundromat cafe (Norrebro)

Have lunch on the terrace of the Black Diamond library when it's sunny

Eat Danish Hotdogs
Etc

A little further out of Copenhagen:

Frederiksberg castle (take the S train) lovely gardens

Hamlet's castle in Helsingor (the castle that inspired Shakespear) – take the S-train to Helsingor

Lousiana museum (s train) – very nice site next to the sea (go whilst it's sunny)

Go see the white cliffs down south (beautiful)

Bakken amusement park – the oldest amusement park (closed in winter)

Check out the numerous beaches

etc

DESCRIBE IN ONE SENTENCE YOUR YEAR ABROAD

Amazing, once in a lifetime experience!! An amazing city