

**2013 – 2014**

**University Attended: Copenhagen Business School**

## **FEEDBACK 1**

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### **INDUCTION/ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

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

This lasted two weeks, the first being a complimentary social week for the Danish Language Crash Course which involved activities like bowling, movie night and international nights out which cost around 350kr (£40). The Second week was for all international students and accompanied daytime activities like introduction meetings and tours of the campus. The evening activities involved mainly international nights out as well as a canal tour, Danish dancing and a welcome dinner, costing around 550kr (£60). These weeks are important for meeting and socialising with international students, especially if living in private housing. The introduction weeks are the same for semester one and two and can become quite expensive.

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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

The style of teaching at CBS is completely different to that at Manchester. Lectures are normally 4 hours long with no workshops or seminars, however participation in lectures is strongly encouraged. Course selection is relatively easy with a similar online system to that of Manchester. In terms of examination, they vary from course to course. This could be in the form of coursework, oral exams or 4 hour open or closed book exams.

### **MBS INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

Level of support, additional information that could have been useful

Despite not needing to contact the MBS international team too often, I was more than satisfied with the level of support and knew I could contact them whenever necessary.

### **MBS SECOND YEAR MEETINGS**

Any additional information that you feel could have been provided

I think the information provided was more than enough. Contact with students that were studying at CBS at the time may have been useful as well.

### **HOST INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

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

The level of support at CBS was sufficient however I didn't need to contact them too much. They were easily accessible and helpful with the completion of forms and course selection

### **INSURANCE, HEALTH COVER**

Please include any information relating to the purchase of compulsory health insurance ie costs etc. or whether this was waived by having the University of Manchester Insurance Policy

No additional insurance was purchased

### **INFORMATION ON ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS**

This should be information on any extra fees that the University charged but should not include accommodation, books, transport, visa etc.

The only extra fees related to the introduction weeks

### **ACCOMMODATION**

As much information as possible on what accommodation is recommended or not recommended.

The accommodation process proved to be fairly difficult, so ensure you know the deadlines and prior research is important. The halls of residence are typically quite expensive around 5000-6000kr per month. Although there are limited spaces available for international students, the most desirable halls by far is Tietgen which is modern, highly sociable and more reasonably priced as it is partially funded by the Danish Government. Additionally, Porcelaenshavn is an on-campus, all international student halls of residence with great location and the perfect halls for meeting new people, however it can be pricey depending on room type. Other recommend halls for international students are Katherine Kollegiet and Holger.

I stayed in private housing with another CBS student which proved slightly cheaper (4250kr) and this was organised by the CBS Private housing team. If you end up in private housing, it is essential to go to the introduction weeks in both semesters as it is naturally harder to socialise when opting for private housing.

### **DESTINATION INFORMATION AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE**

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

Transport: The main method of travel in Copenhagen is by bike, however public transport is excellent. The metro waiting time during the day is never any longer than 3 minutes, with stops conveniently located throughout campus. Additionally, the S Tog is convenient for exploring further afield. The cost of a monthly 2-zone ticket (which is generally all you need) is 360kr (£40) which includes the metro, S-Tog and Bus.

Travel: As the gateway to Scandinavia, Copenhagen provides easy access to its surrounding cities. If booked in advance, destinations like Oslo (Ferry), Stockholm (Train/Flights) and Hamburg (Flights) are cheap to visit. Closer to Copenhagen, Malmo is just over the Oresund Bridge which is accessible by Train.

Social Life: Social life in Copenhagen is really good, with the International crew organising weekly events. Although the nightlife can be quite expensive, there are always places offering deals and happy hours.

Integration with local students: This proved fairly difficult with most Danes sticking to themselves and within their friendship circles however if needed they are generally very friendly and helpful.

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