

## Personal Report

### Erhvervsakademie Aarhus - Denmark, WiSe 2021/22, 1 Semester FB3 – International Finance - Bachelor

#### Language

**Which language did you use? How did you communicate with your fellow students?**

English.

**How well were you able to follow classes linguistically at the partner institution? Did the partner university provide language classes?**

I could very well follow the classes. The university did not provide any language classes during the semester.

#### Accommodation

**Did the host university arrange for accommodation? How would you describe the quality of your accommodation?**

Yes, they provided dormitories and the quality was bad.

**How high were your overall monthly costs for accommodation (in Euro)?**

700€

**How well was the accommodation situated? How long did it take you on average to reach the partner university (in minutes)?**

By foot it was 15 minutes to the university, so the accommodation was close.

**Where have you been accommodated (name of dormitory, location, part of town, etc.)?**

Name: Ravensbjerg Kollegiet in Viby J. (25 minutes away from Aarhus city center by bus).  
There is a shopping mall close to the accommodation (10 minutes by foot)

## **Arrival at the Partner University and Orientation**

### **Which is the best arrival time?**

I think experiencing Denmark during spring and summer times is really good.

### **How did you organize your arrival? Were all important questions answered? What did you have to find out yourself? How fast were you able to get in contact with the domestic students?**

I didn't prepare that much, I had my room, I know where it is and just went there. During the orientation program you get definitely enough information to get important documents, etc. The other exchange students were very helpful

## **Living Abroad**

### **Compared to Frankfurt, how high was the cost of living abroad? What additional expenses did you have during your semester abroad?**

It was about 150% higher than the costs in Frankfurt. I can recommend Fakta as a grocery store.

### **How far were you able to travel with your semester ticket? How were the libraries? Was their use free? Did the university provide computer workplaces/ computer pools? Was Wi-Fi available on-campus? Did the university provide a sports program? Was this free of charge?**

A meal in the cafeteria roughly costs (converted) 5-7€. There were always the possibility to get a vegetarian / vegan dish or a meal with meat and a very fresh salad bar. Yes, the university provides workspaces within the university and gives out laptops if needed. The Wifi in the building is very good.

## **Studying at the Host University**

### **How would you describe the academic standard of classes compared to Frankfurt?**

A bit less challenging.

### **Did you experience any difference in teaching methods/ class structure? Which were the difference regarding your expectations and your experiences at the partner university?**

It is highly appreciated being in the classes, this definitely makes a difference in your final grade. Education is very much focused on interpreting and using the working with the gathered knowledge. Focus is on group works and social interaction.

### **How were the student services? Was the fact, that you were an exchange student taken into account (by professors or other staff)? If so, how? How were difficulties, which you or other exchange students may have met, handled by the partner university?**

The fact of being an exchange student is not really taken into account in class.

## **Final Remarks**

**What should future exchange students know/ do/ avoid? How would you overall rate your exchange experience? In what ways have you benefitted academically, personally, linguistically for your future career?**

You probably have a semester abroad only once - enjoy it! It is great to build your network, get to know interesting people. I am pretty sure that I have improved my english skills since this was the only language I spoke for 5 months. I improved mostly personal skills, since the education is focused on social interaction and group works. -Being independent -Curiosity & Courage. My semester abroad will remain unforgettable because I got to know so many unbelievable cool people.