PART 1 Introduction of university and courses
Copenhagen Business School (hereinafter referred CBS) located in Frederiksberg district of Copenhagen. The campus of CBS consists several buildings in Frederiksberg: Solbjerg Plads, Polcelænshaven, Dalgas Have, Kilen and Flintholm. All the buildings are modernized design and beautiful. Moreover, it’s convenient for students to take Metro to change to another building. If you more prefer to walk, it costs approximately 15 minutes.

CBS requests students take 30ECTS/semester. Basically, due to 7.5ECTS/course, it will be four courses for each student. Exchange students will register the course online through the system, assisted by the international office. During the first round of registering, students will register the courses they are willing to take. However, to some extent, it will cause overlaps because it’s impossible to know the time slot of the courses at that time. Thus, students have the second choice to adjust the courses they take. No one will care about you come to lecture or not, which doesn’t like the attendance requirement in Corvinus University.

As regarding to exam, CBS has three forms: home assignment, sit-in written exam and oral exam. Home assignment is usually 48 hours and requires students to write a 10-page essay about certain topic professor gives to you. It’s really tough and making me nervous because I need to search resources about my essay and finish it within the limited time. Not understanding deep through the materials in the lectures, I couldn’t survive from this one. Moreover, students need to exam hall to take sit-in exam with computer, costing 4 hours. I took sit-in exam with Statistics, which was an open-book exam. But, to be honest, there was no time for you to find the solutions through textbook expect formulas. About the oral exam, students will have 20 minutes preparation to the topic they drew. Then they make presentations within 20 minutes to examiners. I was nervous and afraid about oral exam because it was a really new to me. Nevertheless, professors and examiners were friendly and warm-heart. They talk to me nicely and gave me a glass of water to help me take it easy. Meanwhile, importantly, only final matters your grade, which means that there are no
midterm and quizzes. So, every student in CBS put all effort into final preparation. You can barely find an empty seat in library in the time before and during exam period.

The services provided for exchange students are considerate. Every exchange students will get a Buddy who will go to airport to pick you and be company with you to the dormitory or the apartment you rent. When I arrived at Copenhagen airport, I saw my Buddy, Kamilla, hold a lovely paper with my name. Then she gave me a warm hug like an old friend. It really meant a lot to a person who went to unacquainted city. In the following four months, if I had some problems or questions about anything, she would give me a hand without consideration. It was really reassuring and felt good. For some university issue, staffs of international office also nicely help to find the optimal solutions with patience.

**PART2 Life in Copenhagen**

[Food] It’s really not cheap to have a meal in a restaurant in Copenhagen. So, the most crucial thing for exchange students is cooking by yourself, which is the most delicious and inexpensive way. Due to the high living cost in Denmark, I would like to recommender two most affordable supermarkets, Netto and Fakta. I saved some money by buying through these two supermarkets and cooking by myself. Moreover, it’s a great time for students to communicate, share food and build a new friendship when they are cooking in the shared kitchen of dormitories. I didn’t live in a dorm but I joined a party in one of my friends’ dorm. It had impressed me with ten various foods from different counties and these lovely friendly people, which was a life-long good memory.

[Clothing] On account of the climate, Copenhagen is a rainy and windy city. Although there is barely a big rain, a raincoat is a necessity for everyone living here because rains are as capricious as young kids. I have learned the lesson in the first month when I lived there. Every local student I know all have a rain coat, not only for rain, but also for windy days to keep you warm. Moreover, rain coats are not cheap but in very good quality. Therefore, I still suggest students are supposed to get one.

[Housing] Normally, exchange students live in dormitories. CBS has approximately 10 dormitories locating in different areas of Copenhagen. The first crucial principle of choosing a dormitory is transportation. However, to be honest, no matter where you live, there are always buses or metro nearby. The only difference is someone may take more time than
others to CBS. After considering the transportation, students are supposed to take your living habits. Are you willing to share a kitchen or a bathroom with other people? Or are you willing to occupy the kitchen or bathroom? CBS provides various different room with different utilities for students to choose. The price depends on the condition of the room, like size, whether share kitchen or bathroom. Thus, students need to spend some time to choose the best one which fits your budget before the opening of dormitory system. Information about those dormitories can be found in the CBS website. Unfortunately, every semester, some of exchange students can’t get the room of dormitory like me. Don’t worried!!! International office provides private housing service for exchange students who don’t get the dormitories in Facebook group. I found my lovely home in Copenhagen and spent a great time with my landlady. I really appreciate the help from CBS staff.

[Transportation] Basically, there are two main ways in Copenhagen. The first one is buying a secondhand bicycle. In the beginning of every semester, some startups found by CBS students would hold some activities for renting bicycles. If you want to buy a secondhand bicycle like me, I suggest visiting some Facebook groups or local secondhand website. The second way is public transportation. Because it costs 12-15 DKK for a single ticket, I more suggest getting a Monthly Pass if you choose this method for commuting to CBS, which costs 375 DKK in Zone1&2. However, in my perspectives, having a bicycle is more convenient and local style. Having a city tour with friends using bicycle in a sunny day would be a perfect experience for everyone exchange student.

PART3 Announcements

[CPR Card] Once you arrive at Copenhagen, you should apply the CPR as soon as possible. If you have some illness, you can have a phone call to make an appointment to the doctor in your CPR card. Please be quick to apply, because it will be slow in the end due to the larger amount of foreign students coming to study in Copenhagen.

[Phone number] CBS will give every exchange student a SIM card, which you can recharge online or through 7-11 shops you will find them everywhere in Copenhagen.

[Useful Website] CBS website: https://www.cbs.dk/en
PART4 Summary

In my opinion, this exchange experience has been the most excellent one I never ever have and a part of my great memories. I have regretted for a second during the period of preparing all those complicate materials for exchange. Nonetheless, now, I am so glad that I have made the decision and insisted, because all the efforts are worthwhile. It is undeniable that for many people, most of the exchange time appears to be traveling all over the country or Europe. But you are able to choose how you can make the value of your exchange maximum!

I am a student in my final year with graduation and employment pressure, who decided to leave! Not to escape, but face the problem!

I used to ask myself some questions. “How much potentials do I have?” “How good is my English?” “Am I able to compete with people with excellent English skills and higher degrees?” … Not surprisingly, I didn’t have any answer.

So rather than asking questions without answers like I did, people should be brave to leave comfort zone. And they will know the answer when they take actions. Thus, I took my action to have an Erasmus semester.

When people have made a plan for themselves and had a clear goal, I believe the feelings or rewards of exchange will not only be as vague as that of “broadening horizons”. The question, like “how many countries have I been to?”, will seem to be negligible.