

Fall 2017 Semester

Aarhus University, School of Business (Aarhus BSS)

A) Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course

Program of study: Business specializing in entrepreneurship

Courses I am taking (6 courses worth 5 ECTS each)

1. Digital Marketing
 - 30 hours of class total
 - Weekly group exercises (voluntary)
 - Weekly articles to read
 - Exam: written
2. Social Entrepreneurship
 - 26 hours of class total
 - Weekly articles to read
 - Exam: 2 days written exam - you're given the questions on the first day and then you have 48 hours to write a 7-15 page report
3. Sustainable Production and Consumption
 - 30 hours of class total
 - Weekly articles
 - Exam: Pick a topic and write a report on it (given topic 3 weeks prior to due date)
4. The Chinese Economy
 - 24 hours of class total
 - Weekly articles to read
 - Exam: written
5. Firms in a Global Marketplace
 - 26 hours of class total
 - Weekly articles
 - Group case work (weekly - does not count towards grade)
 - Exam: written
6. Intercultural Communication
 - 30 hours of class
 - Weekly articles to read
 - You do one group presentation on an article that is given to you
 - The presentation does not count toward your grade as it is 100% finals
 - Exam: Oral exam - on exam day you pick your topic and then given 20minutes to prepare before you give a presentation to prof

B) The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc)

- Introduction week started August 28 - September 1
 - Last day to register for a change in your course schedule: September 17th
- Classes began the September 4
- My last class: December 5
- Reading week from October 16 - 23
- No Thanksgiving
- 2 Semesters like us except their exams go into the first couple weeks of January (eg. I have a final paper that is due in January and I will hand it in online when I'm back home)
- All exams for international students (that you have to be present for and can't do online) will be before Christmas so you can go home
- My last exam is December 16th so I suggest booking a return flight around December 20th to be safe
- Weekly schedule for classes are not constant. Sometimes I have class one week and then won't have it the next week so it's important to check and update your class schedule weekly

C) Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection

- First things you have to do when you arrive is pick up your house keys from the international centre (If you were able to get accommodation through the school)
- If you arrive when the housing office is closed you can let your mentor know and they can pick them up for you and meet you when you arrive (have to let mentors know 1 week before you arrive)
- Tip: When you arrive take the airport bus to downtown Aarhus!! It is very expensive to take a cab in Aarhus (Denmark in general) It cost us \$120 Canadian to get from the airport to the international centre the first day (the Aarhus airport is about an hour from downtown)
- Send your picture in for your student card prior to arriving and then you can just pick it up with your housing keys.
- The airport bus costs around \$22 Canadian each time you take it
- During introduction week they have a session where you will be able to apply for your CPR number (that every Danish resident must have)
- Phone: they will give you a sim card in your introduction package. If you got your phone unlocked you just put the sim card into your phone and then you can buy a monthly fill up card as a phone plan. You can buy the phone plans at any convenient or grocery store usually. Phone plans are very cheap here the one I have is \$20 CAD a month and you get 60g of data, unlimited texting to numbers within in Denmark, and a 100 minutes of calling (international and domestic).
- Getting around: biking is the main form of transportation here, but if biking isn't your thing you can get a bus pass for 4 months. I have both a bike and a bus pass.
- Bike: you can buy a bike from used bike shops, rent one, or buy one off DBA (which is the same thing as eBay but Danish version). I bought mine off DBA for 800dkk (\$160CAD) which is a fairly good price. I am planning on selling my bike before I leave either to a used bike shop or on DBA.
- Bus: Bussing is very easy here once you get a hang of it. My bus pass cost me around \$80CAD a month here which is fairly steep but normal here in Denmark since things are much

more expensive. You can either buy a bus pass using the Midtraffik app or go into the central bus station and buy a pass. Without a pass it costs 20dkk each time you ride the bus.

D) Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc)

- Roundtrip flight from Toronto to Aarhus = \$1381 CAD plus \$100 extra baggage each way
- They use Kroner as currency in Denmark which is about 5dkk to \$1CAD
- It is very expensive to live in Denmark
- You should definitely make a budget before you leave on what you want to spend on travel, groceries, entertainment, etc.. a month
- Average meal at a restaurant here is around 130dkk (\$30 CAD)
- Campus cafeteria is cheaper though and you can get lunch for around \$10.
- Groceries example:
 - Eggs: 23dkk for 15 eggs
 - Chicken: 40dkk for 3 chicken breasts
 - Cheese: 33dkk for cheddar cheese block
- Housing: My rent is less expensive here than it is in Ottawa, but it depends on which residence you get. My apartment is pretty far away from the campus and downtown which is why it is less but if you get housing closer to downtown it will be more. My monthly rent is 2,353dkk (\$471CAD) for a two bedroom apartment.
- Textbooks: None of my classes have textbooks all of our articles are online either on blackboard or the online AU library.
- Travelling: you can find cheap flights using Aarhus. There is more options for flights out of Copenhagen since Aarhus is such a small airport. If you know where you want to go I would book as far in advance as possible. Ryanair usually has good deals when you book in advance and you can find very cheap flights to London from Aarhus. There are many ways to get to the Copenhagen airport too so you can book flights from there as well. We usually take the ferry bus, but you can also train or bus all the way to there.

E) Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc)

- Visa
 - My visa application took about a month and a half to go through so I would apply 2 months in advance to be safe
 - Documents required for Visa:
 - Passport
 - Application package that you have to fill out
 - Bank statement proving that you will be able to support yourself (either by yourself or with the support of your parents) while you are abroad. You have to show that you have around \$7000 in your personal bank account not your parents.
- Housing Deposit
 - Deposit: 5,391dkk
 - If you are only going on exchange for one semester you have to let the international housing office know when you are leaving so that they will stop charging rent or else it is a year contract.

F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing

Address: 257 Stavnsvej, Tilst

- Two bedroom apartment (2,353dkk a month)
- 2 rooms, and a kitchen and bathroom
- Common area in the centre of the complex with laundry machines

G) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience

The past two months have been the best of my life. Not only have I been able to fully immerse myself in the Danish way of life, but I've had the opportunity to learn about other cultures as well. I have travelled to eight different countries so far and am constantly looking for my next adventure. Every country that I have travelled to, I have been able to learn about their history, their traditions, and most importantly I've been able to try their foods. For me this exchange has been the greatest learning experience both personally and educationally.