

Copenhagen Business School (CBS), Questionnaire Fall 2016

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

I am in my third year at the University of Ottawa, studying in the International Management stream. When I went to CBS, I was not put in a specific track, but rather was able to pick any classes that I wanted to take. The classes I took at CBS were the following:

Entrepreneurship and Global Strategy (7.5 ECTs)

This class examined how entrepreneurs shaped (and continue to shape) global capitalism. Students are introduced to the history of entrepreneurs and firms from different countries and industries. The teaching was through lectures and lots of readings. We had a home group assignment to evaluate a case study in a 20 page paper, which then had to be presented to an evaluator in an oral presentation. This class only ran for the first half of the semester (it was a quarter class), so it was very condensed. The final exam was a written, sit-in exam in October.

EU, the Internal Market and Business Strategy (7.5 ECTs)

This class presented an overview of the EU decision-making systems as well as the most business-relevant EU policies. Students are able to develop the strategic potentials of their companies when operating in the European market. The class was taught through lectures. The only evaluation was the written final exam at the beginning of December.

Scandinavian Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility (7.5 ECTs)

This course explored how sustainability and corporate social responsibility are present in the Scandinavian countries. Students discussed the differences in CSR among different nations and reflected upon the ongoing and looming challenges to sustain the performance of these countries. The class was taught in lectures and group exercises by a few different professors. The only evaluation was the written final exam at the beginning of December.

Economic Growth and Decline of Firms, Industries and Nations (7.5 ECTs)

This course explored the understanding of the drivers of economic growth and decline at three different levels: firms, industries and nations. Students studied various economic models and used them to make links in economic activities. This course was taught through lectures and exercise classes. The only examination was the written final exam in December.

B) The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit your precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.

Registration for classes was done in June, with the following rounds and course changes done in August. We had to be in Copenhagen by August 28, as that was when the mandatory daytime activities started. These activities were informational meetings about CBS things, such as IT and Library facilities. Every night that week were social activities such as Canal Tours and parties that could be purchased in the Introduction Week Social Package (which was around 500 DKK). Classes began September 5 and ended December 2 (although the end date depended on the class you took). There were no holidays during the semester, but there was the "potato week", where we had no classes, during the middle of the week (similar to uOttawa's reading week). My exams were in October and December, with my last exam being December 16. I returned home before Christmas, on December 20.

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. Social activities.

CBS has a buddy programme, where you can sign up to have a Danish student (your buddy) pick you up from the airport, bring you to your dorm, and show you around Copenhagen. Once you are settled in, you

need to apply for your CPR number (Danish national identification number) by going to the City offices (CBS provides you this information). You then get the number and the card a few weeks later in the mail. If you got CBS Housing, you have to return your rental agreement to the International Office on the CBS campus. The International Office holds office hours during the week if you have any questions or concerns. If you need to change your courses, it is best to do it with them during that first week.

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

Studying abroad in Copenhagen is very expensive, there's no denying that. My plane tickets were a bit complicated, because I didn't fly directly to Copenhagen. I flew one way to Rome to visit family, and that cost about 600\$ CAD. Flying back, I flew home to Boston, and that was about 550\$ USD. (I would recommend buying two one way tickets, because you won't know your final exam schedule until you start classes). My housing was on the cheaper side by Copenhagen standards, at \$3688 CAD for the whole semester (or \$710CAD per month).

My daily life in Copenhagen wasn't too expensive, but that was because I tried to save my money. I mostly bought groceries for eating, especially from the discount stores like Fakta and Netto. My average weekly grocery bill was about 40\$ CAD. I biked a lot, but if you don't bike then the Metro costs 12DKK each way with the Resjekort (reloadable metro card) or you can get a monthly pass at about 375DKK per month. If you want to go out for dinner or a drink, expect to spend anywhere around 100-150DKK for a beer and a meal. I only bought one textbook while in Denmark, and that was a compendium (like a course pack) for 290DKK. I had one other textbook, but bought it off Amazon before I left for 30\$ CAD.

Traveling costs varied depending where you went. My average round trip plane ticket was about 100\$ CAD, with some cheaper and some more expensive. I stayed in hostels, and those were usually about 75-100\$ for 3 nights. I didn't shop a lot and spent most of my money on food (because I love food) and activities. On average, I spent between 300-400\$ CAD per trip. In total, I expect to spend around \$3000 in traveling costs.

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

The most important thing to do once you've received your acceptance to CBS is to apply for your residence permit. CBS will provide you with all the information you need, but if you get confused the Danish embassy is very helpful over email. For your visa, you first need to make an appointment online with the VF Global Agency that handles the permit applications. You must pay an application fee when you make the appointment. In order to get the visa, you must bring the following with you to the appointment: complete application (emailed to you by CBS), bank statement that shows you can financially sustain yourself (can find the amount online...for me it was around 5000\$ CAD for the 4 months), passport, copy of your passport, receipt of your fee payment and money to pay the processing fee (can be done by credit card, debit card, etc.). You then go to the appointment, where they take your biometrics at the appointment and send your passport to Toronto. You'll receive your passport about a week later and the letter about 2-3 months after your appointment (mine came by email).

Course registration is done in April. You select your 4 primary courses (4 classes you want to take) then 4 alternatives (in case you don't get a primary course). You have about a week to do it and it is not first come first serve. You'll receive your courses in late June & can switch them if needed.

If you get housing, the deposit is due in late June. You can pay in two parts (second part due in October), but I would recommend paying it all at once if you can. To pay it you have to do a wire transfer, and have to pay fees when you do so. It's easier and cheaper to do it that way.

F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.

I was able to get into CBS Housing. I lived in the Oeresundskollegiet dormitory in Amager. The address was Dalslandsgade 8, Kobenhaven 2300 Denmark. CBS only has 4 rooms in this large complex; the rest of the rooms were families and students attending the other Copenhagen universities. The unit was two rooms with a bathroom and kitchenette. It was basic and good for 4 months in Copenhagen.

G) Work term (if applicable).

Not applicable.

H) Other comments or recommendations.

I would definitely recommend traveling as much as you can while you are here. Copenhagen is especially close to Germany, Norway and Sweden, which makes it great for traveling. You can also get flights to places like London for super cheap! If you are comfortable biking, I would also recommend getting a bike for the semester (especially if going in the fall). It is the cheapest and easiest way to get around! Used bikes can range anywhere from 700DKK to 2000DKK. Take advantage of being in Copenhagen and explore the city you're in...there is so much to see!

I) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experiences.

Studying in Copenhagen was one of the best experiences I have ever had!! I met so many people from far and wide and saw so many places that I wouldn't have seen otherwise! The atmosphere in Copenhagen is wonderful, relaxed but at the same time thriving. I liked my classes, traveled a TON, and would do it all over again if I could. I definitely recommend coming to CBS for your semester abroad!!