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Moving to Copenhagen was undoubtedly the most challenging experience of my life so far, and consequently the most rewarding. I studied at Copenhagen Business School which is one of the biggest business schools in Europe, which aligned well with my Business Management/Commerce degree at UQ. CBS is a very modern university with a great campus, providing easy access to public



transport, shops and housing. Studying at a university where the main language isn't English provided some challenges, however the majority of the Danes have a very high standard of English. CBS is quite an international school so I wasn't just learning with Danish students, but also students from all over Europe and the world. The Scandinavian study environment is one where the students are encouraged to

question and challenge the teacher and the material, which I found to be quite alarming at first but grew to appreciate this way of learning.

I was living in Copenhagen city centre, which was so convenient for everything – shopping on Stroget, walks along Nyhavn, eating at many cafe's, and being in walkable distance to many of the popular bars and clubs in Copenhagen. I started learning Danish as a part of my studies which I found very interesting yet difficult, and it was appreciated by the locals when I attempted conversing in their native tongue.



#### 5 hot tips:

1. In summer time, spend an afternoon sitting along Nyhavn with your friends enjoying a few beers (take advantage of being allowed to drink publically!)
2. For the ladies: Go to Joe & the Juice – if not just for the food and drinks, you'll understand once you see the staff!
3. Attend the Voice at Tivoli. It is a once a year concert during the evening, but during the day you are allowed to go on all of the rides for free!
4. Buy a bicycle! It is an essential Copenhagen item. Until it starts snowing, riding a bike is the easiest, quickest, most environmentally friendly and healthy way to transit around CPH. Make sure you try the 'fun' of riding in the snow at least once too.
5. Invest in an umbrella, raincoat or gumboots – or all 3! Copenhagen rains, and rains, and rains, but it doesn't stop the Danes or the exchange students from making the most out of this beautiful city.