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3. Host University
   Copenhagen University

4. Host City
   Copenhagen

5. Host country
   Denmark

6. First semester of exchange
   - Autumn semester (HT)
   - Spring semester (VT)

7. Level of studies during exchange?
   - Undergraduate (Bachelor)
   - Graduate (Master)
   - Phd/doctoral studies
8. State the name of the courses you took during your exchange

Scandinavian Welfare Regime: Challenged by Europeanization and Globalization; Academic Writing for Graduate Students; William Faulkner and Virginia Woolf: Studies in the Modern Novel

9. Home faculty at the University of Gothenburg (GU)?

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of arts and design
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- School of Business, Economics and Law
- Sahlgrenska Academy
- Faculty of Science
- IT-Faculty

10. What are you studying at GU? (name of programme, single subject courses etc)

Engelska: Masteravhandling, litterär inriktning

11. What subject area/s did you study during your exchange? (example; communication, biology etc)

English, sociology

12. Were you/or will you be able to transfer the credits from your exchange to your studies at GU? (tillgodoräknande)

- Yes
- No
- To some extent

Personal Experience
13. STUDIES: Describe the studies at your exchange university. Differences between GU and your exchange univ? Academic level and quality of your courses? Examinations and learning methods, relationship between teachers and students?

The studies at KU have not been altogether that different from my studies at GU. Well inside of the classroom, the courses are similar. Maybe, since KU is a larger staffed university, the courses are a bit more specialized than at GU where I sometimes feel that they are either more generalized or overlapping between teachers with different ideas of the subject area. You can also tell that KU is a bigger institution: more extracurricular events are held, teachers encourage you to attend them and most things are well organized.

14. ARRIVAL, ORIENTATION AND HOUSING: Tell us about your arrival and how you settled in? Practical matters such as registration, housing etc. How was the orientation organized? What type of accommodation did you have? Were you satisfied?

While I couldn’t attend the orientation, KU held a three-day orientation program at the start of the semester where students could familiarize themselves with the facilities and services. Housing was organized through a private company attached to the university which was a bit confusing. Housing was accorded by a first come, first served model and added a bit of stress to the process. Well inside the apartment, everything has been fine, however. There have been complaints about ventilations and other things breaking, but I have had nothing to complain about.

15. FINANCES: Describe the living costs compared to living and studying at GU. Cost of accommodation? Were there any administrative fees at the university? How did you finance your exchange? Is CSN enough to cover the costs?

Living costs are rather high as a Swede in Denmark. Everything you buy is nearly fifty percent more expensive with the current exchange rate and apartment costs are high. I have managed paying my way through the semester without other incomes than CSN and a Nordlys scholarship. However, I have used CSN’s extended coverage just to be on the safe side, something which I have not had to do earlier.
16. LIFE IN A NEW COUNTRY/CITY/CULTURE: Location of the university? Non-academic activities organized by the university? Tips for future students?

Life in Copenhagen is a really nice experience. It has a bit for everyone: plenty of parks, nice architecture, good restaurants and bakeries in every neighborhood and well organized non-academic activities by student organizations. My tip would be to go walking or exercising in one of many parks around town and take in the beautiful scenery.

17. OVERALL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE: Sum up your experience on the whole. If you have any comments or tips for future students please include them here.

I have achieved exactly what I wanted with my experience as an exchange student at KU. I wanted to study my subjects in a new environment and in larger groups, I wanted to try my wings by living with a different (only slightly different to be honest) language and culture and, foremost, I wanted to make new connections both within my field and in my personal life. Copenhagen is a great place to achieve any of those goals, and many more.

Covid-19

Due to the current pandemic we have some specific questions regarding how the pandemic have affected your exchange.

18. In what way were your exchange studies effected by the Covid-19 outbreak?

☐ The Host University closed and I had to return back to Sweden

☐ I participated in remote studies from Sweden

☐ I participated in remote studies in the host country

☐ I had to self-quarantine before I started the exchange

☐ Other
19. How do you think the Host University handled the Covid-19 situation?

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20. Additional comments

When the fall semester started, Covid-19 and the pandemic was at a fairly low level and I appreciated that those running the show at KU kept their word and held all or most studies on campus. Even as cases have been rising to record-levels in Copenhagen, facilities are still available for any service you would require and only one of my classes has been done by remote learning.

21. If you took part in remote studies at the Host University, how would you rate the quality of the remote studies?

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22. Additional comments

As said, I only ever attended one so I don’t have much to go on, but i went just fine.
23. How satisfied were you with the information and support that you were offered by the Host University

- Very dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very satisfied

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24. Additional comments

We were repeatedly reassured that our studies could go ahead and we kept in the loop weekly if not daily about what was planned for the university.

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- [x] Yes, with my name and email address
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