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## (Hygge) Cozy at Copenhagen Business School

If a picture paints a thousand words, then to describe our experience at CBS, we would have to paint more than Michelangelo Buonarroti, Vincent van Gogh, and Leonardo da Vinci combined!

CBS has always been one of the top destinations for outgoing BBA students and there are many reasons why. Upon arrival, we could not have imagined a more cordial welcome week by the school, manifold cultural mix, state-of-the-art facilities, and cosmopolitan lifestyle.



Most people there dress as if they have just been pulled out from the runway and your Danish neighbors may very well look like the models from Abercrombie ads. So frost yourself with fashionable cloths if you don't want to be voted off the show!

Regarding the school life, most of us found CBS courses much more challenging than those at TU, especially because of their grading system, which, we believed, is designed to be (almost) impossible.

Don't ever underestimate the Barbie's and Ken's in your class, because they are quite smart and hard working. It is quite common to spot them reading in the library and that's because each course demands on average 100-150 pages worth of reading per week. So plan your courses carefully if you want to also attend social activities and travel.

Concerning the places to see and things to do, Denmark is quite famous for its colorful houses at NyHavn (New Port), Lego Land, and of course, the lille havfrue (little mermaid). During free time, be sure to grab a hot coco and cake from *La Glace*, a famous cake shop which has been around for over 100 years. If the weather is nice, then organize a barbecue with your friends in a park or stroll along strøget (main shopping street). Biking during a sunny day can also be extremely



refreshing. Make sure to check the weather forecast because the heavy rain and wind can literally sweep you off your feet.

Regarding the accommodation, you can choose between going through CBS Housing Department (there is a dorm or private housing option) or finding one yourself (quite hard- not recommended). Though it is more costly, our advice is to stay in a dorm because it is a good way to meet people and make friends!



Please note that each dorm has its own unique characteristics so pick the one that suits you the most. If you love to party and socialize, then Kathrine Kollegiet or Holge Danskes. If you love to be in the city center and minutes from clubs, then Tordenskjoldsgade or Peder Skramsgade. If you love to have ultramodern facilities, full-range amenities, and be an exclusive and

privileged few, then Tietgen Kollegiet.

Regarding groceries shopping, there are 3 types of groceries stores: expensive (Aldi, Fakta, Netto- less selection), very expensive (Føtex, Super Brugsen- wider selection), and unbelievably expensive (Irma-organic produce). Our advice is to read the weekly catalogue and plan your purchase if you want to control your budget. On average, a loaf of bread is around 100-120 baht and half-kilo chicken is around 200 baht. Of course, if you cannot cook, you can always eat at CBS canteen, which provides a variety of food selection. But be prepared to pay 200 baht+ for a meal without a drink!



Traveling around Copenhagen is quite easy and convenient. The main options are S-tog, metro, bus, bicycle, walk, and (rich) friend's car. Useful websites for route planning are [krak.dk](http://krak.dk) and [rejseplanen.dk](http://rejseplanen.dk), which tells you the length of journey, schedule for bus/metro, and map. Most people can speak fluent English so if you ever get lost, just ask. Danes are very helpful.

Traveling outside of Copenhagen is also easy and can be made cheap. Exercise your Facebook network and get a free accommodation from friends studying in Europe. If you're lucky, board will be included. Also, make sure to book your tickets well in advance to get the lowest rate. *Lonely Planet, European on a Shoestring* will become your bible so don't ever forget to bring it. Most importantly, 'when in Rome, do as the Romans do.' Don't act like a tourist—this will help you stay safe, trust us. 😊



Thank you BBA for giving us this wonderful opportunity!

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