

## University of Copenhagen, Denmark

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### Facts

- **Website:**
  - [University of Copenhagen](#)
  - [International Visiting Students](#)
- **Language of Instruction:** English and Danish
- **Semester dates:**
  - Semester 1: Early September - Late January
  - Semester 2: Early February – Late June
- **Academic restrictions:** Please note that this exchange is **not** suitable for:
  - Philosophy students
  - Geography students
  - Engineering students
  - Please see the *Academic Restrictions* section for more information.
- **General costs:** Estimated cost of living is between €1,280 and €2,150 per month; more details can be found below.

### Important

Finding accommodation in Copenhagen has been very challenging for our exchange students in recent years and you should take this into consideration when applying to study at the University of Copenhagen.

### About the University

Founded in 1479, the University of Copenhagen is one of the oldest universities in northern Europe and has an international reputation for academic excellence. Today, the University of Copenhagen has around 37,500 students and is the largest institution of research and education in Denmark.

Copenhagen is the commercial, cultural and administrative centre of Denmark, with a population of over 790,000. Although busy, Copenhagen continues to captivate visitors because it has managed to maintain some of its original charm. Copenhagen is world-famous for being one of the cleanest, safest and most liveable cities. Denmark is known for modern design, being a “green nation”, and a country of cyclists. The University has [four campus areas](#) in Copenhagen.

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## What to expect

### Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at the University of Copenhagen, you will be officially nominated by the European Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

### Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

<b>Course/ credit load</b>	<p>One full year of study should equate to 60 ECTS. One semester of study should equate to 30 ECTS.</p> <p>For further information on credit and course requirements during your exchange please visit our page: <a href="#">Academic matters   The University of Edinburgh</a></p>
<b>Courses available and enrolment</b>	<p>Most courses offered in English are at Master level but often examinations can be taken at BA level. Some departments accept 3rd and 4th year undergraduates into Master level courses. Every semester, the University of Copenhagen offers a range of very popular courses designed particularly for international students.</p> <p>Please visit their website with <a href="#">course information</a> as well as their <a href="#">course catalogue</a> and <a href="#">course restrictions</a> pages for more details.</p> <p>Students will be registered for courses by their exchange coordinator once they have arrived in Copenhagen. Students should have considered their course choices prior to arrival and submitted their provisional learning agreement.</p> <p><i>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</i></p>

### Academic restrictions

Among other subjects, this exchange agreement is suitable for Physics, Biology, History, History of Art, Film & Media Studies. It is also suitable for joint honours students from subject areas that already have subject-specific agreements with the University of Copenhagen such as English Literature, English Language, Law, Politics and International Relations, Psychology, Scandinavian Studies, Social Anthropology, Sociology.

Students studying in the College of Science & Engineering should check that there are sufficient courses available for their subject area(s) and discuss their choices with their School Exchange Coordinator.

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- Geography students
- Engineering students

The course information can be accessed [here](#). Please be sure to check [University of Copenhagen Course Restrictions](#) when making choices.

***Please note: These are guidelines. It is **your** responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme and check with your Exchange Coordinator if this destination would be suitable for you. **Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.*****

### Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

<b>University accommodation and application</b>	<p>Accommodation can be difficult to secure in Copenhagen due to high competition and rising prices. Students on exchange are advised to apply for accommodation through the University of Copenhagen's Housing Foundation.</p> <p>Visit <a href="#">Housing Foundation Copenhagen website</a> for further information and the application procedure.</p> <p><b>**Please note that finding accommodation in Copenhagen has been very challenging for UoE exchange students in the past and you should take this into consideration when applying to study at the University of Copenhagen**</b></p>
<b>Private accommodation</b>	<p>Useful sites include <a href="#">City of Copenhagen Housing</a> page and <a href="#">Housing Foundation Copenhagen</a> website. Please note that students looking for private accommodation should consider extending their search to suburbs and neighbouring areas, due to the high pressure on central accommodation in Copenhagen.</p>

## Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

<b>Estimated cost of living</b>	<p>Estimated cost of living is between €1,280 and €2,150 per month (incl. every-day public transport costs). The university recommends buying a used bicycle to save on transport costs. Visit their <a href="#">practical matters page</a> for further information.</p> <p><i>Please note that you may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</i></p>
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<b>Insurance</b>	<p>International students staying for more than 3 months are covered by the Danish Health Security Act after they have registered with the Citizen's Service. Be aware that the Danish Health Insurance does not cover the costs of medical evacuation back to your home country, emergency repatriation and personal liability. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Furthermore, eligible students studying at one of our European partner institutions should apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).</p> <p>For up-to-date information on healthcare in Denmark and using UK issued EHIC cards after Brexit please see <a href="#">UK Government's website</a>.</p>
<b>Student Loans and Grants</b>	<p>Consult our <a href="#">funding webpages</a> for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>
<b>Tuition Fees</b>	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage <a href="#">here</a> and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>

## Living

<b>Employment</b>	<p>Those with EU passports should not face any barriers to employment. Non-EU/EEA students face restrictions on the hours they can work and will need to apply for a work permit. It is often quite difficult for students to find work in Copenhagen.</p> <p>For up-to-date information on working in Denmark after Brexit please see <a href="#">UK Government's Guidance on Living in Denmark</a></p>

<b>Orientation</b>	Exchange and guest students enrolled for one or two semesters will all be invited to take part in the orientation programme at the faculty, which has the department you selected as a first priority in your online application. More information can be found on the website, in the <a href="#">Orientation Days</a> section.
<b>Visas</b>	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>You can find more information on visas and residence permits on University of Copenhagen's website <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. <b>Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information.</b> There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<b>Disability</b>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The European Programmes Team via email: <a href="mailto:europe.outgoing@ed.ac.uk">europe.outgoing@ed.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability Office as well.</p>

## What other students had to say about the University

### The best part

“ It was modern, lively, efficient and the professors were inspiring; it felt very much like a hub of education should feel.

“ Amazing resources in the heart of an incredible city, with good teaching and student life.

### Advice for future exchange students

“ Say yes to every opportunity you get!

“ Get organised, be kind to yourself and whilst it is important to take the opportunities that come your way, don't burn yourself and say yes to EVERYTHING!

### Accommodation

“ Research different options. Student accommodation isn't the only option - it is however usually the more expensive option. Renting elsewhere has other benefits - you meet more people who live in the city out with the university and exchange bubble and can feel more homely.

“ Often your options are more ubiquitous than you think - for example there were options to apply for individual halls in Copenhagen rather than just through the pooled process, so do lots of research and try not to panic!

### General advice

“ Accept that it's not going to be easy all the time but do everything anyway even if you don't feel up for it.

“ There will be highs and lows, but it is a life changing opportunity that is set up very easily for you by the University and an opportunity to live abroad for a year that may never be made this easy for you again