I did a summer exchange program at Copenhagen Business School. I have a US passport and did not have a problem with visas as my stay did not extend 3 months. As a graduate student, housing was a little off because I hadn’t realized that the exchange program would be mixed with undergraduate students. The program had about 300 people in it and only 10% were graduate students so it was a bit hard socially. I lived in the Katherine Kollegiat dorms, which I wouldn’t suggest as most of the inhabitants were much younger than I and very noisy and partying a lot. However, later on in the summer I did find some graduate students staying in a dorm called Tietenkollegiat, which was mixed with Danish students and had a much older, more mature and relaxed vibe. I knew other people staying in apartment rentals who had a difficult time as well.

Transportation was extremely easy in Copenhagen. The train goes everywhere, and comes to each station about every 2 minutes. The campus has two train stops, and is about 15 minutes away from downtown on the train. Other dorms such as Tietenkollegiat, are on the islands and are closer to 45 minutes away from campus on the trains. However they do have a train stop at the base of their dorm, so it is door to door. The university also offers a rental bike program. It is a bit expensive, but I would highly recommend it. I rented my bike for the whole summer, and the city of Copenhagen is built for bikers. You can take bikes on the train without a problem. However, it does rain often- Danish people are very used to it and travel with seat cover for their bikes and raincoats. For foreigners it can be a bit more disturbing, but you get used to it. Another thing to be aware of is that during the summer there are only a few hours of darkness, and some of the dorms do not have proper blinds on the windows to keep out the sun if you want to sleep.

My courses were excellent. I took Food for thought – food security and entrepreneurship with Dr. Patricia Plackett who is also a coordinator of the program. She is a fantastic teacher, and really tries to get to know every student individually. The class had an excellent dynamic, and was very interesting and practical. I also took Social Impact Entrepreneurship with Professor Robert Zeidan, which was much more academic but extremely interesting and relevant for my personal interests. Robert is an excellent teacher, and used some peer-led learning techniques in his course. Both courses were held twice a week for 3 hours each, with a break.

All in all, it was a great experience.