Partner university: Aarhus Summer University

Country: Denmark

Major/faculty: Bachelor's Degree Programme in Media Studies

Dates/term(s) of exchange: July 24 - August 18

Pre-Departure

Packing, what to bring

My exchange was a part-time summer exchange and I only stayed 5 weeks total, so I suggest packing light. I would advise to bring more spring/autumn clothes than summer clothes. Summer weather in Aarhus can be very bipolar (raining heavily in the morning fo

opportunities to wear a t-shirt and shorts. An umbrella is essential to bring.

Travel and transportation

train or Flixbus to Aarhus. Either option takes around 4 hours.

out drinking. Fruit and some kinds of produce are priced by the unit, not the kilogram. Apples, some berries, and pears are mostly from Denmark. Other fruits are imported. Denmark is a major exporter of pork, therefore pork is the cheapest meat to buy with chicken coming in second. There is a fish and seafood market in Aarhus Ø that has a vast variety of fresh fish and shellfish.

as soon as you get a welcome preparation email with that information. They will send emails on housing information, starting dates, social activities, etc periodically, and as each email is rich in information, I advise you read them thoroughly. I signed up for one of the campus tours the school offered. They were all on Sunday, so I picked the Sunday closest to the day I moved in. The campus tour included lunch and a showing of the main buildings around the University area. There w

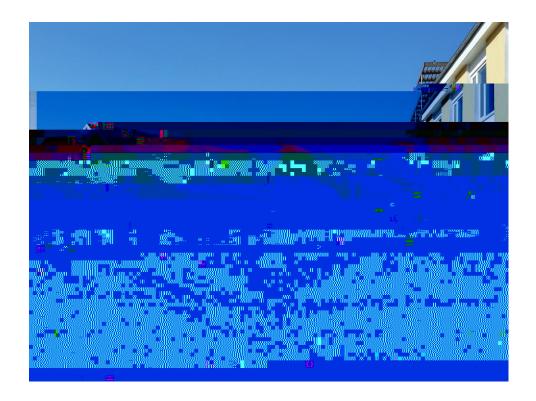
things I learned about the residence (common areas, laundry, etc.) were from asking other students that lived in the building longer than I have. Most of the important instructions regarding facilities, such as using the washing machine, were all in Danish. I asked someone else how to set the washing machine to English.

The area near Aarhus Ø, 10 minutes

The rent includes utilities, WiFi (there is already a router), brand new bedding and kitchen tools.

Academic details (lecture format, schedules, grading, etc.)

on our class Facebook group if anyone wants to go to a pub on Friday night. They were

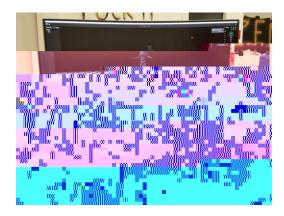


Old Town of Skagen, Denmark

Social and extra-curricular activities

It is possible to sign up for certain activities such as canoeing trips, Viking tours, city walks,

that a facilitator there introduced to us during our in-class game jam. We spent Friday and Saturday designing a game concept and a semi-functional prototype for the Smartsuit Pro by Rokoko. There were mentors and an afterparty in the design studio.



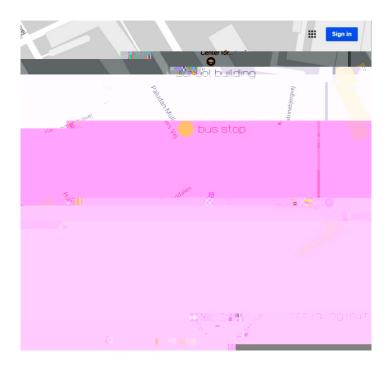
My teammate s computer screen while calibrating the Smartsuit Pro at the MoCap design jam

As for going out to drink, pubs are almost everywhere in the downtown area. Popular beers include Carlsberg and Tuborg. Alcohol is not state-regulated, so it is possible to buy alcoholic drinks in grocery and convenience stores before 10pm. food. A popular food to eat between drinks would be kebab, shawarma, or falafel.

Knowledge learned, challenges faced

The greatest challenges were probably the balance between academic workload and having time to see the city. I did not know of the nature of this course before I signed up for it, and it turned out to be more intensive than I thought. There is also a lot of teamwork, and as almost everyone was of a different educational background and mindset, and aside from the occasional language barrier, it could be difficult to get everyone on the same page regarding the direction of the project. Additionally, sometimes there is a lack of clear criteria for projects which can be stressful and confusing. Learning to adapt to that frequently means communicating with other teams on their interpretation of the criteria.

Apart from the occasional I learned to adapt to teamwork dynamics in a more international context and how to deliver presentations that are more easily understood by non-native



A small map of the area around school