

SFU Study Abroad Report

social events take place in the building next door to PH, and other key facilities such as grocery stores, gyms and other Campus facilities are very easily walked to.

CBS has a fantastic social program that offers students plenty of value. This should be purchased right away upon being offered by the CBS volunteers at the airport. This package includes activities such as a Welcome BBQ, bowling, Danish movie night, folk dancing and many club excursions. Most daytime activities are usually followed up to a trip to many of the bars or clubs of Copenhagen, so one will become very familiar with the hottest local spots. The Drunken Flamingo in particular was a favourite of many and will likely be visited multiple times as their management has a great ongoing relationship with CBS volunteers. Through this program you will meet people from all over the world and engaging in these activities will be the best way not only to expand your international circle of friends, but to gain a new perspective on cultural norms and unique values.

As with any new experience, many challenges will come up that will test your abilities to adapt. I realized that my phone plan was locked with my Canadian carrier company, and I had to call home to communicate the situation back home and sort out the problem over the phone while also struggling to find Wifi from external sources because the residence Wifi is only activated by receiving a text message. At one point, I had to walk over to a 7/11 just to use their free Wifi to send emails. Many of my other smaller issues were solved by simply getting into a routine, such as buying the right amount of groceries.

An easy thing one can do to smooth over some of these problems is to connect with as many fellow students as possible. Most of them will be in the same situation as you: far from home, confused, and a bit lonely. Being friendly and initiating conversations will generally be easier than back home because you will be dealing with similar scenarios and obstacles, so it should be relatively easy to bond quickly. If you want to talk with someone who can help you, just ask. It's quite friendly and no one speaks English just because you're here.

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readily available should there be a

situation that is truly dire, but I

never had to use it myself. Overall,

there is a great network of