Christina’s Major: Molecular Biology

Program: Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS), Summer

Academic Life: I took 2 separate 3 week classes with all American students. The first was Human Health and Disease and it was taught by Medical Students and MDs. We would normally have class in a different hospital in Copenhagen every day. We had class twice a day, in the morning and in the afternoon. The second class was Medical Biotechnology and Drug Development. We had class for 5 hours a day with an hour lunch break. Grades were based on papers and exams. In both classes, there was a very relaxed atmosphere and the relationship between the students and teachers was very informal.

Housing: I lived in a dorm for my program, but the dorm was a part of a larger apartment building. All of the people on my floor were in my program. The building was in a very nice neighborhood of Copenhagen called Osterbro. We had a very large park near our dorm, as well and bus lines and the train within walking distance.

Cultural Differences: One thing that was very noticeable was how reserved Danish people are. People do not make small talk on public transportation, and if they do chat, they do so quietly. However, just because they are quiet and reserved does not mean they are not friendly. They are actually extremely friendly and willing to help.

“My most memorable experience is all the people I met, from the American students I studied with to the Danes I met in the city.”