Copenhagen as your home, Europe as your classroom
Who am I?

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DIS Student, Spring 2008
• Kollegium
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With DIS in Copenhagen: 2010-12
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Who are you?
DIS Academic Reality

- Courses are challenging, but...
- Your faculty will most likely be practitioners in their field. How will this affect you?
- You are expected to go to class and participate.
- Field studies offer connections between classroom and real world.
- Your classmates are from mostly North American universities.
- Splitting up groups
• When will you have opportunities for independent travel?
• What are your options?
• What about weekends?
Is meeting Danes a priority?  
How do you plan to make it happen?

Some suggestions:

• Carefully choose your housing option
• Get a Visiting Family
• DIS Buddy Network
• Join a sports team
• Take Dansk!
• Be a DIS Ambassador
• Hang out @ Studenterhuset
How did you choose?
What do you hope to get out of your housing?
What can you expect from DIS?
What is the commute like?
Homestay: The best cultural experience

• Sink your teeth into Danish culture

• Extensive matching process: medium or high interaction

• Hosts are as diverse as the students who join them

• Staying with a host will not limit your freedom. Hosts are interested in the cross-cultural experience, not in parenting you. No curfews, we promise.

• Be a good member of the household - clean up after yourself, help out with chores occasionally.

• You’ll have your own furnished room, in an apartment or single-family home, 30-70 minutes from downtown.
Folkehøjskole: College-aged Danes and International students

• Get to know Danes, eat dinner in a cafeteria with them, get in on film nights, concerts, theme parties, and other social events.

• Single & double rooms, private or shared bathroom, access to shared kitchen

• Partial board – breakfast & dinner covered, lunch on your own.

• Commute = approx. 60-70 minutes
Kollegium: Danish Residence Hall

- You should be independent, self-reliant, and outgoing - it’s not the social center you’re used to at home.

- DIS students live in 15 kollegiums scattered around greater Copenhagen
  Commute: 30-40 minutes

- Floormates are Danish, DIS and international students from various universities.

- Level of interaction with Danes on day-to-day basis will vary. Get involved!

- Room layouts vary greatly: single & double rooms, private vs. communal bathroom, kitchenette vs. communal kitchen, etc.

- Grocery shop and cook for yourself! $600 food stipend will help.
Danish Roommate: Share an apartment with a Dane

• Roommates are 20-30, students or young professionals

• You have your own room, shared kitchen, bathroom, living areas

• Roommates are interviewed by DIS, are in it for the right reasons

• You might have a new close friend or simply co-exist

• Be independent, capable and self-reliant

• Grocery shop and cook for yourself, with help from $600 partial food stipend

• Commute = 30-60 minutes
Living & Learning Community (LLC): Special interest housing

- Mostly DIS students and a few Danish SRA’s
- Singles, doubles, triples & quads
- Commute = 30 minutes
- Options include: Creative Writing, Green, Culinary, Arts & Culture, Outdoor, Global Action, Entrepreneurship, Public Health
- Shared kitchen, furnished bedrooms including study area and laundry facilities
- Grocery shop and cook for yourself, partial food stipend $600
- Leave comments on registration for what kind of person you are and what type of roommate you would be compatible with
- LLC Weekends
- Time commitment
DIS Residential Community (DRC)

- Similar to a dorm or apartment
- Mostly DIS students and a few Danish SRA’s
- Singles, doubles, triples & quads
- Commute = 30 minutes
- Shared kitchen, furnished bedrooms including study area, and laundry facilities
- Grocery shop and cook for yourself, partial food stipend $600
- Leave comments on registration for what kind of person you are and what type of roommate you would be compatible with
DIS CPH Student Services

60+ staff members
Academic Support Staff
Housing & Student Services
Study Tours
IT

Accounting
Library
Day Trips & Activities
DIS Clubs
Classrooms

Lounges
Computer Labs (w/ printers)
Study Spaces
Meeting Rooms
Wi-Fi
Financial Matters

• Call your bank and credit card company
  • Will my card(s) work abroad? Set up a travel plan.
  • Make sure you know your debit card PIN.
  • What fees does your bank and/or credit card company charge?
  • What is your daily ATM withdrawal limit?
• Spending money, accessing money, limits of a credit card
• Exchange rate: $1 = 7 kr (usually around 5.5 or 6)
• Copenhagen is safe, but...

• If something should happen, what would you do, who should you contact?

• DK Emergency phone: 3067 1000

• Cellphone options

• How would over frequent communication with friends and family back home affect your experience?
• Have a plan for immersing in Danish culture
• Play devil’s advocate with your first housing preference
• Talk to your parents about a communication plan
• Prepare to be uncomfortable and embarrassed at times. It’s all part of the study abroad experience!
• Learn more about Denmark
• Have an open mind. Doing so will help you move past the downs and enjoy the ups!
• Complete your registration
• Join the Facebook group
• Buy a plane ticket
• Housing placements = 10 days before term starts
• Billing = 4-6 weeks before term starts
Thank you for your attention!

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