FINAL ERASMUS REPORT

I studied at AMFI, at a program they're calling individuals. The program i was studying at the time is called Sustainable Fashion Tech. So, fashion with a high focus on sustainability and the technological improvement within the industry.

As I said, I was offered a program called iNDiViDUALS, which functions as a fashion brand, but is exclusively developed by AMFI students, with coaching from teachers, and financially supported by the school itself.

It is divided into three departments, where I myself was in design. We were 10 designers this semester, all of whom were development students.

Each was assigned a kind of job role, where we then had responsibility for different areas, and in that way collaborated on the design process, its development and the result.

I got ex. The role of Digital Designer, where I had to help other designers with the development of styles in Clo3D and present the digital Collection along the way.



Academic Experience

I was put in this program, with really being told I had a choice. With that said, I reached out due to my concern of the different program than what I applied for. I didn't really get that much help with choosing but was offered to change program back to the normal. I thought i would try it out and took it as an experience. Looking back, I wish I had the chosen the normal program, since theres a bigger focus on the individual designer, and not as a whole group.

As a student I think it's important to get to develop your own style, before you work on a coherent collection between ten different people. You also don't have typical classes, other than digital, fittings, and a few material classes.



Cultural/Personal Experience

Obviously when you work that close with then different exchange students, there can be challenges with understanding each other's cultures, and way of communicating and reacting. But it wasn't an issue, but more like a possibility to learn from each other. We had weakly meetings where we could bring up any issues regarding the team or other things, so you would have the possibility to get help from a coach, even though we were left on our owns a lot of time besides that. I got a friend for life, who I had such a great relation to, and we ended up just sharing an apartment. They came from Australia, so another culture, language, and so on, but we came along well. I also met a girl from Copenhagen, who I got a good connection to, and been seeing afterwards.

Be openminded, respect yourself and others, and remember its only half a year. It'll go quick, and suddenly you are back to everything you came from.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

KEA helps to answer most of my questions, and when they couldn't answer, they would contact the host school to help me get the right respond. They also arranged an hour where all exchange students would be gathered and get an introduction to what it means to study abroad.

The host school helped with housing in Amsterdam.

I lived in the east part of Amsterdam, 20 minutes on a bike to the school. Amsterdam is like Copenhagen when it comes to cost and housing prices. Groceries might be a little cheaper than Denmark, but other than that its similar.

I spend the same amount of money as if I lived home, I just didn't have a job, so the Erasmus money was very helpful.

