

Where and when did you study abroad?

I went to France, Paris; studying abroad. I went from the 26 of August until the 14 of December. My school was called Paris Collage of Art.

What KEA program did you attend at the time?

I am studying e-design at KEA and at the school in Paris I was under the program of Fine Art.

What classes did you take during your semester abroad? Please briefly explain what each class was about.

My classes:

SOPHOMORE STUDIO 1: This class was a painting interaction class, where we learnt our own process of painting, getting ideas and learnt to talk about our work when we had our final critics.

SOPHOMORE DRAWING: This class was an experimentation class where the main focus was on experimenting, make a good body of work that showed the process and finally give a final presentation after each project with the aim of learning to talk about your process, work and experimentation.

PAINTING INTERACTION: In this class we learned to experiment with painting and abstract art work.

CONTEMPORARY PRINTMAKING: This class was about learning the basic skills of printmaking. It was an introduction class to several printmaking techniques. We learned to master lineal cut, ambushing, silk screen and monotype.

INTRODUCTION TO ART AND DESIGN: This class was an introduction to art and design history, where we were educated in different time periods of art history.

FRENCH FOR PARIS: This class was a French language class, to know the basic of French language and culture.

Academic Experience

How helpful was the receiving school in the process of choosing classes and settling you in?

The school was very professional and helpful in terms of choosing classes. There were many classes to navigate in, but they gave you a helpful introduction and also time to change your program if you had any regrets.

What classes/study experiences did you find the most rewarding? Why?

I found it very rewarding to choose all my class around the same area/subject (example fine art) because then you can easily draw them all together and it makes a good "red tread." My favorite classes were however sophomore drawing, art and design and painting interaction, because these studies where focusing on experimentation and how to talk about you work and process.

What classes/study experiences did you find least relevant or least valuable to you? Why?

I think maybe my French classes because it is very difficult and time taking to learn a new language, and therefore you need more time than only 4,5 months.

What classes would you advice other KEA students going to the receiving school to choose or not to choose?

I would advise all classes. There are all very rewarding.

Cultural/Personal Experience

What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?

Paris is very similar to Copenhagen; therefore, I did not experience any cultural challenges.

a. How helpful was the receiving school in this process?

They tried to give an explanation about the French culture, people etc.

What was the best cultural/personal experience during your studies abroad?

To live in another country, experience the people, the school and to get away from your normal every day.

What advice would you give other KEA students going to study abroad at the receiving school?

To be open minded.

Practical Experience

How was the application process?

It was a bit long because you had to make a good application, portfolio and interview, but it is worth it.

a. What did KEA help you with?

Practical things such as subjects and questions.

b. What help did you receive from your school abroad?

Payment and subjects.

Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination?

a. How helpful was the receiving school in this process?

Where did you live?

a. Was it difficult to find accommodation? b. Was it expensive?

I lived in the center of Paris. I had some contacts in Paris before hand, so it was not very difficult, but my impression was that to find an apartment is a bit difficult. My advise is to use your network.

What kind of expenses did you have in general? a. Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?

The same as in Copenhagen: food, rent, going out etc. I might have used a bit more, but you can live very cheap anywhere if you want. Don't get stressed about money.