

Questionnaire Study Abroad/Exchange

1. Where and when did you study abroad?

- I stayed in Amsterdam, where I studied at Amsterdam fashion institute. I did my sixth semester from February – July 2022.

2. What KEA program did you attend at the time?

- Top up sustainable fashion tech.

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

- I did a program called individuals which is meant to simulate a fashion consultancy. So that means you work together 10 designer, 10 branders and 10 fashion management. You all must come up with a concept and do two collections and in the end have an event. You work together and have a budget to achieve those things while you still have classes and “coaching’s” that will help you reach the goals you set.

Academic Experience

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

- In my case I was offered a other program so I did not have to choose classes but I would say that they could have provided me with more information about the minor before I arrived.

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

- The most rewarding part of studying at amfi was the motivation that the other students and teachers had, since some of my teachers did not only work teaching at the school but also worked in the industry at the same time, they

really know what is going on and could guide us to make the right choices since we had to “consult” the industry.

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

- The workload is very big when doing the program individuals, which at times could be very hard when you move to a new place.

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

- It really depends on what you want from an exchange. You have to be aware of the huge workload before coming which I was not. But you will also learn so much both within designing but also working as a team if you choose individuals.

DESIGN, DIGITAL and TECH students

Cultural/Personal Experience

1. What challenges did you experience culturally while being abroad?

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

- I would say that if you come from Denmark to Amsterdam, you will not experience any cultural differences, it's very similar to Copenhagen.

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

- The best experience was probably after finishing school, I would say that people are so focused on school and when you finish you semester everybody's so relived and ready to have some fun!

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

- Be aware of the intensity of school before you go!

Practical Experience

1. How was the application process?
 - a. What did KEA help you with?
 - b. What help did you receive from your school abroad?
 - KEA helped me with almost everything, there is a lot of things that needs to be done, but at no point did I feel like I was alone with it.
 - The same from AMFI, I had a minor issue with student housing that I think they forgot me, so they only offered me a place when I contacted them again.

2. Did you have any practical difficulties settling down in at your destination?
 - a. How helpful was the receiving school in this process?
 - Not at all, moved in with no problem and when it was time to start school, it all went smoothly.

3. Where did you live?
 - a. Was it difficult to find accommodation?
 - b. Was it expensive?
 - Amsterdam is a bit notorious for how difficult it is to find accommodation so don't expect to live on a houseboat or in the centre, the rent is very expensive and there are also not a lot of free rooms available. I tried to get a room but did not succeed so I ended up living in a student housing which was not ideal, but could also have been much worse compared to what I saw other people live in.

4. What kind of expenses did you have in general?
 - a. Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?
 - Everything is expensive but coming from Copenhagen I guess its very similar expect the rent is very expensive, but I would say I stayed within my budget, but I definitely spent more money this semester then I would have if I have stayed in Copenhagen, so be prepared for that.