

# Exchange to the Netherlands

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## Academic Experience

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

- I was in a minor so I didn't have different classes.

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

- I only have Transmedia design in the whole semester. But I like that we every Friday had tool days. So we could learn the different adobe programs, Word press and more over. It was also very nice to make a real campaign for a company. My group should make a transmedia campaign for a Smart Speaker company in Cape Town.

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

- Actually we didn't work with Transmedia design at Kea, so it was very difficult and hard for me to understand what it was and how to work with transmedia in real. Sometimes was it annoying that every project should be a transmedia project, because you have to think in another way then you do in your home university.

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

- I can only advice Transmedia. If you are a person who likes fantasy and to work in a more fun way, then I will advice you to chose transmedia design.

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## Cultural/Personal Experience

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

- The Dutch culture are very close to the Danish culture, so there was not the big different but for example they do not have a specific time for lunch as we have in Denmark. So every day has a different lunchtime.

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

- They were very helpful. They give you a buddy with two other exchange students. So you always have someone to ask for help. And my teachers were also very helpful.

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

- The best personal experience was to get so many new friends with different backgrounds and cultures. Then to be better to communicate on English and learn more about myself and being self-employed. The best cultural experience was that everybody was so helpful, open-minded and so happy.

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

- Don't be afraid because of your language level. I was so afraid because of my English but I was not that bad when I actually should speak and write.

- Be open-minded to everyone

- Be yourself

- Be happy, have fun but still remember to learn!

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## Practical Experience

### 1. How was the application process?

- The application process was good and easy.

### a. What did KEA help you with?

- Kea helped with everything. They were so quick to answering on mails and describing everything deeply and in an easy way.

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

- I was not in so much contact with them because I mostly contacted KEA. But when I was in contact with them they was very helpful and responding back very quick. So it was very nice.

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

- No, everything was good.

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

- We didn't talk about that with the school.

### 3. Where did you live?

- I lived in Tilburg with 10 other exchange students in a big house. I lived 5 min. walk from centrum and 5 min. walk to the canal.

### a. Was it difficult to find accommodation?

- It was very easy to find an accommodation. The company Student Housing Holland has a lot of different rooms. So you can chose which room you want to rent on the companies website.

### b. Was it expensive?

- Student housing Holland is a little bit more expensive then the other companies. But this is because the price is also including rent a bike, they pick your up from the airport and more over. But I will advice this company because everything is ready for you and some of my friends who haven't this company that it e.g. was hard for them to rent a bike and more over.

## Practical Experience

### 4. What kind of expenses did you have in general?

- I only had my food expense and when I want to travel then I had for public transport.

#### a. Did you spend more or less money than you budgeted with?

- I created a budget for every month and I spend less money then expected. You can still do what ever you what to. You should only save your money in the right time/places. For example when I should make my grocery shopping then I went to the cheap marked and had made a list over what I need and only buy that. Then I save a lot of money and could travel every weekend to a new city or country.