



1. I found my own housing when I arrived but it was very difficult.
2. I didn't receive any support from the school locating housing. I could not live in the dorms since it was only for freshmen.
3. Prepare to pay a lot for housing. I would say around 3-4 times more than you would have to pay in Reykjavik. The cheapest rooms with some commute to school are running from 140.000 ISK up to 260.000 ISK, if you want to be close to school, per month. You can find studio apartments from 400.000 ISK per month.

### Costs

- Describe the most important expenses such as rent, books, food, etc.
- General cost of living
  1. Rent is extremely high. The food is also expensive since you have to pay 25% on top of the price you see because of tax and tip. I downloaded most of the books and the books I bought were used from Amazon so book expense was almost none.
  2. General cost of living is pretty high. If you want to do some fun things it gets even higher.

### The International Office

- Who is responsible for incoming exchange students?
- Did you receive good service from the office?
- Do you receive all relevant information?
  1. Anita Raja
  2. Medium service
  3. No, not about health insurance

### Exchange promotion

- What kind of activity did you take part in to promote exchange studies at your host university?
  1. I went to a superb camping trip when I arrived. That was the only thing I did.

### Social Activities

- How was your relationship with other students?
- How was the relationship among the exchange students?
- Is there a student organization, and if so, are the exchange student's part of it?
- Are there any special activities and gatherings for exchange students?
- Did you participate actively in social activities?
  1. Minimal, because everyone had to study a lot and hence had less time for relationships.
  2. Good.
  3. I'm not sure.
  4. I'm not sure.
  5. Not associated with the school but outside of school, yes.

### Culture and Language

- Did you have any language problems with the faculty or other students?
- How are the possibilities to experience the country and the culture?
- Any recommendations for students?
  1. None.
  2. Very good since there are many flights and buses you can take from New York.
  3. Visit Fire Island. It is a very nice place 2-3 hours from New York.

### Cultural and Social Effects from the Exchange Experience

- How do you think the exchange experience will affect you from a cultural and social point of view?
- How do you think the exchange experience influences your future career possibilities?
  1. It didn't really have much effect on my since I have been traveling quite a lot before the exchange semester.
  2. It has a good effect on my carrer since I got a job over skype interview when I was studying abroad.

### III ACADEMIC INFORMATION

#### The Teaching situation

- In which language are the courses taught?
- How would you evaluate the level of study in relationship to the level at RU?
- Is the teaching primarily practical or theoretical?
- Are the professors using cases, group work or lectures (or a mix)?
- How is the workload compared to that at RU?
- How is the relationship between faculty and students?
- What is the relationship between the students in the classroom?
  1. English
  2. The average student at Cooper Union studies a lot more than the average student at RU.
  3. Practical.
  4. Yes, and a lot of lab work.
  5. There are not as many assignments but the assignments are generally difficult and take a lot of time.
  6. Good
  7. Chinese spoke to chinese and so on.

#### Required reading

- Was all required reading in English?
- Is the reading material used for detailed knowledge or a broad overview?
- Were examinations based on the reading or on the lectures?
  1. Yes.
  2. No.
  3. Just based on lectures.

#### Exams

- Please describe what types of exams were you given?
  1. Both regular exams and midterm exams. All of them where very difficult.

#### Other

- Do students have easy access to the library and its resources?
- How is the access to the computers?
- How is IT used in the teaching or as a distributor of information?
  1. Yes.
  2. Very good.
  3. Not sure.

#### Description of Courses

Please list all the courses you are taking in the form below:

- Name and code of the course
- Prerequisites, if any
- Exam form
- Comments: Relevance, Difficult/easy, Practical/theoretical, Enrolment problems

1. Materials science          None    Written          Financial Engineering    Common
2. Principles of electrical engineering    None    Written    Financial Engineering    Common
3. Data structures and algorithms II      Data.. I      Software Engineering    Common
4. Programming languages          None      Software Engineering    Common

*Example:*

<i>Course name:</i>	<i>Prereq.</i>	<i>Exam</i>	<i>Major at RU</i>	<i>Approved as</i> <i>(Common/elective/extra)</i>
<i>1234 finance</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Written</i>	<i>Finance</i>	<i>Elective</i>

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Please fill in all the courses you have taken

Any other experiences you would like to talk about?

Cooper Union is a very good school and great addition on the resumé. On the other hand I think most students would prefer a little bit easier school because the workload at Cooper is A LOT!

Names and e-mails:

The International Exchange Office will appreciate if you leave your e-mail address here, so that other students can contact you for more information.

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