

STUDY IN DENMARK

OF THE 2,800 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SURVEYED

92% would recommend studying in Denmark to other students

75% were considering staying in Denmark to work after completing their studies

82% considered Denmark to be a safe country

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Why study in Denmark?

OBTAIN THE RIGHT SKILLS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Danish higher education institutions offer a range of opportunities for international students. The institutions are highly international and have a large number of programmes and courses taught in English, which means that you can obtain an internationally recognised qualification or gain credits towards a degree in your home country.

Denmark is a modern welfare state with an international outlook. The Danish knowledge-intensive economy, covering areas such as biotechnology and food and environmental science, is highly developed. All Danish higher education institutions benefit from their co-operation with business, industry as well as research and development institutes, creating an enriching and vibrant learning environment for all students.

PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN YOUR STUDIES

Danish higher education is famous for its innovative teaching approach and high international standards. The institutions offer a dynamic study environment, emphasising independent study, initiative and project-oriented learning.

As a student at a Danish higher education institution you are encouraged to play an active role in your learning process and take responsibility for planning and carrying out your projects, either independently or together with other students. In addition to attending lectures you will be expected to participate in discussions and continuously develop your critical thinking and analytical skills.

For international students, the Danish approach to teaching and learning can introduce a whole new way of studying and thinking, which will challenge you and provide you with an excellent platform for your future career. ■

A DANISH EDUCATION PROVIDES YOU WITH

- Strong analytical and communicative skills
- The ability to work independently and in groups
- An international profile
- A good foundation for your future career



**“I ENJOYED MY TIME
IN DENMARK
SO MUCH THAT
I EXTENDED MY STAY
FROM SIX MONTHS
TO A WHOLE YEAR!”**

Exchange student from Australia

Danish higher education

STUDY OPTIONS

International students in Denmark can choose between several programmes taught entirely in English:

- Degree programmes
- Programmes for exchange/visiting students
- Summer schools

In addition, you can choose between three types of Danish higher education institutions – each with a different profile, but all offering high quality education.

ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Higher education in Denmark is regulated by the state, and all public institutions are subject to continuous approval and evaluation processes. The institutions have a high degree of autonomy, but they are required to follow the national regulations for e.g. teacher qualifications, degree structures and examinations, including a system of external examiners. The regulations define the national standards for Danish higher education and ensure that all students obtain an education of the highest quality. A nationally established – fully independent – accreditation agency assures the quality and the relevance of higher education programmes. Furthermore many institutions have obtained international accreditation for their programmes.

All institutions of higher education in Denmark use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), which facilitates international credit transfer. Students receive certificates or other types of documentation for all completed courses. All students who complete a full degree or a diploma programme receive a Diploma Supplement in English. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE
DANISH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Please visit:
www.studyindenmark.dk

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ECTS
AND DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

Please visit:
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INSTITUTIONS

ACADEMIES OF PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION (ERHVERVSAKADEMIER)

The programmes offered at the academies of professional higher education combine theory with practice. They are available in a range of disciplines, including business, technology, IT, multimedia, food industry, tourism, etc. The academies are located in both large and small cities and have strong links with local businesses and industry.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES (PROFESSIONSHØJSKOLER)

The university colleges combine theoretical study with practical application in a range of subject areas. Work placements are always included in the programmes, which prepare you to enter specific professions. Courses are offered in areas such as business, education, engineering, IT, nursing, social work, etc. Some university colleges are located in large cities and others in more tranquil surroundings in small towns. Most of the institutions have a regional engagement and strong links with local businesses and industry.

UNIVERSITIES

The Danish universities are based on the continental European tradition of integrating education and research and offer higher education programmes from undergraduate to PhD level. Study options range from the more traditional academic subject areas to innovative interdisciplinary programmes.

Most universities are multi-faculty institutions covering a wide range of disciplines with a few specialising in science and technology, IT, business, architecture, fine arts and music. The universities are located in the larger cities and many of them have close partnerships with business, industry and other research institutions.

STUDY PROGRAMMES

2-YEAR ACADEMY PROFESSION PROGRAMMES (AP)

VARIOUS ADULT AND CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROGRAMMES OFFERED
PRIMARILY THROUGH PART-TIME
STUDY

3-4-YEAR PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES

VARIOUS POST-GRADUATE
DIPLOMA AND EXECUTIVE
MASTER'S PROGRAMMES
OFFERED PRIMARILY THROUGH
PART-TIME STUDY

3-YEAR BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES (BSC/ BA)

2-YEAR CANDIDATUS/MASTER'S
PROGRAMMES (MSC/MA)
3-YEAR PHD PROGRAMMES

VARIOUS POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
AND EXECUTIVE MASTER'S PROGRAMMES
OFFERED PRIMARILY THROUGH
PART-TIME STUDY

**“THE WAY OF
TEACHING IS VERY
DIFFERENT.**

**I THOUGHT THAT
GROUP WORK
WOULD BE VERY
DIFFICULT,
BUT I ACTUALLY FIND
IT VERY EASY AND
VERY EFFICIENT”**

Exchange student from China





Under-graduate studies

Before you choose from the many different undergraduate courses offered by Danish higher education institutions, you should decide on the purpose and profile of your studies. If you want a professionally oriented qualification and a fairly structured study programme with periods of compulsory work placements, you might wish to consider one of the Academy Profession or Professional Bachelor's programmes.

If you prefer a more research oriented programme with more time for independent studies, group activities and project work, you might wish to consider the Bachelor's programmes offered by the universities.

ACADEMY PROFESSION DEGREE

Academy Profession (AP) degree programmes are two year higher education programmes, which combine theory and practice and are suited for employment in business and industry. Students are provided with both analytical and professional skills.

All AP degree programmes are developed in close collaboration with representatives from business and industry to ensure that students acquire the right set of skills for their chosen profession. The programme normally lasts two years, with each year being divided into two semesters. In addition to attending lectures, students undertake project work in small groups and work placements in Danish companies or abroad, giving them a chance to apply their skills and knowledge in practice. All students enrolled on AP programmes will learn to identify, select and analyse data and information from a variety of sources.

AP programmes are offered at academies of professional higher education (Erhvervsakademier) located all over Denmark. The academies offer a limited number of programmes and are therefore smaller than universities, facilitating close contact between students and local companies. AP programmes taught in English include qualifications in marketing management, computer science, design and technology, multimedia design, communication and hospitality and tourism management, etc.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

2 YEARS (120 ECTS CREDITS)
Focus on applied learning and professional skills - collaboration with business and industry
- work placements

In order to gain admission to an AP programme, you must have a qualification comparable to a Danish upper secondary school leaving certificate or a relevant vocational qualification. A satisfactory result in an English language test, e.g. TOEFL or IELTS is required.

Successfully completed AP programmes give access to further undergraduate studies e.g. a Bachelor's degree at higher education institutions in Denmark and abroad, based on various credit transfer arrangements.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

There are two kinds of Bachelor's degrees offered by Danish higher education institutions; a Professional Bachelor's degree and a university Bachelor's degree.

Professional Bachelor's degree

The Professional Bachelor's degree is awarded after 3 to 4½ years of study. The programmes provide students with a theoretical foundation, which is applied practically through work placements. In order to successfully complete the programme, students have to submit a final project.

Professional Bachelor's programmes are offered at university colleges (Professionshøjskoler). These institutions have strong links to business and universities and other research institutes within their region. With more than 23 subject areas to choose from, including engineering, IT management, nursing, teacher training, journalism and social education, university colleges provide a unique opportunity to undertake a career-oriented education programme. Most programmes are taught entirely in English and some partly in English.

In addition to attending lectures, students participate in seminars, project work and group activities. A Professional Bachelor's degree qualifies you to enter a specific profession within your field of study, and most of the programmes give access to further studies at post-graduate level.

If you are interested in undertaking a full degree programme at a Danish university college, you should enquire about entry requirements, additional tests

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- 3 TO 4½ YEARS (180-270 ECTS CREDITS)
- Interdisciplinary study
- oriented towards specific professions, e.g. nursing, engineering, teaching
- theory and practice in one programme

and opportunities for credit transfer, from the admissions office at the institution where you wish to study. Entry requirements normally include a qualification comparable to a Danish upper secondary school leaving certificate (usually awarded after 12 to 13 years of education) and proof of proficiency in English (TOEFL or IELTS test).

University Bachelor's degree

The university Bachelor's degree is awarded after the completion of a 3-year undergraduate programme, normally undertaken within one or two subject areas. Teaching is research-based and gives students a broad academic foundation as well as specialised knowledge. Towards the end of the programme students are required to submit a final project. The programmes qualify students to enter the labour market and to pursue post-graduate studies.

Admission to a Bachelor's degree programme requires 12 to 13 years of education and a good upper secondary school leaving certificate. In addition to the academic admission requirements, proof of proficiency in English (TOEFL or IELTS test) is usually required. ■

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- 3 YEARS (180 ECTS CREDITS)
- Research-based education
- predominantly theoretical
- preparing for post-graduate studies

“I like the teaching and that we are all encouraged to be independent and to participate in the discussions”

Full degree student from China

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Post-graduate studies

CANDIDATUS/ MASTER'S DEGREE

The Candidatus/Master's degree is normally awarded after two years of study. The programme is research-based and gives students a theoretical knowledge combined with the ability to apply this practically. It includes a final thesis (normally 30-60 ECTS credits), or - in certain subject areas - a more practical project. Upon completion of the programme, students can enter the labour market or undertake further studies (e.g. PhD).

Programmes are offered in a range of disciplines, including innovative areas of science, where Denmark has internationally recognised centres of excellence. A broad range of interdisciplinary programmes have been developed to meet the needs of the globalised knowledge-based society.

In order to gain admission to a Candidatus/Master's programme, you need to have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent, normally in a subject area related to the programme you wish to study. In addition to the academic requirements, proof of proficiency in English is required (e.g. through a TOEFL or an IELTS test). A Candidatus/Master's degree qualifies you to apply for further studies at PhD level.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

2 YEARS (120 ECTS CREDITS)
- research-based
- career oriented

PHD DEGREE

A Danish PhD programme usually lasts three years. The components of the programme are:

- Independent research under supervision
- Courses for PhD students (approximately 30 ECTS credits)
- Participation in research networks, including placements at other, primarily foreign, research institutions
- Teaching or another form of knowledge dissemination, which is, as far as possible, related to the PhD project
- The completion of a PhD thesis

PhD programmes are offered at universities, which have established a PhD school, at research institutions as well as in industry. These institutions all offer excellent research, library and laboratory facilities for researchers and PhD students. The general admission requirements for PhD programmes include a Candidatus/Master's degree or equivalent comparable to the Danish two-year Candidatus/Master's degree. In some areas, a four-year PhD programme is offered to students who have completed a Bachelor's qualification and one year of study at postgraduate level. Interested candidates should contact the institution in question in the first instance for more information. ■

**“Institutional support for my career is high
– There is money for travelling to conferences, buying
books, software etc. Danes are friendly and tolerant.
The wages as a phd student allow me
to save some money”**

PhD student from Bosnia

**MAIN
CHARACTERISTICS**

3 YEARS (180 ECTS CREDITS)
Research - teaching activity required
- opportunities for financial support

**“I LIKE THE
DANISH EDUCATION
FORM VERY MUCH
– ESPECIALLY THE
TEAM WORK.
IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT
FOR ME TO GET USED
TO IT, BUT I THINK IT
IS A VERY IMPORTANT
COMPETENCE FOR ME
WHEN I AM GOING
TO WORK WITH MANY
NEW COLLEAGUES”**

Full degree student from China



PRACTICAL
INFORMATIONAPPLICATION
PROCEDURES

Application procedures and deadlines vary between the different programmes:

Degree programmes

If you wish to study for a full degree at a higher education institution in Denmark, you should enquire about entrance qualifications, any additional tests and the possibility of transferring already obtained credits at the admissions office at the institution to which you wish to apply.

Undergraduate studies

The application deadline is 15 March if you want to begin your studies the following academic year (August or September).

A few institutions have additional intakes in January or February, and the application deadline for these programmes is 1 September.

Application forms are available from the institutions from about two months before the deadline.

Postgraduate studies

Deadlines vary between the different programmes, so please contact the institution you wish to apply to for further information.

Most institutions will ask for proof of proficiency in English, e.g. TOEFL or IELTS test, or the completion of the institution's internal test.

Exchange/Visiting
Students

If you are already enrolled in a higher education institution, you might be able to study in Denmark as an ex-change/visiting student. You are advised to contact your home institution for more information on exchange agreements with Danish institutions.

If your institution does not have an agreement, you can contact the international office at the Danish institution, where you wish to study, for information about individual visiting student options, application deadlines etc.



Summer Schools

Some Danish higher education institutions offer summer schools taught in English. The courses provide an opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge in various areas in and outside of your usual area of study. Application deadlines for summer school courses vary, and you should contact the institution, you wish to apply to for further information.

SEMESTERS

At most Danish higher education institutions the academic year is divided into two semesters:

1. semester:
Aug./September – Dec./January
2. semester:
Jan./February – June

TUITION FEES

Higher education is usually provided free of charge for all EU/EEA citizens. Students from outside the EU/EEA, who are not participating in a bilateral

or international exchange programme, are required to pay tuition fees. Annual tuition fees for full-time degree students range from 6,000 to 16,000 Euro.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND
GRANTS

A range of scholarships or other financial aid schemes are available for international students studying in Denmark:

Degree programmes

- Institutional and governmental scholarships for highly qualified students
- Erasmus Mundus scholarships for certain Candidatus/Master's programmes.

For PhD students, a range of funding options is available

Studentships

PhD studentships are advertised



“I WAS
SURPRISED
THAT A LOT
OF PEOPLE
IN DENMARK
SPEAK
ENGLISH
SO WELL”

Exchange student from Czech Republic

by universities, research institutions, business enterprises and public and private foundations. Employment is usually for a period of 3 years.

Industrial PhD fellowships

These fellowships are offered through collaboration between a private enterprise and a university. The PhD project is carried out as a research project and the PhD student facilitates research co-operation between the two partners. These fellowships usually have a duration of 3 years.

Self-financed PhD programmes

As a self-financed student, you will usually be charged a tuition fee, ranging from 10,000 to 16,000 Euro per year.

International financial support

There is also the possibility of getting international financial support either from your home country or from international organisations such as the European Commission's research programmes.

For further information, please visit www.studyindenmark.dk

Exchange/visiting students

Exchange or visiting students are eligible to apply for a variety of financial support schemes (and tuition fee waivers if applicable).

For further information you should contact your home institution, or the Danish institution you would like to apply to or visit www.studyindenmark.dk

RESIDENCE AND WORK PERMIT

You should contact the institution, to which you have been admitted, for detailed information about how to obtain a residence and work permit. In particular, students from outside the EU/EEA should note that they have to apply for the residence permit in their home country. There are also certain financial requirements attached to the application process. As a part of the application for residency, non-EU/EEA students apply for a work permit, allowing them to work for up to 15 hours a week during the academic year and full time during the summer holidays (June, July and August).

For further information on residence and work permits, please visit: www.newtodenmark.dk ■

STUDENT
LIFE

**WELCOME PROGRAMMES
FOR INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS**

The Danish higher education institutions look forward to welcoming you. Many institutions organise welcome programmes for their international students with useful information about student life and social activities. International students are often offered short courses in the Danish language and culture before or during the first weeks of the semester. More extensive language courses are also available during the academic year. Some institutions arrange for a fellow student – a buddy – to meet you on arrival. Your buddy will introduce you to other Danish and international students and help you get settled and deal with practical matters during your first weeks in Denmark.

SOCIAL LIFE

An active social life is an essential part of student life. At most Danish higher education institutions social activities are many and varied.

The students organise several activities such as parties, excursions, student seminars, etc. The very popular weekly event *Fre-dagsbar*, ‘Friday Bar’, is an open get together held on Fridays, and a great place to meet other students for coffee, soft drinks or a beer.

**LEISURE AND SPORTS
ACTIVITIES**

For students interested in sports activities, there are plenty of opportunities both on campus and through public and private organisations.

ACCOMMODATION

Finding a place to live often takes time, so we would strongly advise you to contact your Danish education institution for information about accommodation as soon as you have been admitted.

The institutions will be able to assist you in finding a place to live – some may even guarantee to find one for you. There are several options:



“At the beginning of the semester, the international office organised a lot of social activities and this was really good because then we could get to know each other”

Exchange student from Australia

**Room in a hall of residence
(kollegium)**

Price: 240-400 Euro per month.

**Privately rented room in a
house/flat**

Price: 200-500 Euro per month.

Privately rented flat

Either on an individual basis or sharing with other students, prices vary considerably.

You can read more about accommodation at www.studyindenmark.dk

LIVING EXPENSES

Average monthly living expenses in Denmark are estimated to be between 650-800 Euro. This includes accommodation, but excludes tuition fees. ■



LIVING AND WORKING IN DENMARK

A KNOWLEDGE-BASED SOCIETY

Denmark is a small Scandinavian country, located in Northern Europe. The country's geographical structure means that it is surrounded by the sea, and that you are never more than 52 km from the attractive coast line. The total population is approximately 5.5 million.

Denmark is an internationally oriented country and plays an active role in global business and politics. The country has been a member of the EU since 1973 and has had a significant influence on both environmental and social issues as well as on the EU enlargement process.

Denmark is a modern, democratic, knowledge-based society known for its extensive welfare system. The distribution of wealth is relatively even, and Danes enjoy free education, medical treatment, etc. The country is recognised for its high-quality research in areas such as biotechnology, food science and environmental protection.

WORKING IN DENMARK

Denmark has a thriving economy and needs highly qualified professionals. It is therefore in the interest of the Danish society that international students stay in the country after they have finished their higher education programme. If you complete a study programme in Denmark, your residence permit will be extended by six months to allow you to look for work in Denmark.

The work culture in Denmark is characterised by a non-hierarchical structure and open dialogue between management and employees. It is team-oriented, and the working environment is open and informal. Danish companies offer flexible working conditions and modern facilities. The enhancement of qualifications is a high priority and most workplaces offer continuing education to their employees.

Find out more about work in Denmark at www.workindenmark.dk



“It feels
like a
safe place.
And there
are good
facilities,
so it is for
instance
easy to
travel
around”

Full degree student from Uganda

The web site also has a job database and access to the European Researcher's Mobility Portal.

LIVING IN DENMARK

Thanks to the country's international outlook, visitors find it easy to live and study in Denmark. Most Danes speak English fluently as their second language, and you will find easy access to international television channels, foreign newspapers etc.

The Danes are generally informal, helpful and tolerant. They value individual freedom, gender equality and their social life. They have a love for small cafés, pubs, and social gatherings, which form an important part of the Danish culture. Denmark is known as a country with a high personal safety – even the Queen can go shopping with a minimum of security personnel.

Denmark is a nation of cyclists. A good and inexpensive way of getting around and exploring the local surroundings is by bike.

Alternatively, you can use the extensive public transport system. One way or another, you are never far away from the sea, the countryside or the vibrant city life. www.denmark.dk ■







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