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Experience a semester at Aarhus University, Denmark



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LIFE IN DENMARK

WHAT IS DANISH WELFARE

While Denmark may have been knocked off the top spot for world's happiest nation by its neighbour Norway, there is still a lot to grin about. The welfare system means that no matter who you are or where you come from, you'll get a good chance in life. This fundamental egalitarianism is also something that you'll find at Danish universities. Not only is higher education offered free to all Danes, you'll also discover that there is an informality between teachers and students and it is the norm to be on a first-name basis. A welfare economy is not the only way Danes take care of each other. Low crime rates and a high degree of trust between citizens mean that a lost wallet will more often than not find its way back to you, through the kindness of strangers.

PROGRESSIVE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

Denmark is a world leader when it comes to pursuing environmentally friendly initiatives at the national and individual level. You'll notice the characteristic windmills dotting the Danish landscape, while most students living in Aarhus prefer two-wheel transportation to get to uni. Due to extensive bike lanes, cycling is often the quickest way of getting around - plus, it's free! Sustainability is just one of the ways Denmark has shown its capacity to be 'big' beyond its relatively small geographic size. Danes have proven themselves masters of design and architecture, and much has been made of the 'new Nordic cuisine' that burst onto the food scene in recent years, earning Danish restaurants numerous Michelin stars.

CREATURES OF HABIT AND TRADITION

Danes love traditions, and for as many seasons and months there are in a year, there are holidays and rituals to celebrate. Traditions can be as small as always having a cup of coffee in hand during a meeting, and as widespread as the entire nation sitting down to watch the Queen's new year's speech. As well as traditions, getting familiar with Danish habits will get you settled into Denmark in no time. Punctuality is one habit that is very much encouraged. As fastidious as Danes are about being on time to any and all engagements, so are they about getting a good work/life balance. You may need some time to get used to knowing when a straight-faced Dane is being seriously serious - or seriously ironic! In any case, as someone new in town, learning about Danish habits and traditions are fun ways to get to know Danish culture.





YOUNGEST CITY COLLEGIAL ATMOSPHERE FORESTS & BEACHES

This is just a few of the things
you will discover in Aarhus

THE CITY OF AARHUS

For decades, Aarhus might have been Denmark's best-kept secret. However, Aarhus is no longer a hidden treasure, but a hub of art, music, museums, nature and urban living. With 1 in 7 residents a student at Aarhus University and a geographically small city centre, Aarhus has the collegial atmosphere you would expect of a university town.

The city also offers exceptional modern architecture, world-class restaurants and as many cultural offerings as you could find time for. As a student, you'll find the city swarming with great study spots from cosy cafés to the state-of-the-art harbourfront library. Are you the outdoorsy type? Take a study break in the beautiful forests that surround the city or take a dip at one of Aarhus's beaches. Urban more your scene? Check out popular nightlife spots along the canal that runs through the middle of town.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Aarhus has been gaining international attention in recent years. It came in second on Lonely Planet's 'Best in Europe' list and it was profiled by The New York Times as part of its popular '36 hours in' series
- Aarhus is known to locals as the City of Smiles
- Aarhus is Denmark's youngest city, with the average age of residents one of the lowest in Europe
- There are 450.021 meters of public bike lanes in Aarhus
- The Danish royal family is the oldest uninterrupted monarchy in Europe. Crown Prince Frederik is an honorary alumnus of AU
- The Aarhus University campus has been voted one of the top 10 most beautiful campuses in Europe by Times Higher Education
- Campus buildings consist of 28.478.528 yellow bricks



APPLICATION DATES

Autumn Semester

Applications open: 1 March

Application deadline: 1 May

Spring Semester

Applications open: 15 September

Application deadline: 1 November

Want to apply?

Contact the International Office at your home university to find out how to apply for an exchange at Aarhus University.

Visit www.au.dk/exchange to find all relevant information, dates, and application requirements.

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STUDENT LIFE AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

As an international student, what you'll notice about Aarhus University is that you're not alone. In fact, over 120 nationalities are represented among the university's cohort and there are over 1000 courses taught in English across all four faculties: Arts, Business & Social Sciences, Health and Science & Technology. Denmark on the whole ranks among the top countries in the world for its citizens' English-speaking abilities - in fact, you may face a greater hurdle in getting Danes to let you test out your Danish than you will speaking English! The international focus at Aarhus University is complemented by a strong commitment to cutting-edge research.

Each programme has its own 'Friday Bar' located on campus, a hangout for students to socialise at the end of the week, where theme-nights and fancy dress are not uncommon. The sprawling lawns play host to all 40,000 students for the annual regatta across the lakes, Denmark's largest sports day, concerts and the huge Sankt Hans bonfire celebrating the long summer nights. While Danes may have a reputation for being reserved, these events bring out the best of Denmark, showing off the strong spirit of community and fun.





TOUR OF AARHUS UNIVERSITY

Walking onto the campus at Aarhus University is a special experience, no matter what time of year you arrive. Here, let us paint you a picture. Arriving in September, you'll be greeted by the red and orange autumnal trees dotted across green lawns. Or perhaps you've come in February, in which case you'll find blue flowers peeking through the snow along the bike paths or daffodils lining the lake. Wander down towards the impressive lakeside auditorium and you'll pass the Queen's old residence hall. When you see the hundreds (only a slight exaggeration) of bikes parked outside, you'll know you're at the right place.

In the bottom of the University Park you'll find the International Centre, where you can ask about anything from Danish courses for students to visas to housing. Retrace your steps up the hill and past the lakes, you'll arrive at the main library where, under Danish law, you're able to order any published work. Just over the road, you can grab a cheap coffee at the Student House and last, but by no means least, head over to the Nobel Park, home to by far the best views of Aarhus. All in all, a tour of the entire campus will take no more than an hour - making Aarhus University and its facilities easily accessible either on foot or by bike.



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