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STUDENT EXCHANGE

Experience a semester at Aarhus University, Denmark



120

THE NUMBER OF
STUDENT NATIONALITIES

80

THE NUMBER OF
STAFF NATIONALITIES

1,000

THE NUMBER OF
COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH WITHIN 33 STUDY AREAS

JOIN US AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY

When we ask former exchange students about their time at Aarhus University, many describe it as an unforgettable and fantastic experience which has given them long-lasting friendships with people all over the world, in addition to a challenging learning experience at one of the world's leading universities.

At Aarhus University, we welcome more than 1,000 exchange students each year for one or two semesters at one of our four faculties: Arts, School of Business and Social Sciences (Aarhus BSS), Health and Science and Technology.

International students from all over the world are warmly welcomed, and we value their contributions – both academic and social.

Established in 1928 under the motto *Solidum petit in profundis* (We seek solid ground in the depths), Aarhus University is a relatively young institution. Today it is a globally oriented, academically diverse and research-intensive university.

Our international students enrich Aarhus University with their curiosity, intellectual ambition and enthusiasm for the experience of a lifetime in Denmark.

We look forward to welcoming many more of you.



I chose AU because of its good reputation and many recommendations, and it was absolutely the right choice! Student life means being motivated and engaged for me; we have smaller classes than at my home university and it's very effective and interactive.

Marlene Schulz

Former exchange student from Germany

WHY CHOOSE AARHUS UNIVERSITY?

TOP 100 UNIVERSITY

AU is consistently ranked as one of the world's top universities. It was ranked number 65 in the current Shanghai ranking and among the world's hundred best universities in 17 out of 42 subjects in the latest QS World University Rankings by Subject.

ENGLISH - NO PROBLEM

Danes are constantly ranked as some of the best non-native English speakers in the world. It is easy for international students to get along in Denmark even if they don't speak Danish.

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Aarhus University's School of Business and Social Sciences (Aarhus BSS) is accredited by AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS for the school's core business activities.

AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Around 12 per cent of Aarhus University's 39,000 students are international, representing about 120 nationalities.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GUIDANCE

AU offers a professional support and many services for new international students including an orientation week, housing services and a mentor/buddy programme.

SAFE-SECURE-EQUAL

Aarhus is one of the safest cities in the world, while Denmark is widely cited as one of the world's most liveable places. It has the world's highest level of income equality according to the OECD. Based on the Corruption Transparency Index, Denmark is the least corrupt country in the world.

RESEARCH-BASED TEACHING

At Aarhus University, teachers are active researchers and teaching takes place in an informal context. All programmes are reviewed on an ongoing basis to meet the highest national and global quality standards.

SCANDINAVIAN TEACHING STYLE

The AU teaching style includes innovative teaching methods and an informal learning environment that is designed to promote creativity as well as analytical and critical thinking.



WHAT COURSES DOES AU OFFER?

As an exchange student it is possible to study at Aarhus University either for one or two semesters, and to attend one of the many courses offered by AU Summer University during July and August.

The university offers more than 1,000 courses taught in English each year within the areas of Arts, Science and Technology, Health Sciences, and Business and Social Sciences both at Bachelor's and Master's level.

To further explore the possibilities of studies offered in English at Aarhus University, please visit the AU course catalogue:

www.coursecatalogue.au.dk/en

To read more about courses at AU Summer University please see page 20 or go to:

www.au.dk/summeruniversity

AREAS OF STUDY

The following study areas are open to exchange students and offer courses taught in English:



Aesthetics
Agricultural and Food Sciences
Anthropology
Arab and Islamic Studies
Archaeology
Biology and Molecular Biology
Business
Business Communication
Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry
Cognitive Science
Comparative Religion and Theology
Computer Science

Education and Pedagogics
Economics
Engineering
English
European Studies
Geoscience
History
Information and Media Studies
Intercultural Studies
Language and Culture
Law
Linguistics and Literature

Management
Mathematics
Marketing
Medicine
Nanoscience
Philosophy
Physics and Astronomy
Political Science
Psychology
Scandinavian Studies
Semiotics
Sports Science



The student life at Aarhus University is the best I have ever experienced. Never have I felt homesick or lonely. Within the first week I had met people from all over the world who all were experiencing the exact same thing I was. It's incredible. I've loved my time at Aarhus and I would recommend it to anyone and everyone!

Savannah Hallett

Former exchange student from Australia

STUDENT LIFE

CAMPUS LIFE

The main campus at Aarhus University is located in the centre of Aarhus. Though students will be enrolled at a particular department, they will also feel that they are part of the university as a whole.

The campus provides a unique and dynamic study environment which influences both the academic and social environments. Students from different departments meet in the Friday bars, at Studentarhus Aarhus, at concerts in the University Park and around the rest of the city.

STUDY AND TEACHING ENVIRONMENT

Instruction at Aarhus University is generally structured around lectures, seminars and practical exercises. Students are expected to participate actively in academic discussions during class.

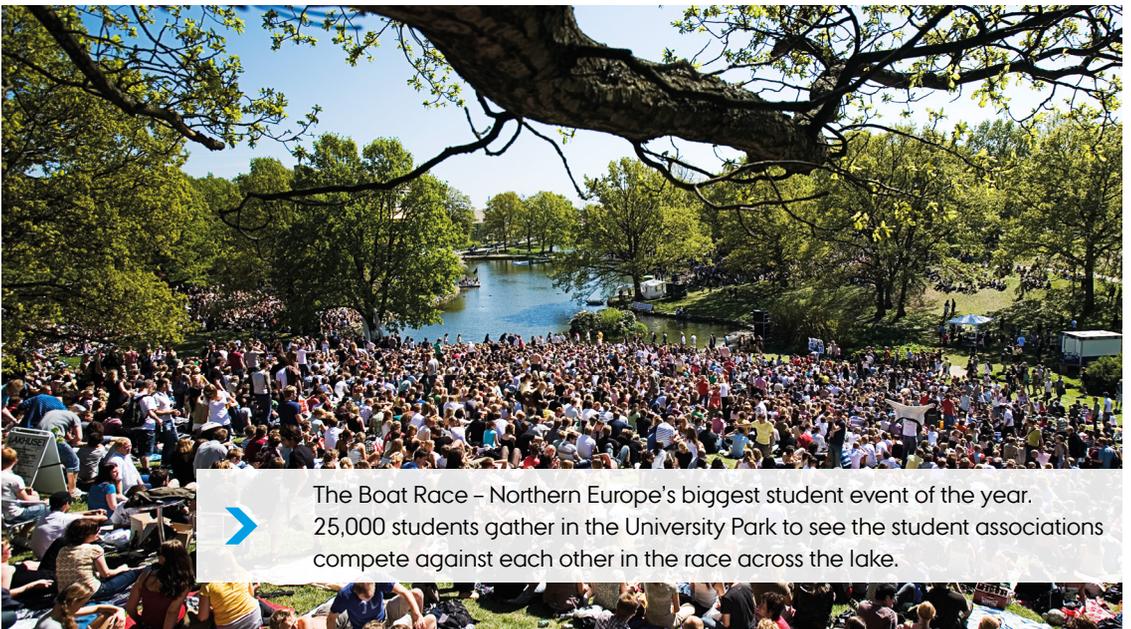
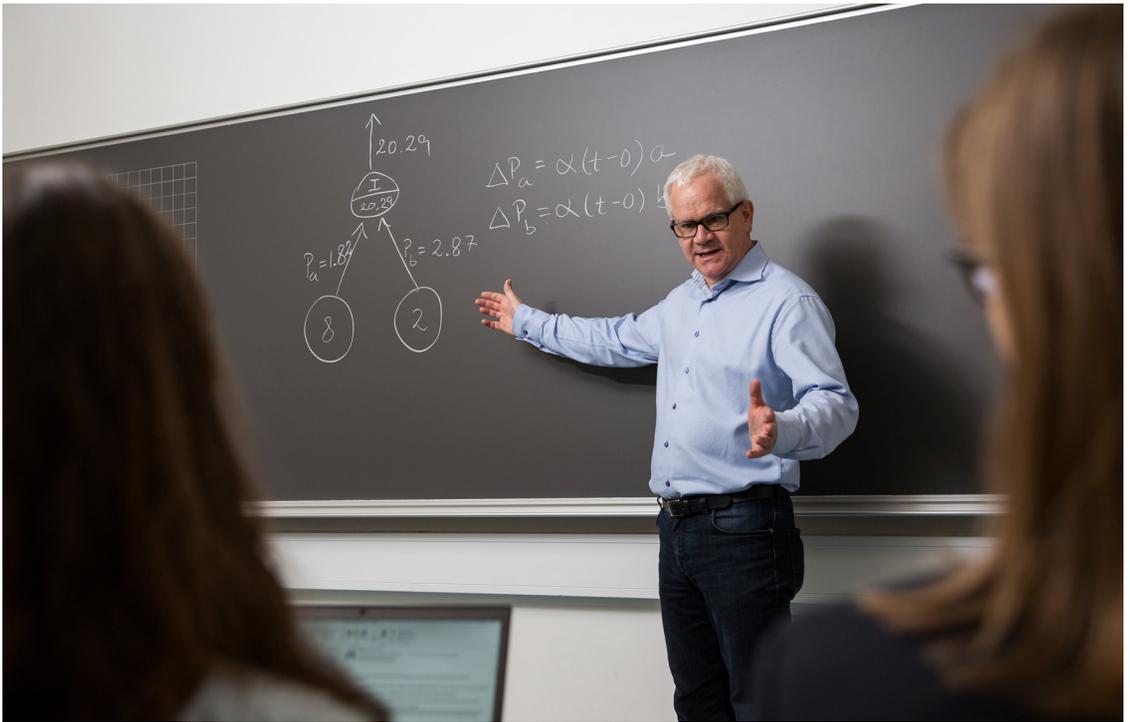
It is a good idea to join a study group as soon as the semester begins. In some cases, students are automatically assigned a study group. As dialogue and interaction between professors and students are considered central to the learning experience at AU, the academic atmosphere is very relaxed and informal.

EXAM AND EVALUATION

The examination system at the Danish universities is unlike most other systems in Europe. Students will experience a variety of different exam forms which can include sit-down exams, oral exams, project-based exams and more. The grading scale also differs from what students might be used to, as in Denmark the grades are given on a 7 point scale. The ECTS equivalent can be seen in the table below.

EUROPEAN GRADING SCALE COMPARISON

DANISH	12	10	7	4	02	00	-3
ECTS	A	B	C	D	E	F _X	F



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUTUMN SEMESTER

Late August until late January

SPRING SEMESTER

Late January until late June

*Depending on exams, some students might finish earlier and others later.

AU EXPERIENCE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

At Aarhus University we offer our international students a range of special services to help them get the best possible start in their new studies.

AU INTRO DAYS

This event, which is jointly organised by the International Office, the faculties and the student centre, Studenterhus Aarhus, is designed to give new exchange students an introduction to the university and to the city of Aarhus.

The introduction programme offers talks, tours and a welcome party to allow students to get to know each other and their surroundings.

LEARN DANISH

To learn Danish and get a better insight into life in Denmark and Danish culture international students can take affordable Danish language lessons in Aarhus.

For more information, please visit:

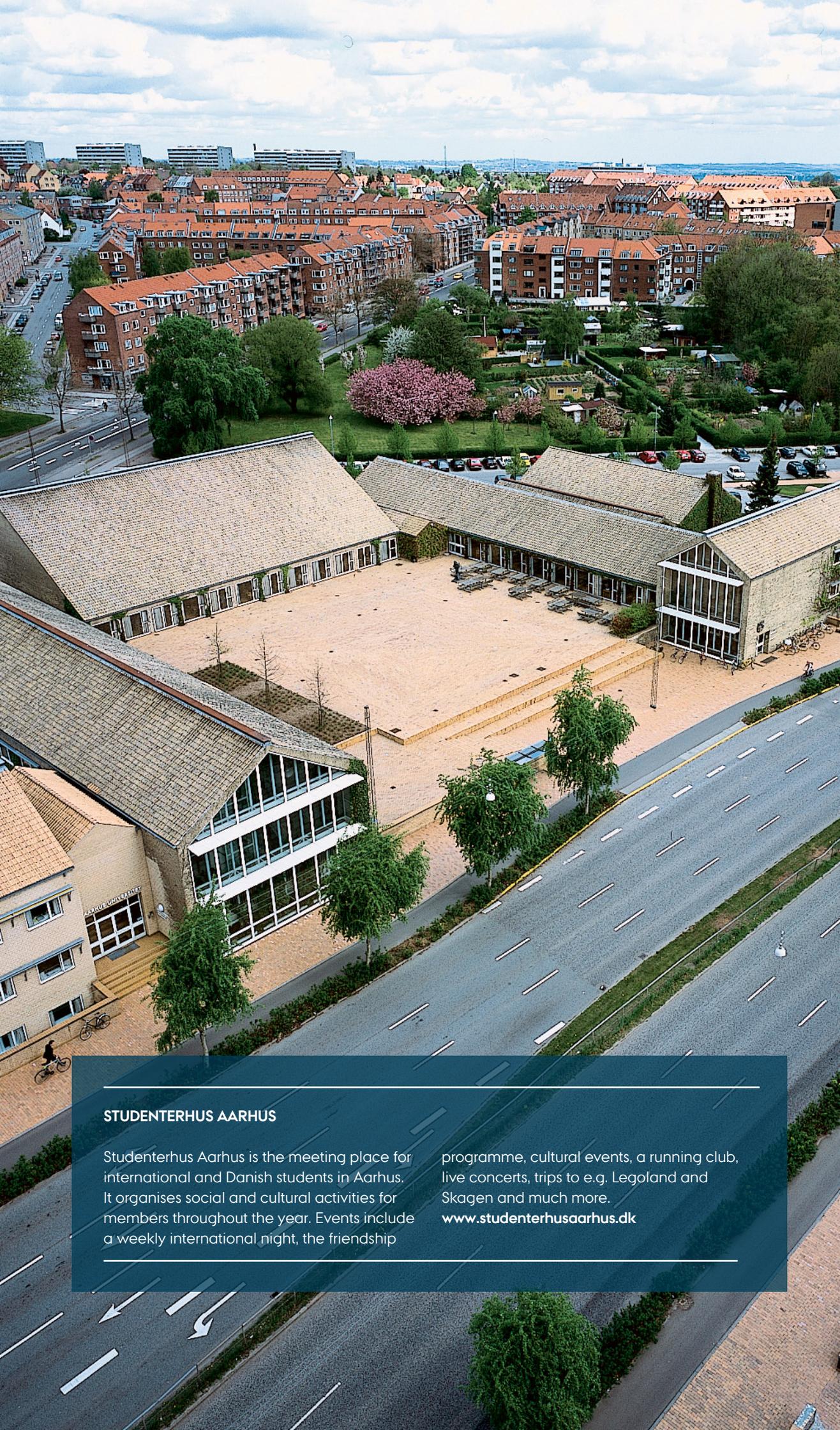
www.studerende.au.dk/en/internationalstudents/livingindenmark/learndanish/

HOUSING

Aarhus University offers housing services to all exchange students. A range of accommodation possibilities are available, including student residences, shared-facilities houses or private housing. For deadlines and conditions of housing, please check the housing section on the website for exchange students: www.au.dk/housing.

THE MENTOR/BUDDY PROGRAMME

As part of the exchange programme, most students will be assigned a mentor/buddy before their arrival. The mentor/buddy is a student who has volunteered to assist one or more exchange students upon arrival to Aarhus. The mentor/buddy provides information on studying as well as helping the exchange student to settle into life in Aarhus. Mentors/buddies typically assist with city and campus orientation, contact with the Danish authorities, registration for Danish social security and formalities related to housing in Aarhus.



STUDENTERHUS AARHUS

Studenterhus Aarhus is the meeting place for international and Danish students in Aarhus. It organises social and cultural activities for members throughout the year. Events include a weekly international night, the friendship

programme, cultural events, a running club, live concerts, trips to e.g. Legoland and Skagen and much more.

www.studenterhusaarhus.dk

The standard of spoken and written English language in Denmark is as high as it gets, for a non-native English speaking population. Aarhus is a relatively young and educated city, packed with students and young professionals fluent in multiple European languages, with English being the most prominent foreign language. In Denmark you could ask anyone for directions in English - not only are the Danes proficient in the English language, they are also friendly and willing to help!

Lincoln Wong

Former exchange student from Hong Kong

LIVING IN DENMARK

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Located at its southern edge, Denmark is Europe's gateway to Scandinavia. Denmark is a very safe and secure country with a low crime rate. The Danes are relaxed, informal and often ironic. 'Hygge' - the concept of cosiness - is an essential part of life. Maybe that is why Danes have been named as the happiest people in the world on numerous occasions.

Most Danes have a good command of English, so communication is easy even if you do not speak Danish.

LIVING COSTS

The standard of living in Denmark is high and the economy performs above the European average. Denmark is not an inexpensive country to live in.

However, the costs of accommodation, food, transport and leisure are comparable to other Western European nations. Danish salaries are also correspondingly high, and many services such as medical treatment and schools are paid for via taxes and the Danish welfare system, so that no user fees are charged.

SAMPLE PRICES:

Housing/rent:	EUR 310-600/month
Food and daily expenses:	EUR 200-350/month
Bus ticket:	EUR 2.70 per ride EUR 23 for ten-ride pass
Leisure activities:	EUR 50-200/month

1 Euro = DKK 7.45

EUROPE



DENMARK



✈ APPROXIMATE FLIGHT TIMES FROM AARHUS AIRPORT

🚗 APPROXIMATE TIME BY CAR FROM AARHUS

There was no time to feel bored or homesick with all the organised events, such as Aarhus Model United Nations, or Studenterhus Aarhus international nights. I opted to dwell in a shared facility house, proposed by the AU Housing Office, with many other exchange students. It was a fantastic experience. Not only did I rapidly improve my English skills, I was also exposed to a wide variety of different people and cultures. I had the pleasure to make lifelong friends with whom I shared countless memorable moments.

Henri Le Juan

Former exchange student from France

LIVING IN AARHUS

The university's main campus is located in Aarhus, a dynamic city in Denmark's Jutland peninsula. From here, the beach, the harbour and the forest are all within a 15-minute bike ride.

With a Top 100 university right in its heart, Aarhus is swarming with students eager to study and have a good time. With students making up 16 per cent of its population of 345,000, Aarhus is the youngest city in Denmark.

Every year the celebrated Spot Festival showcases more than 130 upcoming bands, while the three-day Northside Festival displays the most popular acts in alternative music. The art museum, ARoS, delivers groundbreaking works from some of the world's most progressive artists. In the beautiful woods just south of the city, MOMU, the Moesgaard Museum of archaeology and anthropology, offers a world-class museum experience in a breathtaking architectural setting.

At the harbour, you can find the largest public library in Scandinavia, Dokk1 - a cultural centre, which offers

a modern, functional and in the same time, visually stunning experience.

Aarhus is known as Denmark's culinary capital and has four Michelin-starred restaurants. There are dining opportunities everywhere, from the cosy cafés in the Latin Quarter to the modern restaurants in the central shopping area.

LIVING IN COPENHAGEN AND HERNING

Aarhus University also has two smaller campuses in the cities of Copenhagen and Herning – to read more about these cities see links on page 26.

86%

OF THE INHABITANTS
SPEAK ENGLISH

1 IN 8

STUDENTS IN AARHUS COMES
FROM ABROAD



345,000 people live in Aarhus and 1.2 million people live in the greater Aarhus area. 27 per cent of all Aarhusians are university-educated.

I really appreciate the opportunity to be a part of students' life at Aarhus University. All teachers are high-level specialists with strong practicing skills. The students seem to be very enthusiastic and hard-working. In addition, the technical equipment at the university is the most modern and the best I have ever seen.

Sveta Serdyuk

Former exchange student from Ukraine

ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES

AARHUS UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

AU Library has 19 locations around the different campuses. Some are open to students and staff 24 hours a day and offer spacious reading rooms. All libraries and AU buildings offer free internet. The main library of the university is the Royal Danish Library, and almost every department has its own specialised library. All university libraries are on the same borrowing system and along with an extensive electronic journal database, the Royal Danish Library subscribes to all major newspapers around the world.

AARHUS UNIVERSITY SPORTS (AUS)

The AUS is open to all university students and organises a wide range of activities, from badminton to fencing to chess.

STUDENT COUNSELLORS

Student counsellors are senior students who are there to advise other students in their department. This is the first place to go when students have questions regarding anything to do with their studies at the university.

CANTEEN SERVICE

There are numerous canteens located on all AU campus locations.

STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE

This group of social workers and psychologists assists students with personal matters.

This service is free of charge and completely confidential.

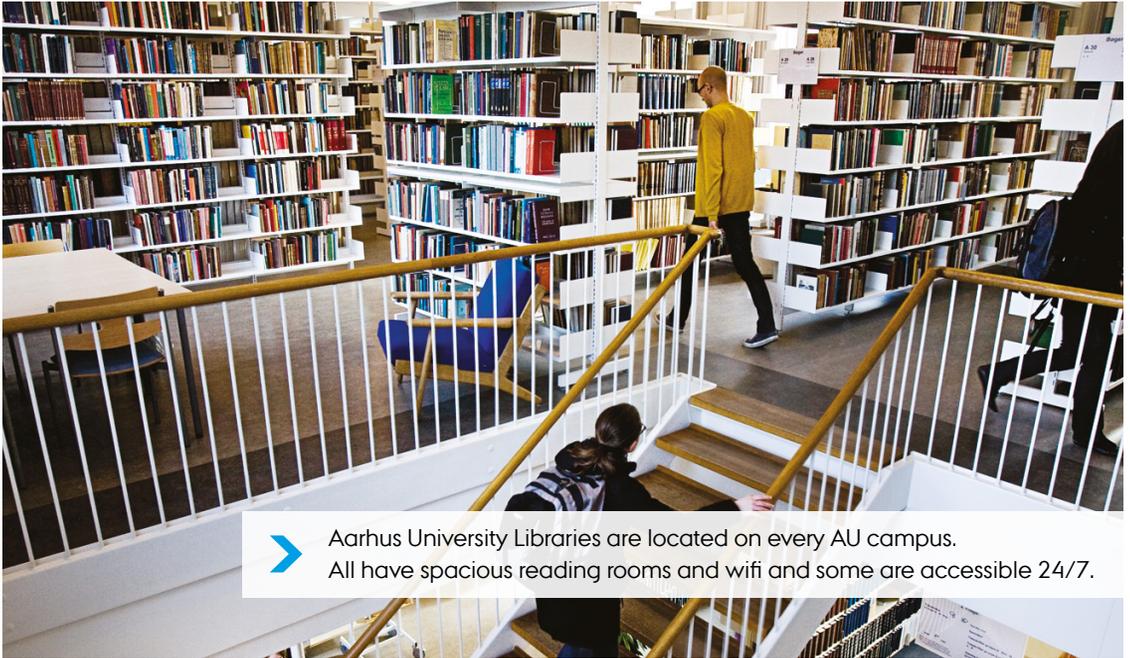
DALE'S CAFÉ

Dale's Café is a meeting place for international students and the university's many PhD students. The café, which is located next to the International Office in the Dale T. Mortensen Building, offers quality coffee and sandwiches. It has an informal lounge area where students and young researchers can relax while enjoying snacks and beverages.

FRIDAY BAR

The Friday bars are a good opportunity for students to meet and enjoy a drink together. Every Friday around 2 pm, each department sets up a small bar in a canteen or a classroom serving beer and soft drinks.

To read about facilities at our campuses in Herning and Copenhagen, please go to:
www.au.dk/exchange



REGISTRATION WITH AUTHORITIES

RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE/PERMIT

Depending on nationality, students need to apply for a residence certificate (EU/EEA students) or a residence permit (non EU/EEA students) for the duration of their stay in Aarhus.

Nordic citizens staying in Denmark do not need a residence permit or certificate.

EU/EEA citizens need a residence certificate only if they are staying in Denmark for more than three months. It is recommended that EU/EEA citizens apply for the residence certificate during the mandatory AU Intro Days.

NON-EU/EEA citizens who are planning to stay in Denmark for more than three months will need to obtain a residence permit. The permit must be applied for and received prior to their arrival in Denmark.

CPR NUMBER

All students, regardless of their nationality, must apply for a Danish personal registration number (CPR number).

This number is used when dealing with public authorities, health authorities, libraries, banks etc. All students can apply for a CPR number during the mandatory AU Intro Days.

INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE

If students plan to stay in Denmark for less than three months, they should purchase private health insurance to cover any medical treatment that they might require during their stay.

The Danish Health Security Act covers foreign students staying for more than three months. It means that once students have their yellow Health Insurance Card, showing their name, address and personal registration number (CPR number), they will be allowed to receive free medical treatment in clinics and hospitals.

Please note that the Danish Health Insurance does not cover the costs of medical evacuation back to the home country, emergency repatriation and personal liability. For this reason, we encourage everyone to purchase travel insurance as well.



HOW TO APPLY FOR EXCHANGE AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY:
www.au.dk/exchange



I had a lot of fun in my month at Aarhus University and I really appreciated the help we got from other students and the staff in guiding us through the many practicalities. They were really very friendly and helpful. I gained a lot of experience that I would probably never get elsewhere, and I will definitely recommend my friends back home to sign up for AU Summer University next year.

Mandi Yeoh
Former AU Summer University student,
from Singapore

SHORT-TERM OPTIONS

AU SUMMER UNIVERSITY

AU Summer University takes place every year in July and August with two terms each lasting three weeks.

All courses are taught in English by AU lecturers and invited international guest lecturers from all over the world. All courses are credit-bearing. Teaching at AU Summer University is based on current research and has a strong international perspective.

The programme consists of 95 courses at Bachelor's or Master's level within the fields of Arts, Business, Economics, Communication, Political Science, Law, Health, Science and Technology.

AU Summer University welcomes both Danish and international students. Along with the academic programme international students and lecturers are offered an accommodation service, a visa service, and a social programme.

www.au.dk/summeruniversity



My trip to Aarhus was a journey of personal growth and selfdiscovery filled with unforgettable experiences. Being in Aarhus and experiencing a whole different culture, a different language and a different lifestyle has indeed changed my perception of life. I have formed new lifelong friendships with my wonderful host family, programme facilitators, lecturers and fellow exchange students. I would highly recommend an exchange abroad experience for every student, as it is a lifetime experience and you will learn so much about the world and yourself, and meet the most amazing people!

Devyani Ahuja

Former Aarhus BSS Winter School student,
from Australia

SHORT-TERM OPTIONS

AARHUS BSS WINTER SCHOOL

Each year in January Aarhus University's School of Business and Social Sciences (Aarhus BSS) offers three to four undergraduate level courses covering subject areas such as Business, Economics, Law and Communication.

All courses are credit-bearing and consist of a mixture of both lectures, classroom workshops, discussions and exercises.

Aarhus BSS Winter School gives you a change to experience the Scandinavian teaching style first hand while studying at one of Europe's top universities. The courses last for two weeks and welcome exchange students from select partner universities.

To find out how to apply for Aarhus BSS Winter School, please contact your home university.

www.bss.au.dk/winterschool





➤ Campus Emdrup in Copenhagen, location of AU's education and pedagogy programmes.



➤ Campus Herning, location of some of AU's economics and business administration and engineering programmes.



USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION



LINKS

AARHUS UNIVERSITY

www.international.au.dk

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

www.au.dk/ic

FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

www.au.dk/exchange

AU SUMMER UNIVERSITY

www.au.dk/summeruniversity

INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING IN DENMARK

www.studyindenmark.dk

TOURIST INFORMATION

www.visitdenmark.dk

www.visitaarhus.dk

www.visitcopenhagen.dk

www.visitherning.dk



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