

A photograph of three students (two men and one woman) sitting in a field of tall green grass. They are looking towards a modern building with a white facade featuring numerous circular and oval-shaped openings. The building is in the background, and the students are in the foreground, creating a sense of depth and connection to the university environment.

Exchange

Student Guide

2 Five campuses In five cities

See the world. Build your career. Find friends for life. Make studying abroad what you want it to be at the University of Southern Denmark. Our international exchange programmes offer flexibility and choice, so you can get the most out of your time here.

Odense

Campusvej 55,
5230 Odense M
(Main campus)

Sønderborg

Alsion 2,
6400 Sønderborg

Kolding

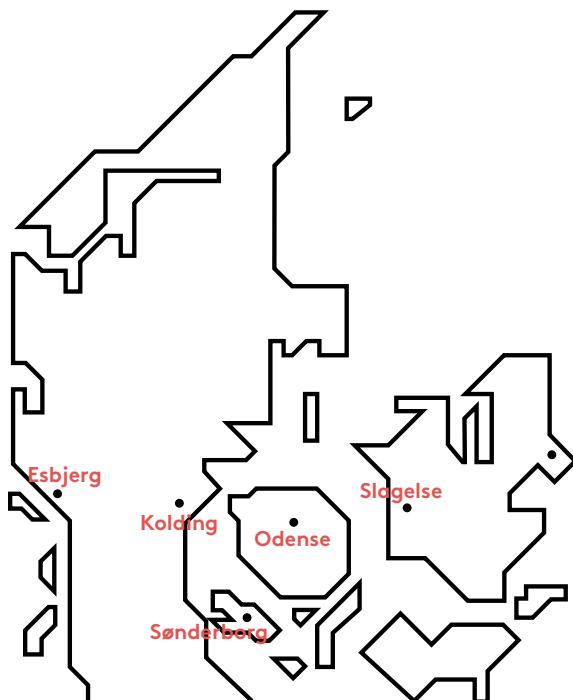
Universitetsparken 1,
6000 Kolding

Esbjerg

Niels Bohrs Vej 9-10,
6700 Esbjerg

Slagelse

Sdr. Stationsvej 28,
4200 Slagelse



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This guide is intended for people who want to expand their knowledge while discovering new and exciting places and cultures, and to make new friends from all around the world. If that sounds like you, then we cordially invite you to become an exchange student at the University of Southern Denmark, more commonly known as Syddansk Universitet (SDU).

By choosing SDU, you will become part of a lively international student environment. Each year, more than 1500 international students choose to study at the university, which has more than 500 exchange agreements with partner institutions across the world. As an exchange student you can:

Enjoy easy communication

Many courses at Bachelor and Master levels are taught in English, so you can get by without Danish, both inside of and outside of the classroom.

Make new friends

1 in 5 of our students come from outside Denmark, so you will get to know people from all over the World.

Benefit from international experience

By being an exchange student in Denmark, you will equip yourself with a range of skills and experiences that will increase your employability.

Enjoy quality in education

World-class resources and dynamic teaching at the University of Southern Denmark enable you to get the best out of your time abroad. Whether you are studying American Literature, or doing research in science, the university puts the tools you need at your disposal.

Participate in dynamic teaching

In true Scandinavian fashion, students participate actively in class and will often work in groups and with projects.

Delight in Denmark

Both SDU and Denmark have much to offer. Denmark is famous for its high quality of life, beautiful countryside, friendly people, and cosy atmosphere.

Feel welcome

The university does everything it can to make exchange students feel welcome. You can find help during the application process, as well as before and after your arrival.

This guide is just one of the many resources available to you. More information about the university and the exchange programme descriptions can be found on the website (www.sdu.dk/en). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact SDU International (int@sdu.dk).

We hope that we can guide you along the road to the University of Southern Denmark.

A decision we guarantee you'll not regret!

All the best,
SDU International

Become an



Years spent at university are meant to be the most enriching and enjoyable years of your life. It is a time of exploration and self-discovery, of new experiences and lasting memories.

Exchange Student

Education is not something that should be restricted to the classroom. Life experiences and personal development are just as important as passing exams on the road to success. Combine all three with an exchange abroad. See the world, make new friends, and broaden your horizons. Stand out and have an education and experience you will remember for life. What are you waiting for?!

Who are Exchange Students?

Exchange students are students who are sent from a partner institution to study one or two semesters at the University of Southern

Denmark. The course credits they take are then transferred back to count as part of their degree they study in their home country.

Study possibilities

As an exchange student, you can study at one of our four campuses which offer courses in English: Odense, Kolding, Esbjerg, and Sønderborg. The university offers a large number of programmes taught in English to exchange students. In addition, the Faculty of Humanities also offers courses taught in German and Spanish at bachelor and master levels.

Reasons to do an Exchange in Denmark, and why not at SDU?

→ Reason no 1

NOTHING TO LOSE, EVERYTHING TO GAIN. Home will always be there, no matter how far you roam. But when you return, you will be different. You will gain so much more than just an education.

→ Reason no 2

NEW PERSPECTIVES. You will meet new cultures, and people with a very different background to yours. You will make friends for life, and gain an international network of contacts you can make use of in the future. You will learn to cope with unfamiliar situations and learn a lot about your own tolerance, your insight, and yourself.

Why do an Exchange in Denmark

Long white beaches. Island hopping. Easy travel around Europe.

Choose an Exchange in Denmark, and you will quickly find that the country has more to offer than you had ever imagined. Grasp the opportunity to study in Scandinavia's gateway to Europe, and open up a world of possibilities.

A happy country

Time and time again, the Danes come out on top of the World Happiness Index. Try life here, and find out why!

A safe country

People who have visited Denmark often emphasize how safe the country feels. Children walk to school on their own, and even the Queen can be seen doing her own shopping with a minimum of security. The statistics confirm this image of Denmark, as the country has one of the lowest crime rates in the world.

Welfare state

Denmark is a highly advanced welfare state characterized by universal healthcare, free education and social security for all citizens. The country has a high degree of income redistribution facilitated by the tax system, and a relatively small gap between the rich and the poor.

Pyt

A wonderful little word that can translate into "never mind" or "doesn't matter". Used when something does not go quite as planned. PYT: don't worry, it'll all be fine. There is a reason why Danes are among the happiest people in the world; we know how to say PYT.

Health and cycling

Everyone has a bike here! And it's used for almost every trip! It helps that the country is breathtakingly flat with no hills to climb. Danes are also big fans of a balanced diet, with organic products being at the top of the list when it comes to food priorities.

Hygge

The closest translation of 'hygge' is 'cosiness', but it is so much more than that, and has to be experienced to be understood. It could be time spent in good company, enjoying nice food, drinks and good humour. It is a very important aspect of the Danish mentality.

Scandinavia's gateway to Europe

Denmark's location makes it a gateway to other Scandinavian countries as well as the rest of Europe. Berlin is just an hour's flight away. London and Paris can be reached in less than two hours. Barcelona, Rome, Vienna, and Prague are all just a few hours of flight away.



Name: Jekaterina
Kovalkova
Country: Latvia
Study Programme:
Business, Language
and Culture MSc

*"Oh, it's great!
My advice to everyone is to
go on an exchange abroad!
It may be scary in the be-
ginning, but it will change
you forever"*

Good to know about —

Facts

The Kingdom of Denmark includes two autonomous countries in the North Atlantic Ocean: the Faroe Islands, and Greenland.

Denmark is a small country – it consists of 406 islands and has 7314 km of coastline.

Population: 5.785.864 (2018)

Capital: Copenhagen / "the most livable city in the world" 1.308.893 (2018)

Other major cities: Århus 273.077, Odense 178.210, Aalborg 114.194 (2018)

Language: Danish, with English as a second language.

Currency: Danish Krone, DKK 1 Krone = 100 Øre (~1 EUR = 7,5 DKK)

Country dialing code: +45

The Danish education system

- The emphasis is on practice and building on theory
- Group work exists in virtually every course
- Innovation is encouraged
- An international and dynamic learning environment
- An innovative educational system of high international quality
- Direct contact with local businesses
- A friendly atmosphere between students and teachers – flat hierarchy
- Extensive teaching in English
- It's free to do an Exchange there!

→ Reason no 3

EXPLORE EUROPE. You can explore while studying in Denmark. As Scandinavia's gateway to Europe, Denmark is close to historical cities such as Amsterdam, Berlin, London, Oslo and Paris.

→ Reason no 4

FREEDOM to travel without the commitments of a job. It will not be as easy to travel when you are not a student.

— Denmark



The Erasmus student network (ESN)

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is the biggest student association in Europe. The mission of ESN is to create a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and facilitating student exchange. At the same time, ESN also aims to provide an intercultural experience to students who are not able to study abroad. ESN works with the interests of exchange students at heart, and aims to improve the social and practical integration of exchange students across many countries.

ESN is not just for European students, but for all international students. The main branch of ESN in Denmark is located at our main campus in Odense. It is run by both local and international student volunteers who work to enrich the exchange student experience by:

- Organising events, trips and activities for students – this includes many parties throughout the year, discounted trips to neighbouring cities, and the legendary Viking sea battle, where over 2000 students take a trip on a cruise ship in the Baltic Sea.
- The Buddy program – experienced SDU students are matched with incoming students to hand over accommodation keys, help them get settled in, and to show them where all the best places in town are.
- Promoting mobility among local students – The exchange experience doesn't end with you coming to Denmark, but instead it is an ongoing exchange of culture, language, and fun.
- Involving international students in the local community by organising charitable, environmentally-focused, and educational activities.

→ Reason no 5

LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE, or practice your English. Everyone speaks perfect English here, and you may want to learn some Danish as well to enhance your experience.

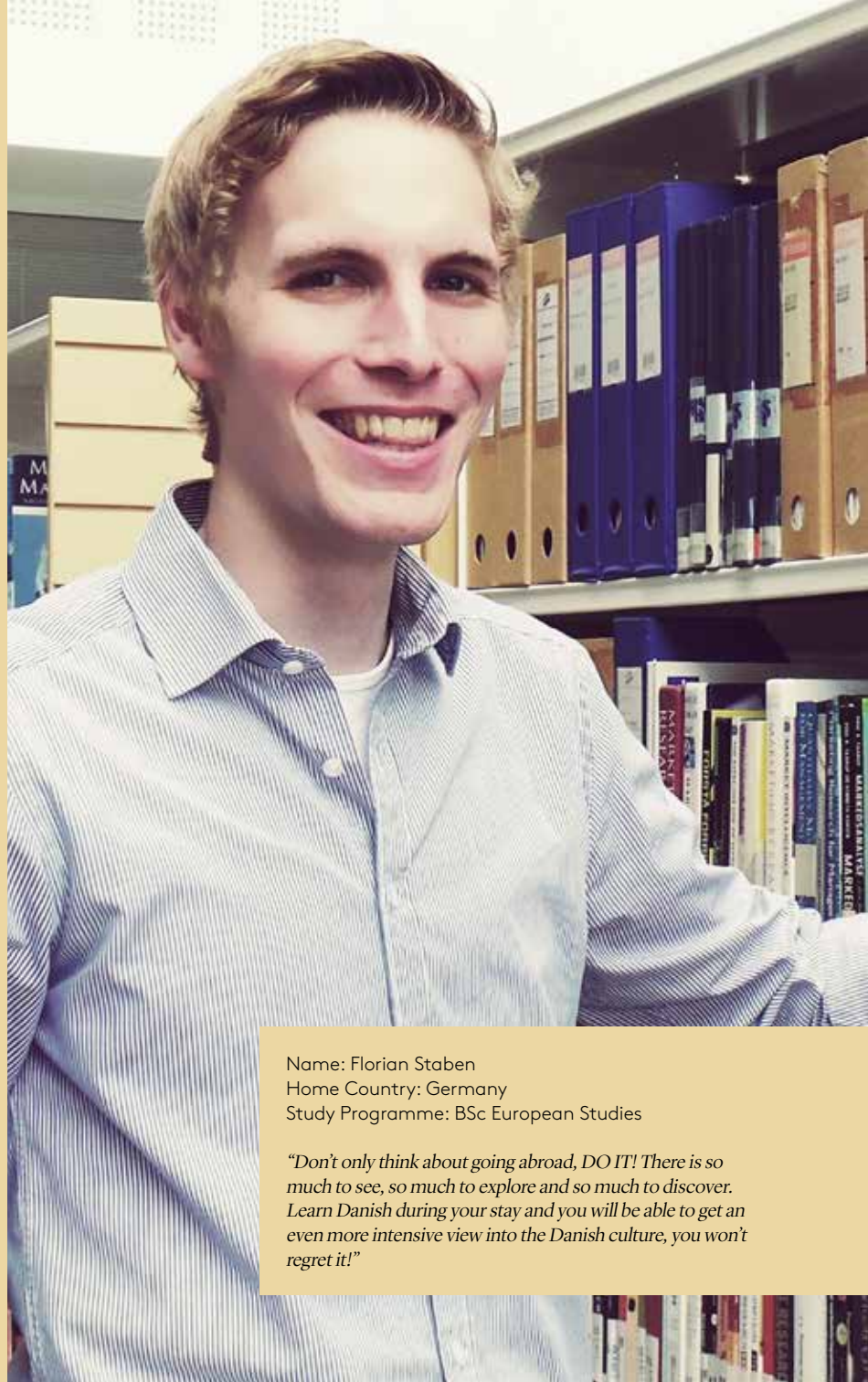




Name: Andrea Sanz
Home Country: Spain
Study Programme: International
Business and Marketing MSc

"I was an Erasmus student two years ago when I fell in love with Denmark and the Scandinavian culture, so when I had the chance to come back (for a masters) I did not have to think twice!"

Getting to meet people from so many different places, to lose the fear of living alone, being independent, learning a new language... so many things that have made me improve as a person and broadened my perspective. Studying abroad is a bit like skydiving, at first you're completely terrified but it's totally worth it afterwards."



Name: Florian Staben
Home Country: Germany
Study Programme: BSc European Studies

"Don't only think about going abroad, DO IT! There is so much to see, so much to explore and so much to discover. Learn Danish during your stay and you will be able to get an even more intensive view into the Danish culture, you won't regret it!"

The University of Southern Denmark

A truly international university. With over 500 exchange agreements around the world, SDU is truly an international university. 1 in 5 of our 30,000 students are not from Denmark, so you can find many nationalities in one class.

Academic excellence

The University of Southern Denmark is a modern institution offering education and research at the highest level. Every day 30,000 students build on the university's reputation as a centre of academic excellence.

First-class resources

E-learning and state-of-the-art laboratories offer you a vibrant learning environment where innovation and tradition go hand in hand.

Extensive contacts

Researchers and students work directly with industry and businesses, thanks to the university's extensive regional, national, and international connections.

Social and leisure interests

By getting involved in the university's many extracurricular activities, you will enrich your experience abroad, settle in quickly, and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

Choice

With 5 campuses covering Denmark, you can choose the course and location that suits you best.

Learn hands-on

You have the freedom to use many of our high-tech laboratories 24/7, enabling you to put your knowledge to the test.

Work with the best

The university has several centres of excellence, chosen for pioneering research on a national and international platform.

→ Reason no 6

INDEPENDENT LEARNING. Our study programmes encourage students to take an active role in their education. Students choose their project work topic and decide how to explore the subject. Project work allows students to develop strong analytical and problem-solving skills. Students also learn how to search for and process information. Normally conducted in small groups, project work offers students valuable experience in teamwork, communication and project planning. These skills are highly valued in today's workplace, where small teams are often required to work together to complete specific tasks.

Our Five Faculties

Are you into white lab coats or old books? About saving lives or learning more about the world around you? Whatever sparks your interest, you will find the exchange programme of your dreams at the University of Southern Denmark.

The Faculty of Engineering

If it's robots, drones, and electronics that interest you, the Faculty of Engineering will be right up your street. And at the same time, you can improve your international academic background with our state-of-the-art resources and strong global connections.

The Faculty of Business and Social Sciences

If the problems of the world and society around you are always on your mind, the Faculty of Business and Social Sciences can give you the education you need to construct a mature and up-to-date analysis of society. An extensive network of public and private institutions is directly based on research conducted at this Faculty.

The Faculty of Humanities

If you are into media, communication and language, you can combine new fields of research and traditional study programmes at the Faculty of Humanities. Academics around the world are impressed with the Faculty's interdisciplinary approach and progressive research.

The Faculty of Health Sciences

If you dream of becoming more knowledgeable about the body and the prevention and treatments of diseases, you can gain practical and academic experience at the Faculty of Health Sciences, which works closely with Odense University Hospital, industry, and experts worldwide.

The Faculty of Science

If you are interested in the origins of life, want to develop biotechnology and nanotechnology, or would like to learn about the surrounding world. From proteins to whales, there are facilities and leading international specialists at the Faculty of Science to guide your curiosity.

→ Reason no 7

LEARN HOW TO 'HYGGE'. Hygge is a very important aspect of the Danish mentality, and the closest translation to the word is 'cosy'. It can be many things, for instance time spent in good company eating good food. But it is not something you can explain, it has to be experienced. So what are you waiting for?





Visit

www.odense.dk

www.odensezoo.dk

www.museum.odense.dk

www.visitodense.com



Campus city Odense

With some 200,000 inhabitants, Odense is the third largest city in Denmark. Its name comes from Odin, chief of the ancient Viking gods. Odense was built around a sacred place where Odin was worshipped more than 1000 years ago.

A fairytale city

Odense is world-renown as the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen. However, it is also a modern town with a buzzing cultural and social scene.

With more than 30,000 students, the town has a lively and young atmosphere. The town lies in the centre of Denmark, serviced by two international airports, easily reached in less than 90 minutes by train or car.

A festival city

Odense's annual festival diary is an impressive list of national and international events that attract well-known creative talents, artists, and musicians of international standing to the city every year. They come to join the Hans Christian Andersen festival, film festival, the robot festival, the harbour festival, the international blues festival, and not to mention the Tinderbox music festival.

Nightlife

If you like to party, Odense has ample opportunity! From beer-pong tournaments, to pub-quizzes and karaoke. There are even bars where they serve free beer during happy hour – as much as you like!

A green city

Even if you are right in the centre of Odense, you will never be more than a five-minute walk away from a green oasis. Odense has no end of beautiful parks and gardens where you can laze about and enjoy a picnic on a warm spring day with friends and fellow students. Odense has a pleasant blend of green spaces with busy and extensive areas for shopping, coffee, and hangouts. The endless summer days often end up in the expansive park area, where there is frequently music and barbecues to fill the night with friends.

History and art

If you want a more historical or artistically-filled cultural experience, Odense is home to a fascinating history as told by its assortment of statues and museums throughout the city. There are many art galleries, such as Brandt's, where changing exhibitions and activities will keep you busy throughout the year.



Visit

www.sonderborg.dk
www.museum-sonderjylland.dk
www.discover-sonderborg.dk
www.visitsonderborg.com



Campus city Sønderborg

Sønderborg is scenically located on the beautiful island of Als in the Southeast corner of Jutland, close to the German border.

The university and Alision – its accompanying cultural complex – is an architectural marvel situated at the harbour. Alision is a magnet for audiences seeking an experience out of the ordinary. The concert hall forms the venue for activities ranging from classical concerts to avant-garde music and rock. Due to its flexibility, lectures, conferences, fashion shows, opera, theatre, and other cultural events are staged here. Sønderborg has approximately 30.000 inhabitants and is keen to facilitate student life.

The large number of students living in Sønderborg lends the town a lively social life, having numerous cosy cafés with live music and a vibrant nightlife. The city's shops range from department stores to small, fascinating speciality shops. City life is diverse and full of culture, with a symphony orchestra, a theatre, cinema, musical festivals, and an arts centre devoted to the arts and culture.

Lots of activities

No matter what leisure activities you prefer, you are almost guaranteed to find a sports or activity club to suit your needs.

From parachuting to soccer, athletics, fishing, rowing, sailing, surfing, riding, handball, hunting, and golf of course, you'll find something here. Nearby, you will find Danfoss Universe – a science and experience park full of exciting technology and fun-filled activities. If you love watersports, Sønderborg is for you!

Go sailing

Oxbridge on Alssund is a competition between students from the Sønderborg region, and the Kiel and Flensburg universities. This spectacular sailing event takes place in 28-foot race boats on Alssund in front of the new Alision complex. This event is easy to follow from vantage points on the shoreline close to the sailing course.

Lots of beaches

Here you are surrounded by forest, fjords, coves, and beaches – and Danish history is found everywhere. Not many places in Denmark are as rich in history as this small geographical area. Sønderborg castle, Dybbøl Mill, and the battlefield history centre are examples of some of the many centres of interest in the area.

→ Reason no 8

IT COULD BE YOUR LAST CHANCE. It's a big world, and student years are a special opportunity to explore it. In a few years you could find yourself in a busy job, with no time to travel.



Visit

www.visitkolding.dk

www.visitdenmark.dk



Campus city Kolding

Kolding is one of Denmark's friendliest towns – a large and small village rolled into one. Kolding has around 60,000 inhabitants and is centrally placed in relation to the rest of Denmark.

Kolding is a university town and a commercial centre, with easy access via the motorway, buses, and train services. Billund international airport is only half an hour's drive away from Kolding. The town is well-known for its dramatic history, its beautiful countryside, its rich and varied cultural life, as well as its thriving business sector.

In Kolding, there is something for everyone. If you are looking for culture, art and new experiences, visit Koldinghus castle or Trapholt Museum, but if rural surroundings are more for you, the town is situated in some of the most wonderful countryside – close to water, woods, and beaches.

An atmosphere of past and future

Koldinghus castle forms a unique backdrop for the pedestrian streets that twist and turn through the central town. In between shops, you will find small peaceful oases of historical places, which offer rich and lively stories.

The Nicolai Block

Kolding's new culture block is established in one of Denmark's largest historical school complexes.

Nicolai contains a cinema, a café, an archive on local history, and a children's venue culture house with an adventure universe for children aged 2-12 years. The Nicolai theatre is a regular

venue for a number of orchestras and for orchestra and choir rehearsals. Nicolai Arts & Design houses professional artists and designers with workshops and exhibition facilities.

Trapholt and Koldinghus

Art, applied art, design, and architecture have a long tradition in Kolding. The creative environment spills over into the cultural events in the area. Creating art has a high profile – not in the least by virtue of the museums at Koldinghus and Trapholt. Trapholt is the only museum in Denmark where there is modern art, applied art, design, and furniture design exhibits. Dating back five centuries, Koldinghus is made up of impressive weather-beaten buildings housing a great hall, castle chapel, library hall, and a gloomy dungeon. From the top of the giant tower, there is a magnificent view over the town of Kolding and the castle lake.

Beaches

The beaches in the Kolding area lie directly in the magnificent setting of the Little Belt. The beaches have white sand, shallow water, and many different possibilities. Some beaches have a natural playground area, and some have beach volleyball courts. Some have bathing jetties, others have camp sites. Some have kiosks and toilet facilities, others are beautifully undisturbed beaches.



Visit

www.visitesbjerg.dk
www.studiebyenesbjerg.dk
www.efb.dk

Campus city Esbjerg

Esbjerg is Denmark's youngest big city with 72,000 inhabitants. It is the place where unique nature experiences are combined with the pulsating life of the city and great sights and attractions.

In Esbjerg's backyard, there is the Wadden Sea national park – a UNESCO World Heritage site. This is among the most valuable wetland areas in the world and is of crucial importance for breeding birds, fish, marine mammals, and plant life. Bike paths curve around the seafront and into parks. The oldest city in all of Scandinavia, Ribe lies only 30 minutes from Esbjerg, and was voted “Europe's best big-time small destination” in 2014.

The harbour

– a special experience

All year round, you can experience Esbjerg harbour, which has a marina, restaurant, museum lighthouse ship, and delightful cruises on board the cutters.

Take the ferry to Fanø, which is a small island in the north sea, for sandy beaches, a national park and great experiences out in the countryside. In the summer, there are boat trips from the harbour in Esbjerg.

International taste

In the centre, you will find an abundance of restaurants with Greek, Italian, Chinese, Indian, Argentine, Turkish, and French dishes. Traditional Danish cooking is, of course, also on the menu. For example, you could try ‘Smørrebrød’, Denmark's world-famous open sandwiches. Alternatively, there is ‘baksuld’, a salted and smoked fish dish – a local delicacy here.

Young and international

The beautiful concert hall of the West Jutland academy of music and dramatic arts, housed in a former turbine hall, eloquently expresses a concert concept, and a level of ambition that embraces both classical and modern art. Famous names from both home and abroad appear often, and gladly make use of the “live” city's facilities, which can match even the best international standards.

Sports life

Swimming Stadium Denmark has the country's finest water park, and features a 50 metre-long competition pool. Just a stone's throw away, you'll find the athletics stadium and the city's football stadium, where Esbjerg plays premier league football. The stadium centre is also beautifully located in Esbjerg sports park, which is also home to two skating rinks, where there is plenty of room for both the graceful art of ice skating and the fast-paced sport of ice hockey. There is also a curling centre, tennis courts, badminton hall, and a cricket pitch.

As it's right on the sea, there are many water sport activities. Or you can just hang out on the beach as many students do!

Exchange Subject Areas

Faculty of Engineering

Bachelor	Odense	Kolding	Esbjerg	Sonderborg
Chemical Engineering	x			
Civil Engineering	x			
Energy Technology	x			
Health and Welfare Technology	x			
Innovation and Business				x
Integrated Design	x			
Learning and Experience Technology	x			
Manufacturing and Management	x			
Mechanical Engineering	x			
Mechatronics Engineering				x
Product Development and Innovation	x			
Robot Systems	x			
Software Engineering	x			

Master

Chemical Engineering	x			
Electronics	x			
Energy Technology	x			
Environmental Engineering	x			
Health and Welfare Technology	x			
Innovation and Business				x
Learning and Experience Technology	x			
Mechatronics Engineering				x
Operations Management	x			
Physics and Technology	x			
Product Development and Innovation	x			
Robot Systems	x			
Software Engineering	x			
Flexible, individual (research) projects	x			x

(Check the specific course modules in English online: www.sdu.dk/exchange)

Faculty of Science

Bachelor*	Odense	Kolding	Esbjerg	Sønderborg
Applied Mathematics	x			
Biology (Advanced bachelor)	x			
Chemistry	x			
Computer Science	x			
Mathematics	x			
Physics	x			

**Advanced level, ie. 3rd or 4th year students*

Master

Applied Mathematics	x			
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	x			
Biology	x			
Chemistry	x			
Computational Biomedicine	x			
Computer Science	x			
Mathematics	x			
Medical Chemistry	x			
Physics	x			

(Check the specific course modules in English online: www.sdu.dk/exchange)

Exchange Subject Areas

Faculty of Business and Social Sciences

Bachelor	Odense	Kolding	Esbjerg	Sønderborg
Economics	x			
Economics and Business Administration	x		x	x
Environmental and Resource Management			x	
European Studies				x
Global Business Relationships				x
Market and Management Anthropology	x			
Scandinavian Area Studies	x			
Sociology			x	

Faculty of Business and Social Sciences

Master	Odense	Kolding	Esbjerg	Sonderborg
Accounting and Finance	x			
Brand Management	x			
Economics and Finance	x			
Economics and Business Administration	x		x	x
Environmental and Resource Management			x	
Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management	x			
Global Marketing and Consumer Culture	x			
Human Resource Management	x			
Innovation and Business Development	x			
International Business and Management	x			
International Business and Marketing	x			
Law	x			
Management Accounting	x			
Market Anthropology	x			
Marketing, Social Media, and Digitalization	x			
Political Science	x			
Strategy and Organization	x			
Sports and Event Management			x	
Comparative Public Policy and Welfare Studies	x			
International Security and Law	x			
Cultural Sociology in Social Transformation Processes			x	

(Check the specific course modules in English online: www.sdu.dk/exchange)

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Faculty of Humanities

Bachelor	Odense	Kolding	Esbjerg	Sønderborg
American Studies	x			
Business, Language and Culture (negot)	x			
English Studies	x			
German Studies (in German)	x			
International Business Communication	x			x
Media Studies	x			
History	x			
Philosophy	x			
Scandinavian Area Studies	x			

Master

American Studies	x			
Business, Language and Culture (negot)	x			
English Studies	x			
German Studies (in German)	x			
International Business Communication	x			
IT Product Design		x		
IT Web Communication Design		x		
Media Studies	x			
Middle East Studies	x			
History	x			
International Tourism and Leisure Management		x		
Philosophy	x			

Faculty of Health Sciences

Bachelor	Odense	Kolding	Esbjerg	Sønderborg
Psychology*	x			
Public Health**			x	

*Selected courses in English /check on-line for current offering

** Advanced bachelor - on request

Master

Medicine*	x			
Medicine course package incl. Clinical practice	x			
Physiotherapy*	x			
Psychology*	x			
Public Health			x	
Sports Science and Health	x			

*Selected courses in English /check on-line for current offering

(Check the specific course modules in English online: www.sdu.dk/exchange)

Summer Schools

Get started on your next adventure together with other international and Danish students: join the Summer School at SDU and have a great time while earning ECTS credits for your degree.

The Summer School offers a range of high quality, academic courses taught in English. Each course will typically last two weeks and count 5 ECTS.





Academic structure

The relationship between students and teachers in Denmark is quite informal. Both students and teachers like to consider one-another equals. You are always encouraged to ask questions, both inside and outside of the classroom, and to express your opinion on the themes discussed during the course. The informal atmosphere does not imply, however, that an overly relaxed attitude towards your studies would be accepted. On the contrary, the independent nature of university system in Denmark requires that students show initiative and take responsibility in the planning of their education, and that they keep to their own schedules.

Students are expected to be able to analyse and discuss material – in class, in group work, and in the final examination. Most study programmes make use of both oral and written exams.

Academic system

Bachelor level = undergraduate (3 years or 3,5 Years) = 180 or 210 ECTS credits

Master level = graduate (2 years) = 120 ECTS credits on top of the 180/210 ECTS credits from the bachelor level.

Academic calendar

Autumn semester: classes normally start September 1, and run to mid December. Exams can be held as late as January 31st.

Spring semester: classes normally start February 1, and run to mid May. Exams can be held as late as June 30th.

Admission requirements

You must meet the entry requirements for the courses you wish to take, meet the application deadline, and enclose all relevant documents. To follow courses at master level, you must have completed what equates to 180 ECTS of credits within a relevant field.

Language requirements

A good standard of English is required, because teaching at the university typically involves student participation, class discussions, project work, and student presentations.

This means that you must have a solid command of the English language – here defined as being equivalent to the ielts score of 6,5, or the toefl score of 575/239/88. We ask you and your home university to document your English skills through our language requirement form (available during application).

Arrival

You must arrive in time for our orientation days, which take place a few days before the semester starts. In rare circumstances we accept late arrivals on request.

Accommodation

All campuses guarantee accommodation for students from partner universities if we have received a complete application by our application deadline (by May 1 / November 1). More information can be found at: www.sdu.dk/en

Living costs in Denmark

Rent in Denmark costs on average 2,200 – 3,000 dkk per month, with groceries costing around 2,000 – 2,500 dkk per month, depending on your lifestyle.

A monthly budget might be:

Between 4,500 dkk to 7,000 dkk.

10 Danish kroner are approximately equivalent to € 1.34.

Orientation days

A few days before classes start, each campus has an orientation programme for new exchange students. During these days, students are introduced to the university in general and their faculty.

ECTS credits

A full semester's workload equals 30 ECTS credits. Two semesters equal 60 ECTS credits. Master courses often count as 10 ECTS credits, i.e. a third of one semester. Master students typically have 10-15 teaching hours per week. You are expected to take a full workload during your stay at the university, including exams. 'ECTS' are the European Credit Transfer System.

Danish language courses

You can sign up for Danish language courses at language schools in town. These take place throughout the semester.

Tuition

Exchange students do not pay tuition fees.

Application deadlines

If you are a non-EU/EEA citizen, you have to apply earlier than EU/EEA citizens to have enough time to apply for residence permit.

It takes up to three months for Non-EU/EEA citizens to get a residence permit.

Autumn semester

April 1: Non-EU/EEA citizens

May 1: EU/EEA and Swiss citizens

Spring semester

October 1: Non-EU/EEA citizens

November 1: EU/EEA and Swiss citizens

→ Reason no 9

EMPLOYABILITY. “International Experience” is more frequently being asked for in job descriptions. By being an Exchange Student in Denmark, you will equip yourself with a range of skills and experiences that will increase your employability. You will have the ability to work independently and work in groups, while gaining a much sought-after international education for your CV.



Contact

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The process of becoming an

Make sure to read the general entry requirement and any specific entry requirements for the courses you would like to follow. Specific entry requirements are listed under the course information or course package information.

Autumn/spring

- 1) Your home institution nominates you.
- 2) You submit your online application with all the required forms enclosed, and submit the online application for accommodation before the relevant application deadlines.
- 3) Your application is assessed. If the application is successful, you will receive our enrolment pack containing our online enrolment email, and information on various practical matters in the course of May/June or November/ December.

July-August/December-January

- 4) You will receive information on accommodation in July/December, or at the beginning of August/January if you applied for accommodation through the university.
- 5) At the end of August/January, each campus has an orientation programme for all new students.

September/February

- 6) The semester and classes start September 1/February 1.

→ Reason no 10

ENJOY IT! You're abroad for a good time, not a long time!

→ Reason no 11

NEW FOOD. Maybe you don't like pickled herring, but how do you know unless you try?

→ Reason no 12

SAFE COUNTRY. Denmark is one of the safest countries in the world, as indicated by the low crime rate.

Exchange Student



Name: Mingle
Home Country: Lithuania
Study Programme: Bachelor
in Economics and Business
administration

"I definitely encourage everyone that is in doubt or feels afraid to leave their home country. It is a tremendous experience, a chance to become very open-minded, to grow as a person and get one step closer to what you imagine yourself doing in the future."

How to apply

At SDU International (int@sdu.dk), you can get help with practical matters. SDU International is engaged in the sending and receiving of students on exchange. At present, the university cooperates with more than 500 universities within various Nordic and EU programmes (Nordplus and Erasmus+), as well as other bilateral agreements.

Application checklist

- Fill in the online form, found at www.sdu.dk/exchange
- Upload all required enclosures to the online application form. Do not send them by email or ordinary mail.
- Upload language requirement form (paper form: print out, fill in, scan and upload)
- Apply online if you wish for SDU to find accommodation for you.

You can also come to Denmark as a fee-paying guest student (for instance, if your home university cannot nominate you for exchange).

More information about becoming a guest student can be found at www.sdu.dk/exchange

In Odense – our main campus – there is the Erasmus Student Network / ESN group, which organises events at least once a week for both international and Danish students. As an exchange student, you can expect to enjoy invitations to these events, as well as the social events organised by your course group and your student guidance counsellor.





→ **Reason no 13**

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

→ **Reason no 14**

THE DOWNSIDE is having to leave. With all the friends you've made, the goodbye is the hardest thing about an exchange.

→ **Reason no 15**

WE WELCOME YOUR PERSPECTIVE! The more diverse our international environment, the more enriching the student life is for everyone. Your culture, language, personality, and perspective are welcomed.

Residence and work permit

Any student studying for more than three months in Denmark must apply for a residence permit. Special rules apply to Nordic citizens. If you are a citizen of the EU or the EEA countries, you must apply for your residence certificate once you have arrived in Denmark.

If you hold a non- EU/EEA citizenship, you must apply for residence permit through the Danish Embassy or Consulate in your country before you go to Denmark.

If you come from outside Europe you must apply at least three months before the semester starts to get your residence permit in time. A student residence permit allows you to work 15 hours a week. For more information visit: www.newtodenmark.dk.

Do's and don'ts

- Do signal when stopping and turning on a bike. Always!
- Do not greet a Dane with a kiss on the cheek!
- Do take a number at the post office/bakery
- Do not show up early or late when invited
- Do dress casually unless stated otherwise
- Don't be alarmed about unisex toilets!
- Do not ask "what is the occasion?" when presented cake (no need for a reason is the answer!)

Don't leave home without:

- Google translate app
- Passport photographs (you'll need when applying for residence)
- A check up at the Dentist, it is expensive in DK
- Gloves, hat, scarf (winter)
- Flip flops, shades (summer)
- Pen
- Rainclothes, even if the sky is blue – you would not believe!



Name: Arne Koch
Home Country: Germany
Study Programme: MSc Economics
and Project Management

*"The more time I spend outside of my
"comfort zone" the more I learn and
develop personally."*



Useful Danish

Useful websites

Denmark's official website: www.denmark.dk

Official travel guide to Denmark: www.visitdenmark.com

About education in Denmark: www.studyindenmark.dk

Information on Odense: www.visitodense.com

Danish Immigration Service: www.newindenmark.dk

Odense Municipality: www.odense.dk

Find a job in Denmark: www.workindenmark.dk

Guide on living abroad: www.justlanded.com

www.study2study.com

Hvordan
har du det?
**How are
you?**

Farvel
Goodbye

Hjælp
Help

Nej
No

Det ved jeg ikke
I don't know

Skål
Cheers

Måske
Maybe

Hej
Hello

— phrases

Hvor er du fra?
**Where are
you from?**

Må jeg be' om to øl?
**Can I have
two beers?**

Tak
**Thank
you**

Undskyld
Sorry

Fint tak
Fine thanks

Ja
Yes

Hvor meget
koster dette?
**How much
is this?**

Taler du engelsk?
**Do you speak
English?**

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