
Study Options

Danish higher education institutions offer a range of opportunities for international students. All programmes are internationally recognised and of the highest quality. More than 500 programmes are taught in English. To gain admission, you must meet both the academic and language requirements



Guide

Study Options

Printed:
April 10, 2012

STUDY IN DENMARK

**The Danish Agency for
International Education**
Fiolstraede 44
DK-1171 Copenhagen K

Tel: +45 3395 7000
Fax: +45 3395 7001
Web: www.en.ui.dk

Index

Degree programmes	3
Exchange programmes	4
Short-term programmes and summer schools	5

Study Options

Did You Know?

Danish higher education institutions offer more than 500 degree programmes and 1000 courses taught in English

As an international student you can choose between several types of programmes taught entirely in English:

- Degree programmes
- Exchange programmes
- Short-term programmes and summer schools

The scope of our offering is vast. We have the right course for you, whether you are interested in a research-oriented programme or more hands-on vocational training. What's more, our system is flexible. You can choose between three types of Danish educational institutions: **Universities**, **University Colleges** and **Academies of Professional Higher Education**. Thanks to credit transfer opportunities, you will sometimes be able to move between institutions.

STUDY PROGRAMME	INSTITUTIONS
<p>2-YEAR ACADEMY PROFESSION (AP) PROGRAMMES The Academy Profession programmes combine theory with practice and are suited for employment in business and industry. The programmes are available in a range of disciplines, including business, technology, IT, multimedia, food industry, tourism, etc.</p>	<p>ACADEMIES OF PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION (Erhvervsakademier) UNIVERSITY COLLEGES (Professionshøjskoler)</p>
<p>3-4 1/2 YEAR PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES The Professional Bachelor's programmes combine theoretical study with practical application in a range of subject areas such as business, education, engineering, IT, nursing, social work, etc. Work placements are always included in the programmes, which prepare students to enter specific professions.</p>	<p>ACADEMIES OF PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION (Erhvervsakademier) UNIVERSITY COLLEGES (Professionshøjskoler) UNIVERSITIES</p>
<p>3-YEAR BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES The university Bachelor's programme is research-based and provides students with a broad academic foundation as well as specialised knowledge. The programmes qualify students to enter the labour market and to pursue post-graduate studies.</p>	<p>UNIVERSITIES</p>
<p>2-YEAR CANDIDATUS/MASTER'S PROGRAMMES The Candidatus/Master's programme is research-based and gives students a theoretical knowledge combined with the ability to apply this practically. Upon completion of the programme, students can enter the labour market or undertake further studies (PhD).</p>	<p>UNIVERSITIES</p>
<p>3-YEAR PHD PROGRAMMES The PhD programme is research-based and contains independent research, teaching, participation in research networks and often placements at other, primarily foreign, research institutions. The PhD programme holds various opportunities for financial support.</p>	<p>UNIVERSITIES</p>

Degree programmes

International students can choose from more than 500 degree programmes.

Undergraduate study

Before choosing your programme, you first need to decide on the purpose of your studies. What is your ultimate goal? Do you want a professional qualification that will lead to a specific career? Then you might wish to consider one of the Academy Profession or Professional Bachelor's programmes. These tend to be fairly structured, with periods of compulsory work placement. However, if you are focused on academic achievement, you may prefer a more research-based Bachelor's degree. They offer more time for independent study, group activities and project work.



Academy Profession degree

An Academy Profession (AP) degree programme is for you if you seek employment in business and industry. Combining theory and practice, AP degree programmes are developed in close collaboration with representatives from their respective professional sector. This ensures that the skills you'll acquire will be as current and advanced as possible.

You will learn to identify, select and analyse data and information from a variety of sources. In addition to attending lectures, AP students often undertake project work in small or larger groups. You will also complete work placements in Danish or overseas companies – giving you the chance to apply your skills and knowledge in practice.

An AP programme normally lasts two years, with each year divided into two semesters. They are offered at academies of professional higher education ('Erhvervsakademier'). These can be found all over Denmark.

Facilitating close contact between students and local companies, Academies of Professional of Higher Education offer a niche set of programmes and tend to be smaller than universities. Some examples of AP programmes taught in English are: communications, computer science, design and technology, hospitality and tourism management, marketing management and multimedia design.

Main characteristics (AP)

- 2 years (120 ECTS credits)
- Applied learning and professional skills
- Collaboration with business and industry
- Work placements

Bachelor's degrees

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.

A **Professional Bachelor's degree** qualifies you to enter a specific profession. It is awarded after three to four and a half years of study. In addition to attending lectures, students participate in seminars, project work and group activities. The theoretical foundation is also applied practically through work placements.

Main characteristics (Prof. BA)

- 3 to 4½ years (180-270 ECTS credits)
- Oriented towards specific professions
- Theory and practice in one programme

To complete the programme successfully, students must submit a final project. Professional Bachelor's degrees are offered at university colleges ('Professionshøjskoler'). These institutions have strong links to businesses and universities, as well as other research institutes within their region.

With a great selection of subject areas to choose from, including engineering, IT management, nursing, health and nutrition, teacher training, journalism and social education, university colleges offer you a unique opportunity to undertake a career-oriented education programme. Most programmes give access to further study at the postgraduate level.

The **University Bachelor's degree** is awarded after the completion of a three-year undergraduate programme, normally undertaken within one or two subject areas. Teaching is research-based. It provides students with a broad academic foundation, as well as specialised knowledge. Towards the end of the programme you are required to submit a final project. The programme qualifies you to either enter the labour market or to pursue postgraduate studies.

Main characteristics (BA)

- 3 years (180 ECTS credits)
- Research-based education
- Predominantly theoretical
- Preparation for postgraduate study

Postgraduate study

Candidatus/Master's degree

A Candidatus/Master's degree is an advanced, research-based course that takes two years. It will give you exceptional theoretical knowledge, combined with the ability to apply it practically. It includes a final dissertation (normally 30-60 ECTS credits) or, in certain subjects, a more practical project. A broad range of interdisciplinary programmes have been developed to meet the needs of a globalised, knowledge-based society. Upon completion of the programme, you will be able to enter the labour market or undertake further studies (e.g. a PhD).

Main characteristics (MA)

- 2 years (120 ECTS credits)
- Research-based
- Career oriented

PhD

A Danish PhD usually lasts three years. They are offered at research institutions and universities that have established a PhD school. These educational establishments all offer excellent research, library and laboratory facilities. You will be able to conduct in-depth research under expert supervision and with access to the latest equipment and information.

Main characteristics (PHD)

- 3 years (180 ECTS credits)
- Research
- Teaching required
- Opportunities for financial support

Teaching and completion of a dissertation are both integral to the programme. PhD students are often encouraged to participate in research networks, including placements at overseas research institutions. A range of funding opportunities are available, please visit the [Researchers Mobility Portal](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/) (<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>) for more information.

Exchange programmes

If you want to study in Denmark as an exchange student, you must already be enrolled at a higher education institution. Usually, such students come to Denmark through an agreement like Erasmus or a governmental bilateral agreement. We advise you to contact your own educational establishment first to find out more. However, if you don't find any helpful information there, please contact the international office of the Danish institution where you wish to study.

Short-term programmes and summer schools

International students have many options in terms of short-term study programmes or summer schools in English. Both give you the opportunity to increase your skills and knowledge, within and outside your field of study. They also provide a unique chance to work with Danish and other international students. If you are considering studying in Denmark, a summer school is a great introduction. They typically last between four to six weeks.

Useful links

The Researchers Mobility Portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

■

