



AARHUS
UNIVERSITY

STUDENT EXCHANGE



100

THE NUMBER OF
STUDENT NATIONALITIES

80

THE NUMBER OF
STAFF NATIONALITIES

1,000

THE NUMBER OF
COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

WELCOME TO AARHUS UNIVERSITY

Aarhus University stands for quality and the continued pursuit of excellence in research and research-based education. Knowledge exchange, talent development and collaboration with society are high priorities.

Established in 1928 on the initiative of local citizens, the university is a relatively young institution. Today, Aarhus University is a globally oriented, academically diverse and research-intensive university with four faculties: Arts, Aarhus BSS, Health and Science and Technology.

International students are warmly welcomed, and we value the contributions they bring to our academic traditions and our vibrant campus life.

At Aarhus University we have a long-standing tradition of partnering with some of the world's best research institutions and university networks. Increased international mobility for its researchers and students is a trend which the university is committed to supporting and which we would like to see continuing.

 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 73 in the 2015 Shanghai ranking and number 81 among the largest universities in the world in the 2015 Leiden Ranking.

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. This means that Aarhus BSS is a Triple Crown accredited business school.

AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Around 10 per cent of Aarhus University's 40,000 students are international, representing over 100 nationalities.

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 corrupted country in the world.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GUIDANCE

The International Office offers a full introduction programme, as well as professional support and guidance to all international students.

RESEARCH-BASED TEACHING

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



WHAT COURSES DOES AU OFFER?

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

The university offers more than 1000 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 levels.

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 go to:

www.au.dk/summeruniversity

AREAS OF STUDY

The following study areas are open to exchange students:



Aesthetics
Agricultural Sciences
Anthropology
Arab and Islamic Studies
Archaeology
Biology and Molecular Biology
Business Administration
Business Communication
Chemistry and Medical Chemistry
Cognitive Science
Comparative Religion and Theology

Computer Science
Earth Sciences
Education and Pedagogics
Economics and Business
Engineering
English
History
Information and Media Studies
International and European Studies
Language and Culture
Law

Linguistics and Literature
Mathematics
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, in the student centre, Studenterhus 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 unusually 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.

GRADING SCALE COMPARISON

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



ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
AUTUMN SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
Late August until late January	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.

INTRODUCTION WEEK

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 improve their Danish skills or simply learn the basics and get a better insight into life in Denmark, students might consider joining one of the free classes offered by the language centre, LærDansk.

For more information please visit the LærDansk website at: www.laerdansk.dk

For information about Danish courses in Copenhagen go to:
www.studiestkolen.dk

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, 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 from the exchange student's host main area who greets the exchange student upon arrival. 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.

Students who are admitted to Business Administration, Business Communication and Economics & Business will be assigned to a mentor group upon arrival. Mentors will guide students through the Introduction Week, arrange various social events and participate in events during the semester, as well.



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. Regular events include the popular Tuesday night 'International Night', a weekly dinner club, theme parties and film nights.

Popular excursions include weekend trips to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Studenterhus Aarhus also offers Danish and English language courses.

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. Accommodation, food, transport and leisure are therefore relatively expensive compared to other countries.

However, salaries are 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:	DKK 2,500-5,000/month
Food and daily expenses:	DKK 1,700-2,400/month
Calls from cell phone:	DKK 0.70/minute in DK DKK 1.50/minute in EU
Bus ticket:	DKK 20 per ride DKK 140 for 10-ride pass
Leisure activities:	DKK 500-1,500/month
Media license:	DKK 200/month
Insurance (accident and personal belongings):	DKK 2,000/year
	1 Euro = DKK 7.45

DENMARK

EUROPE

HERNING

AARHUS

COPENHAGEN



There was no time to feel bored or homesick with all the organised events, such as Aarhus Model United Nations, or Student House 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 Jouan

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 320,000, 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.

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 three 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.

New York Times placed Aarhus on the 13th position on the list of "52 places to go to in 2016."

LIVING IN COPENHAGEN OR 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 22.

86%
OF THE INHABITANTS SPEAK
ENGLISH

1 IN 8
STUDENTS IN AARHUS COMES
FROM ABROAD



➤ 320,000 people live in Aarhus and 1.2 million people live in the greater Aarhus area. 33 per cent of all Aarhusians are university-educated, making Aarhus **Denmark's best-educated city.**



 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 our 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 State 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 State 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 experienced 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.

STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE

This group of social workers and psychologists are there to assist 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 increasing numbers of PhD students. The café, which is located next to the International Office, offers quality coffee and sandwiches. It has an informal lounge area where students and young researchers can relax while enjoying snacks and beverages.

CANTEEN SERVICE

There are numerous canteens located on all AU campus locations.

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 (for EU students) or permit (non-EU students) for the duration of their stay in Aarhus.

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

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 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 Social Security Number (CPR number).

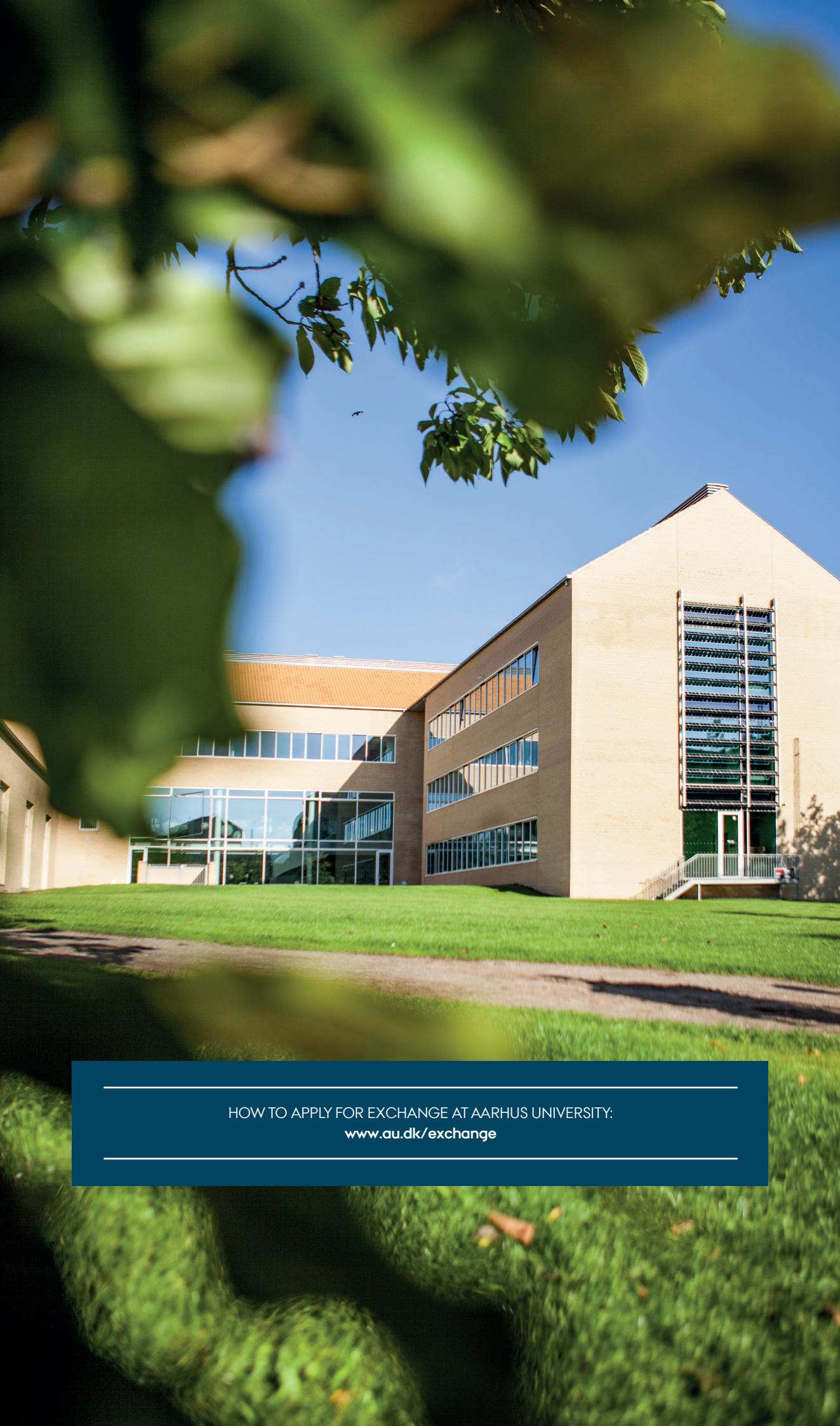
This number is used when dealing with public authorities, health authorities, libraries, banks, etc. All students can apply for a CPR number, during the mandatory AU Intro Days.

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





USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION



LINKS

AARHUS UNIVERSITY

www.au.dk/en

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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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1,000

THE NUMBER OF
INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

3,300

THE NUMBER OF
FULL DEGREE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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