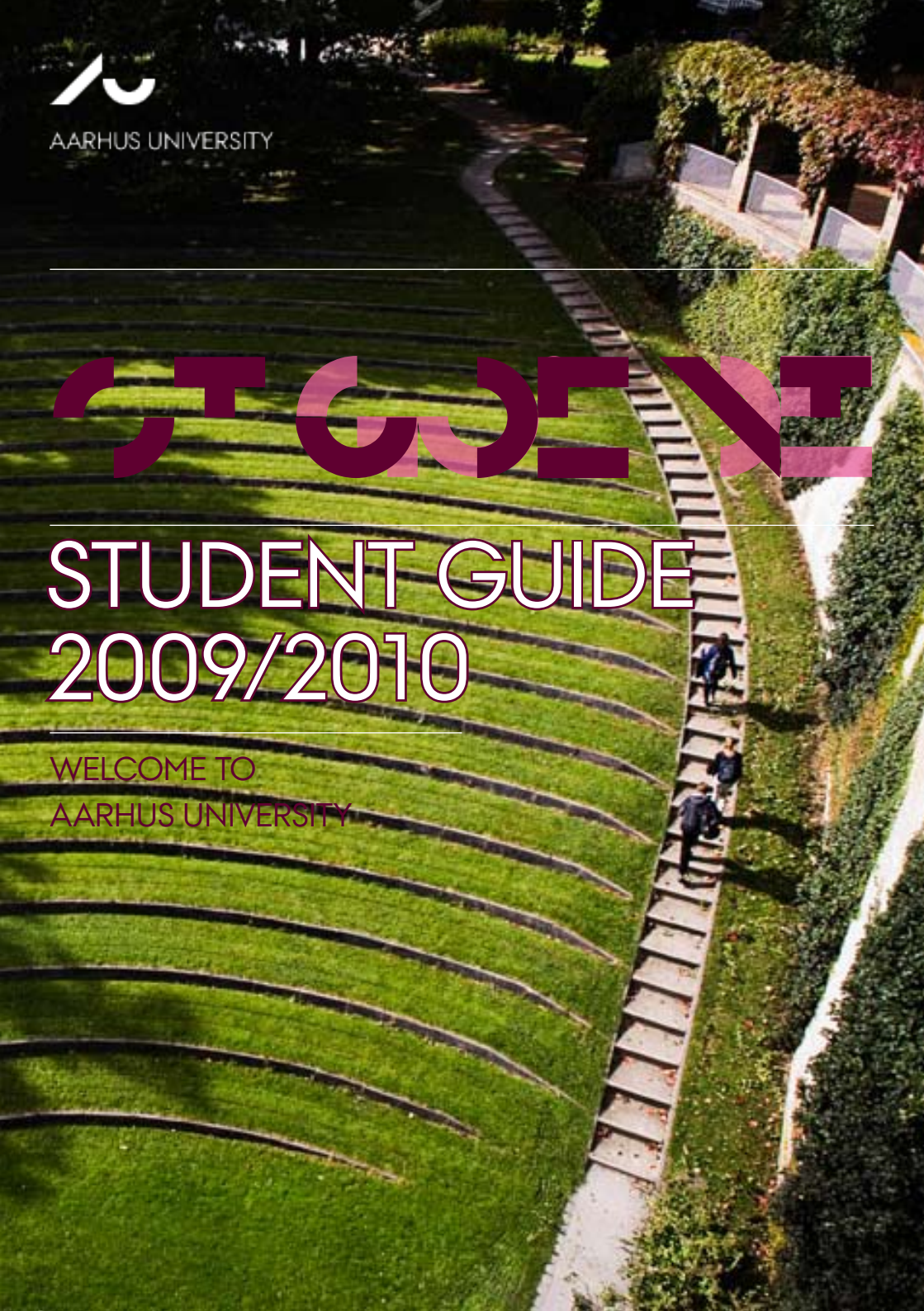

AARHUS UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GUIDE 2009/2010

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A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to Aarhus University!
We are pleased that you have decided on our university to host you for your exchange stay and we look forward to greeting you in Aarhus.

Year after year Aarhus University welcomes an increasingly large and diverse group of international students. The University believes in the growing importance of students having an international dimension in their education and is a strong supporter of international mobility.

Arriving in a new country and enrolling at a new and different university can seem a bit confusing and overwhelming at times. This Student Guide is created to make your transition from home to here as easy and pleasant as possible. Read the guide carefully and make sure to bring it with you when you leave for Denmark. The guide will cover everything you need to know to prepare your arrival in Denmark. Remember, that the more thorough your planning is the less confusing your arrival will be.

The International Secretariat is the first place you visit when you arrive in Aarhus and we are here to help you throughout your stay. All of us at the International Secretariat aim to provide you with the best possible services and we are looking forward to assisting you in making this the best exchange experience possible.

Sincerely,

The International Secretariat,
Aarhus University

Where are we located?

The International Secretariat's address is:
Fredrik Nielsens Vej 5, 2nd floor
8000 Aarhus C

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Students on a morning break during the pre-semester Danish language and culture course, Denmark Today.

PLANNING
YOUR EXCHANGE IN DENMARK

Residence Certificate/Permit

Nordic citizens

Nordic citizens do not need a residence permit or certificate.

EU/EEA citizens

You will need a residence certificate only if you are staying in Denmark for more than three months. To obtain it, you must submit an application to the State Administration for Central Jutland immediately **after** your arrival.

Please take note that representatives from the State Administration for Central Jutland will be at the University at the beginning of the semester to receive your application.

When applying, you need to bring the following documents:

- Valid passport
- A photocopy of your passport
- Two passport photos
- Residence application form
- Letter of admission to Aarhus University

Other foreign citizens

If you are planning to stay in Denmark for more than three months, you will need to obtain a residence permit. You are expected to apply for and receive the permit prior to your arrival in Denmark.

Applications for a residence and a work permit must be submitted to a Danish representative office - in other words, an embassy or general consulate, in your home country. The application form will be sent to you by the International Secretariat. Please note that there is a processing fee for this application and that it takes approximately three months to obtain your permit.

Also, please be aware that the Danish Immigration Authorities require documentation of your ability to support yourself financially during the length of your stay. When applying for a residence permit, you will be asked to provide documentation from your bank or a receipt of scholarship certifying that you have the equivalent of DKK 4,200 per month during your intended stay.

If you have not received your residence permit before arriving in Denmark, contact the International Secretariat as soon as you arrive. You will be asked to present documentation proving that you have applied for a residence permit in due time. More Information: www.newtodenmark.dk

Accomodation

Once you have been assigned accommodation, you will be notified via the online Self-Service tool. Please note that you can only pick up your keys on the first working day of the month. If you plan on arriving in Aarhus outside the opening hours of the International Secretariat, you can ask your mentor to pick up the keys for you.

Also, please note that the International Secretariat will pay the first month of your

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rent and the deposit on your behalf. You will receive an invoice and instructions on how to reimburse the International Secretariat along with your keys. You are expected to transfer the money shortly after your arrival.

You may find more practical information about your accommodation – rent, distance to the university, shared facilities, location, etc – on the website of the International Secretariat. You can also check the Self-Service website to see what housing you have been assigned.
Housing: www.au.dk/en/is/housing
Self-Service: www.au.dk/selfservice

Health Insurance

The Danish Health Security Act covers foreign students staying for more than three months. It means that once you have your Danish Health Insurance Card, you will be allowed to receive free medical treatment in clinics and hospitals.

However, please note that this does not cover the costs of medical evacuation back to your home country, emergency repatriation and personal liability. For this reason, we encourage you to purchase travel insurance as well.

Nordic students

You are covered by the Danish Health Security Act.

EU/EEA students

You should get your European Health Insurance Card from your local authorities before travelling to Denmark. This card is proof that you are entitled to health insurance in your home country. Above all, it gives you access to free medical care in Denmark until the Danish Health insurance covers you.

To be covered by the Danish Health Security Act, you must register at the National Registry Office (Folkeregisteret) immediately upon receiving your residence certificate.

Other foreign students

As an international student or exchange student from a country other than the above mentioned, you are covered by the Danish Health Insurance Scheme as soon as you register at the National Registry Office. You must register at the National Registry within five days after your arrival in Denmark.

Third Party Liability Insurance

It is your responsibility to take out insurance (from home) for your personal belongings, accidents and third party liability while you are studying in Denmark. Aarhus University does not cover any losses that may occur.

TRANSPORTATION
TO, IN AND AROUND AARHUS

To Aarhus

By Airplane

There are direct flights to Aarhus (Tirstrup Airport) from some European cities and indirect flights via Copenhagen from most other cities. when you arrive in Copenhagen (Kastrup International Airport), you can either fly to Aarhus or catch a train. If you choose to fly, you will have to change from the international airport in Copenhagen to the domestic airport, which is within walking distance. Once you get to Tirstrup, you can take the airport shuttle which stops at the railway station in Aarhus.
Aarhus Tirstrup Airport: www.aar.dk

Aarhus is also serviced by another international airport, Billund Airport, which is located about 75 km southwest of Aarhus. A 90 minute shuttle bus ride will take you to Aarhus.
www.billund-airport.com

By Train

If you want to travel from Copenhagen to Aarhus by train, you can either take the airport bus to Copenhagen's central railway station or take a direct train from the airport to Aarhus. The train ride takes 3-4 hours and there are trains leaving for Aarhus every half hour during the day and evenings. Remember to look for a DSB kiosk in order to purchase your ticket and seat reservation before boarding the train.
Danish train company: www.dsb.dk

By Bus

Abildskou Coaches operates within Denmark and may be a cheaper alternative to the train for travel between Copenhagen and Aarhus. For international bus connections contact Eurolines.
www.abildskou.dk
www.eurolines.dk

In and Around Aarhus

Bicycles

Biking is the easiest way to get around in Aarhus. Everything is reachable within biking distance and you can find bike facilities everywhere.

It is possible to rent a bicycle for the length of your stay in Aarhus. Companies like bikes4rent and BikeMe offer special rates for students.
www.bikes4rent.dk
www.bikeme.dk

Another possibility is to look for a second hand bike in newspapers such as Gul & Gratis and Den Blå Avis. As these newspapers are in Danish, it might be a good idea to ask your mentor for some help.
www.guloggratis.dk
www.dba.dk

You can also purchase a second hand bike through the monthly police auction held on the first Wednesday of every month. You can take a look at the bikes from 12 p.m. and

the auction starts at 1 p.m. The bike auction takes place at:
1-Auktion A/S
Skanderborgvej 104-106
8260 Viby J.
www.politi.dk

Alternatively, big supermarkets like Bilka, Kvickly and Føtex offer new but cheap bikes for around DKK 1,000.

Buses

Midttrafik, the regional bus company, runs the yellow busses in town. The bus route number is indicated at the front and the back of the bus and the destination is displayed at the front and above the rear door. Aarhus is the only city in Denmark where passengers enter through the back door and exit through the front.

How can I get from the train station to the International Secretariat?

You can take one of the following buses: 3 (towards Trige or Århus Nord), 14 or 17 (towards Skejby Sygehus) and get off the bus at the stop Nordre Riggade/Randersvej.

How much does bus fare cost?

A single ticket costs DKK 18.
A 10-ride ticket for two zones costs DKK 115.
A 1-month ticket costs DKK 340.

Every bus is equipped with a ticket machine and a validation machine at the back of the bus. You may purchase a single ride on the bus, which allows you to transfer and ride for two hours. You can also buy multi-ride tickets or season cards if you are planning on taking the bus more frequently.

Night buses operate after hours and run every hour on the hour. They are double the price of a regular fare which means that if you are riding with a multi-ride ticket, you must stamp it twice. Be sure to check the schedule, since there are only a few bus routes at night and most only operate until 03.00 and do not run all year round.

Multi-ride tickets and season cards are much cheaper than ordinary tickets, and you can buy them in most kiosks and department stores.
www.midttrafik.dk

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ARRIVING IN AARHUS

Registering at the IS

You have to register at the International Secretariat as soon as you arrive. Among other things, you will receive your student card there. You will need this card to check out books at the library, register for exams or get student discounts.

Civil Registration (CPR) Number

After you have obtained your residence permit or certificate, you must apply for your Danish CPR number. This number is used when dealing with public authorities, health authorities, libraries, banks and the like. The CPR number is issued at the National Registry Office (Folkeregisteret). If you are staying in Denmark for less than three months, please notify the International Secretariat. The card with your CPR number is also referred to as your health insurance card or 'yellow card'.

Nordic students

You must apply for a CPR number if you are staying in Denmark for more than three months. As soon as you arrive, you should visit the National Registry Office, bringing your passport or other photo ID, in order to obtain a CPR number.

EU/EEA students

Once you have received your residence certificate, you must apply for a CPR number at the National Registry Office. It takes approximately 1-2 weeks before you receive your CPR number.

Other foreign students

You must register at the National Registry Office within five days after your arrival. Bring your residence permit with you. It takes approximately 1-2 weeks before you receive your CPR number.

Marriage Certificate

If you are married you must bring your original marriage certificate as well as an officially translated copy (to Danish or English). You must bring this even if your partner is not with you in Denmark.

Mentor

As an exchange student, you will be assigned a mentor before your arrival. Your mentor will be a student from your department, which means he or she will be able to provide you with information on studying in that particular department.

It is the mentor's job to greet you in Aarhus and to help you settle in. You will be contacted in due time by your mentor to arrange your arrival. Alternatively, you can contact the mentor yourself. To obtain the contact information of your mentor, please consult the online Self-Service tool or your academic coordinator in Aarhus.

Orientation Day

This event, which is jointly organized by the IS and Studenterhus Århus, is designed to give new exchange students an introduction to

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the University and to the city of Aarhus. The orientation program offers talks, tours and a welcome party to allow students to get to know each other and their surroundings.

Grants

Top-up Grant

The Top-up Grant is a monthly grant offered only to students from the Baltic countries, Central and Eastern Europe (Including: Estonia, Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, and Hungary). Aarhus University will provide students with a grant up to 100 € per month for a maximum of 5 months per semester (10 months per academic year). The exact amount is determined by the number of applicants and the amount of your scholarships. As a rule, the Top-up Grant is given until is reaches 100 € per month or the total amount of all your grants equal 500 € per month.

Travel Grant

The Travel Grant is a reimbursment of travel expenses up to 1000 €. It is available only for students coming from Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, and the USA.

Find more information about these grants here: www.au.dk/en/is/application/grants

Grant Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for these grants, you must be enrolled on a full-time basis as an exchange student at Aarhus University for a period of at least 3 months.

'Full-time basis' means that the student must be able to document that he or she has signed up for at least 30 ECTS per semester. The applicant's program of study at Aarhus University must also be recognised by their home university.

STUDYING AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY

Registering for Courses

You should sign up for courses at your department as soon as possible. This is usually done at your coordinator's office, but ask your mentor for any specific procedures.

Study Methods

Teaching at Aarhus University is generally structured around lectures, tutorials (teaching in small groups) and practical exercises. Active participation is expected from students. Students regularly organise guest lectures and often form study groups among themselves to discuss class topics and to help each other. There is considerable interaction between students and professors, and students often make group presentations in class.

Language of Instruction

Danish is the primary language of instruction, but there are also a number of courses taught in English. In this case, textbooks are written in English. If you are a non-native English speaker, we suggest you take an English language course before coming to Aarhus.

You should be aware that you are expected to be proficient in both oral and written English at a sufficient level for academic studies.

Exams

It is very important to register for exams in advance. You may not be allowed to take your exams if you fail to sign-up in due time. In most cases, it can be done online or at the departmental secretary's office. We encourage you to ask your coordinator, mentor or student counsellor about this as soon as the semester starts.

Libraries

Almost every department has its own library where you can take out specialized books. You can find more information regarding the location and the opening hours on the websites of the departments.

The State Library is the main library of the University. You need your health insurance card to take out books, but you are allowed to consult books in the reading room without it. There are photocopiers and printers available to students. The State Library also subscribes to all major newspapers around the world.

Aarhus has a network of municipal libraries, where the main library is called Hovedbiblioteket and is located in the center of town. To get a library card, you need to show an ID card obtained in Denmark, such as your health insurance card. Both the State Library and the municipal libraries provide free internet access.

Student Services

Student Counsellor

Student councellors are experienced students who advise other students in their department. This is the first place to go when you have questions, and they will be able to help

Academic Calendar

Fall 2009

Pre-semester Danish Language Course	August 5-25, 2009
Semester start for Faculty of Science	August 24, 2009
Semester start	September 1, 2009
Orientation Day	September 4, 2009
Fall break	October 5-9, 2009
Christmas Break	December 24, 2009 - January 4, 2010
Examinations	December 1, 2009 - January 31, 2010
Semester end	January 31, 2010

Spring 2010

Pre-semester Danish Language Course	January 6 - 26, 2010
Semester start for Faculty of Science	January 25, 2010
Semester start	February 1, 2010
Orientation Day	February 5, 2010
Easter Holiday	March 31 - april 6, 2010
Store Bededag	April 30, 2010
Labour Day	May 1, 2010
Ascension Day	May 13, 2010
Whit Monday	May 24, 2010
Constitutionn Day	June 5, 2010
Examniations	May 1 - June 31, 2010
Semester end	June 31, 2010

or advise you on where to go for additional help. You can find the contact information for your student counsellor on the website of your department.

Århus Student's Film Society

The Århus Student's Film Society is one of the oldest clubs at the University. Each semester they show about forty films in their original language with Danish subtitles.
filmklub.au.dk

Aarhus University Sports (AUS)

The AUS is open to all University students and organizes a wide range of activities, from badminton to fencing to chess.
www.aus.dk

University Student House

Here you will find the offices of the Student Council as well as various student organisations. There are also a number of facilities available to students such as exercise, music and coffee rooms.

Legal Aid Office

The office provides free legal advice to students on all matters. If they are not able to provide you with an answer right away, they are likely to investigate the matter further for you. The office is located in the University Student House.

Student Advisory Office

This group of social workers and psychologists is employed by the Danish State to assist students with personal matters. The service is free of charge and completely confidential.
www.studraadgiv.dk

"What's special about Aarhus is the proximity of everything. You can get around everywhere within half an hour if you have a bike, and also within the country it's centrally placed. Everyone has been super friendly and helpful, which probably comes hand in hand withit being a smaller university town."
Niels Glahn-Bertelsen, Australia

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LIVING IN AARHUS

FOTO: KATRINA STEVENSON

Money & Banking

Living expenses for the average student in Aarhus are estimated at DKK 5,000 per month, including travel expenses. However, expenses vary depending on your own spending habits and your living situation.

Currency and Taxes

The currency in Denmark is the Danish Krone (DKK) and one krone equals 100 øre. For the latest exchange rate:
www.finance.yahoo.com/currency

Tips are automatically included in all bills, but it is common to leave a small tip if you are at a good restaurant and think the service has been good. There is 25% consumer tax (moms) on all goods and services sold in Denmark. In stores, this consumer tax is always included in the price (incl. 'moms).

Money Withdrawals

Contact your local bank in order to obtain a credit card, which you can use in all cash dispensers in Aarhus. Be aware of transaction fees.

Travellers' Cheques

It is really easy to convert travellers' cheques in Denmark but it might be an expensive option as there is a substantial fee for cashing them. Most exchange students only use travellers' cheques to open a Danish bank account as personal cheques are not accepted.

Debit and Credit Cards

All major credit cards like Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Euro Card and Diner's Club are widely accepted in big shops and international chains.

However, be aware that most of your day to day shopping in smaller stores and groceries cannot be done with your foreign credit card. In those places, you can either pay cash or with a Dankort (Danish debit card).

The Dankort is a hybrid card with both the magnetic strip and an embedded chip. You can only obtain such a card by opening a Danish bank account.

Danish Bank Account

All banks require a CPR number to open a bank account. It is also wise to bring your admission letter along, confirming your exchange status. Once you have opened a Danish bank account, you will be able to have your rent debited from your acount automatically and make other similar payments. Another benefit of having a Danish bank account is that you will be able to use a Dankort to make payments in most stores.

Normal banking hours in Denmark

Weekdays: 9.30 - 16.00
Thursdays: 9.30 - 18.00
Weekends closed

Communications

The public communication network in Denmark is highly developed. The postal service is efficient and you will find post offices located throughout the city. There is a main post office next to the train station, and you can buy stamps in kiosks and department stores. The mail boxes in Denmark are bright red and are emptied, on average, four times per day.

As everywhere in Europe, mobile phones are widely used in Denmark. If you plan on buying a new cell phone, be aware that most companies offer six month contracts. Otherwise, it is easy to buy a prepaid SIM card in kiosks or on the web. Affordable mobile companies include:
www.cbb.dk
www.telmore.dk

If you have a laptop computer, we recommend you bring it. There is a good chance that you will have internet access where you live. Please check out the accommodation website for more details.

If you do not have a laptop, there will be computer access at your department and internet access in all libraries. There are also a lot of internet cafés where you can go online for a reasonable amount of money.

Weather

Because of the warm gulf stream on the west coast, the climate in Denmark is relatively mild compared to its Scandinavian neighbours. Nevertheless, expect rain and wind all year round. While it does not tend to snow a lot during the winter, heavy rains and strong winds are typical for this time of year. The temperature in the winter is often around freezing point and during the summer it is around 20 degrees Celsius.
Weather in Denmark: www.dmi.dk

GOING OUT IN AARHUS

The city of Aarhus offers a variety of cultural experiences, and for a complete listing of the activities and events, visit:
www.visitaarhus.dk

Nightlife

Like many other university towns, Aarhus has a bustling nightlife. From Irish pubs to jazz cafés, you can probably find a café or bar to fit your taste.

Down by the canal, in the pedestrian zone, there are a number of bars and cafés, but these tend to be a bit expensive with prices up to DKK 50 for a beer. For cheaper places, we recommend that you check out the numerous neighbourhood bars, residence hall bars, or visit one of the 'Friday Bars' at the University. You may also want to check out the Aarhus Culture Guide for concert listings as bars often serve as musical venues.
Culture Guide: www.kultunaut.dk

There are a number of dance clubs around the city, where the admission is around DKK 60. The minimum age for these clubs varies from 19 to 23 years of age, although you may find that some venues have a much younger crowd.

Studenterhus Århus

Aarhus University offers a free membership to Studenterhus Århus (The Student House) to all exchange students. Studenterhus Århus organises a number of activities throughout the semester for international and Danish students, ranging from parties to road trips to language classes.
www.studenterhusaarhus.dk

Cultural events

The Århus Theatre is worth a visit if only to take a look at its decorative facade and interior. Located near the Cathedral in the center of town, it has five stages and its own theatre troop which gives performances from September to mid-June.
www.aarhustheater.dk

You might also want to check out Musikhuset, the city's Concert Hall. A wide range of performances are presented all year round from international pop concerts to ballet to performances by the city's symphony orchestra.
www.musikhusetaarhus.dk

Another option for musical entertainment is VoxHall on Vester Allé, which showcases music acts from around the world. A monthly program is distributed around the cafés in Aarhus.
www.voxhall.dk

Movies

There are four movie theatres in town that show movies in their original language with Danish subtitles. During the week there are student discounts and matinee tickets.
Metropol and BioCity www.kino.dk
Øst for Paradis www.paradisbio.dk
Cinemaxx www.cinemaxx.dk

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FOTO: JAKOB MARK

LEARNING DANISH

Denmark Today/Destination Denmark

Denmark Today is a three week pre-semester language and culture course. It is held every August and January. The course consists of language lessons in the morning and cultural arrangements of various sorts in the afternoon. The lectures and excursions will give you a sense of the city and the political, social and cultural life in Denmark. Many former students have emphasized that Denmark Today was a great way to meet other students and get a good start to their stay in Aarhus.

The aim of the language lessons is to provide participants with sufficient Danish language skills to communicate with fellow students and cope with everyday life in Aarhus. However, the course will not give participants enough knowledge of Danish to match an academic working level.

Denmark Today is free of charge to all exchange students on a programme, bilateral agreement or government scholarship. For other participants, the course fee is currently 335 €.

Every August, Aarhus University also offers the Erasmus Intensive Language Course Destination Denmark, which is similar to Denmark Today. The main difference is that Destination Denmark is funded by the E.U. Commission and also accepts Erasmus exchange students registered at other Danish universities.
www.au.dk/en/is/learndanish

Other Language Courses

To improve your Danish skills or simply learn the basics, you may join one of the various off-campus classes. Many students attend classes at either Studenterhus Århus or LærDansk.

Studenterhus Århus

Studenterhus Århus organises courses for beginners and intermediates each semester. Each course costs approximately DKK 545 for members.
www.studenterhusaarhus.dk

LærDansk

LærDansk also offers Danish language courses. Each module costs approximately DKK 500.
www.laerdansk.dk

Online language resources

If you would like to learn some Danish before your arrival in Denmark, try some of these free online resources.

netdansk.asb.dk
www.dansk.nu
www.speakdanish.dk
www.eulanguages.net
www.grammarexplorer.eu

EXPERIENCE
AARHUS BY ANN MARIE, KRISZTINA AND ANNA

Going out

As an exchange student, you are never out of things to do in Aarhus. Between classes, 'Friday bars', Studenterhus Aarhus events and socialising with your friends, there is always something going on. But be warned, going out in Denmark, even for a casual meal, can be quite expensive. I was shocked when I first visited a local restaurant to find that an average main course is about DKK 120! You can, however, find more economical places and you will soon become familiar with your local Shawarma place which sells reasonably priced shawarmas and pizza.

While eating out is not as common in Denmark as it might be at home, going out for coffee definitely is and you will probably be hard pressed to find an empty table at one of the local cafes, particularly on weekends. These cafes, which also serve alcohol, tend to be quite busy at night as well since this is where most people to start their evening with a couple of drinks. There are a number of somewhat expensive cafes and bars lining the canal in the city centre and when it is nice out, you can sit at one of the outdoor tables and watch people walk by. There are also some cafes around the 'Latin Quarter' with slightly lower prices. Some even offer a discount on drinks to students with a valid student card.

Almost every department hosts a 'Friday Bar' which usually begins at around 14:00 and is held in the departmental building. This is a great opportunity to socialise with your Danish classmates and unwind after a very busy week of outings and studying.
Ann Marie, Ireland

Shopping

Your first visit to the supermarket might be a bit disconcerting, everything is written in Danish and you might not find the same products you are used to getting at home.

At most supermarkets you will find reduced (tilbud) prices but beware of the expiration date. "Tilbud" usually involve buying in bulk so, unless you want 10kg of potatoes or 5kg of flour to yourself, you might want to team-up with one of your friends. Be on the look out for discount supermarkets such as Netto, Aldi, Kiwi, Fakta and Lidl which are often cheaper than the larger supermarkets. Also, take advantage of the many specialty food shops and food markets around town. If your are into Middle-Eastern food, you might find a good deal on feta cheese and pita bread at the smaller convenience stores.

Also, most supermarkets only accept the Danish Dankort or cash as payment methods. Therefore, if you do not have a Dankort, remember to bring cash to pay for your purchases.
Happy shopping!
Krisztina, Hungary

Danish culture

It is important, when travelling abroad, to be open to the new cultures you encounter. Even within the western world, cultures differ greatly and you will probably find that many things are very different in Denmark compared to what you are used to at home. A little information on Danish culture may help you with your transition. Danish people are generally very down to earth, friendly and funloving people. However, they may seem reserved at first. This is not because they do not like you or wish to be unfriendly. Danes just have to get to know you a little before they open up. Expect to take initiative when you want to get to know somebody, and generally, just give the Danes some time and they will come around!

Denmark may be, in some areas, slightly more liberal than some countries. Danes are, by law, allowed to drive, vote and drink from the age of 18. Drinking is an integral part of the Danish culture but it is not "un-cool" to refuse a drink. A refusal to a drink is always respected. Contrary to myths, Denmark is not populated by promiscuous people! Sex before marriage is completely acceptable, and many couples choose to live together and have children, before they are married. This, however, should definitely not be perceived as promiscuity.

Denmark is a Lutheran country and many Christian groups and associations exist. However, most of the young Danes you will meet generally do not practice their religion.
Anna, Denmark

Kapsejledsen is an annual event that takes place in the University park in May and involves students racing home made boats across the lake.

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IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Emergencies
In case of an emergency, dial 112. It is free from all phones.

Police
Politiet
Ridderstræde 1
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 87 31 14 48

After Hours Doctor
Tel: +45 70 11 31 31

Hospital
Århus Sygehus
Tel: +45 87 31 50 50
They will direct you to the closest emergency room.

Immigration, Residence Permit and Registration
Danish Immigration Service
Udlændingeservice
Ryesgade 53
2100 København Ø
Tel: +45 35 36 66 00
Monday-Friday: 9-12
www.newtodenmark.dk

National Registry Office
Folkeregistret
Borgerservice, Town Hall, Park Alle
Tel: +45 89 40 22 22
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8-15
Thursday: 10-17.15

State Administration for Central Jutland
Statsforvaltningen
Lyseng Alle 1
8270 Højbjerg
Tel: +45 72 56 83 00
Monday-Tuesday: 9-15
Thursday: 9-17
Wednesday and Friday: Closed

Foreign Police
Udlændingekontoret
Fredensgade 19
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 87 31 14 48
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9-12
Thursday: 12-17

Health and Safety
Pharmacies are usually open between 9 and 17.30 during the week and from 9.30 to 13.00 on Saturdays.

24 Hour Pharmacy
Aarhus Løve Apotek
Store Torv 5
Tel: +45 86 12 00 22

Emergency Dentist
Tel: +45 40 51 51 62
All nights: 16-8

Student Resources
Studenterhus Århus
Nordhavnsgade 1
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 86 18 30 21
www.studenterhusaarhus.dk

University Student House
Studenternes Hus
Nordre Ringgade 3
8000 Århus C

Student Advisors
Studenterrådgivningen
Rysegade 23, 1
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 86 19 04 88
www.studraadgiv.dk

University Studies Office
Studiekontoret
Fredrik Nielsens Vej 5
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 89 42 10 25
www.au.dk/en/adm/studkont

Central Housing Agency
Kollegiekontoret
Nordhavnsgade 1, 1 .th
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 86 13 21 66
Monday-Wednesday: 10-14
Thursday: 10-17, Friday: closed
www.kollegie8000.dk

Accounts Office
AU Regnskabskontor
Katrinebjergvej 89F
Building 5132
8200 Århus N
Tel: +45 89 42 11 11

Libraries

State Library
Statsbiblioteket
Universitetsparken
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 89 46 20 22
Monday-Friday: 9-18
Saturday: 11-14

Main Library
Hovedbiblioteket
Mølleparken
8000 Århus C
Tel: +45 89 40 93 00
Monday-Thursday: 10-19
Friday: 10-17
Saturday-Sunday: 10-14

Tourist Information

Denmark
www.visitdenmark.dk

Århus
www.visitaarhus.dk

Shopping

Storecenter Nord
Finlandsgade 17
8200 Århus N
www.storcenternord.dk

Bruuns Galleri
M.P. Bruuns Gade 25
8000 Århus C
www.bruunsgalleri.dk

CityVest
Gudrunsvej 7
8220 Braband
www.cityvest.dk

The Aula, which is located on the University campus, is the architectural symbol of Aarhus University.

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Before coming to Aarhus

EU/EEA citizens

- Get your European Health Insurance card

Other foreign citizens

- Apply for a residence permit

General

- Obtain scholarship award letter
- Subcribe to third party liability insurance
- Travel/luggage insurance
- Get some Danish currency
- Obtain credit card and/or traveller's cheques
- Obtain original and translated copies (into Danish or English) of your marriage certificate (if applicable)

What to bring with you

The following is a list of general items you might consider bringing with you.

- Tickets and insurance papers
- Passport
- Passport-sized photos
- Your letter of admission
- Marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Adaptor for electrical appliances (220V)
- Laptop
- Good dictionaries, especially bilingual
- Bed linen
- Raincoat, warm sweaters and books
- Sleeping bag (for travelling)

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An area along the Aarhus canal populated by trendy cafes, bars and restaurants.

After Arrival in Aarhus

EU/EEA citizens

- First, apply for a residence certificate
- Once you receive the residence certificate, visit the Town Hall (Folkeregisteret) to apply for a CPR number

Other foreign citizens

- Visit the Town Hall (Folkeregisteret) to apply for a CPR number

General

- Register at the International Secretariat
- Contact your academic coordinator
- Sign up for courses/exams
- Open a bank account
- Pay back housing deposit to the International Secretariat
- Sign up for a membership at Studenterhus Århus
- Get a bike or bus pass

Before you leave Aarhus

- Notify your academic coordinator where you would like your transcript of records sent
- Fill out the reimbursement of deposit form in order to get your housing deposit back
- Make an appointment with your janitor or the IS housing officers to inspect your room before you leave
- Notify the National Registry that you are leaving Denmark
- Register your new address at the post office and your bank

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