NKU Academic Exchange in Aarhus, Denmark

Spend a semester or an academic year studying at Aarhus School of Business!

A brief introduction…

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**NKU Academic Exchanges**

The Office of Education Abroad offers academic exchanges as a study abroad option for independent and mature NKU students interested in a semester or year-long immersion experience in another country. The information in this packet is meant to provide an overview of the experience available through an academic exchange in Aarhus, Denmark. However, please keep in mind that this information, especially that regarding visa requirements, is subject to change. It is the responsibility of each NKU student participating in an exchange to take the initiative in the pre-departure process with regards to visa application, application to the exchange university, air travel arrangements, housing arrangements, and pre-approval of courses. Before and after departure for an academic exchange, the Office of Education Abroad will remain a resource and guide for participating exchange students.

**Denmark**

Denmark is a small country with a population of 5.2 million people. What Denmark lacks in size, however, is more than made up for in strategic location, political stability, and the quality of living, culture, and education. Danish Vikings once took to the seas and ravaged half of Europe, but these days Denmark is home to a society that sees itself as a benchmark of civilization, with progressive policies, a commitment to free speech, and a liberal social-welfare system. Made up of more than 400 islands connected by numerous bridges and ferries, Denmark offers an extraordinary mix of lively cities and rural countryside. The mix of farmland, ancient castles, music festivals, forests, sleek modern designs, and even a Legoland theme park is all part of Denmark’s charm. Denmark’s weather is generally temperate, with an average temperature of 61˚F in July, the warmest month, and 32˚F in February, the coldest month. There is a slight breeze throughout the year and storms are typical in autumn.

**Aarhus**

Experience a true Scandinavian city in Aarhus, Denmark’s second largest city. Aarhus is Denmark’s largest seaport located on the eastern shore of the Jutland Peninsula, which is connected to the European mainland. Because of the 25 higher education institutions in Aarhus, a large portion of the 300,000-person population is quite young, creating an energetic pulse in this vibrant city. The Aarhus School of Business (ASB) is located just a few minutes from the center of town, making market squares, parks, cafes, shops, theatres, and museums easily accessible. This contemporary center of art and culture balances modernity with the bustling, historic atmosphere of the old city quarters. Outside of the city, Aarhus is surrounded by forests and sandy beaches to the north and south, a lake to the west, and the Bay of Aarhus to the east. You do not have to go far to see that Aarhus offers something for everyone.

**The Aarhus School of Business**

The Aarhus School of Business (ASB) enrolls about 7,000 students each year, including 800 students from all around the world. Because English is widely spoken by the Danes and the classes are conducted in English, knowledge of Danish is not necessary to study at the ASB. NKU students have the opportunity to study many aspects of business and communications, including, but not limited to, courses concentrating on European cultures, politics and business in the UK, international markets, intercultural communication, and even an introduction to the Danish language. Courses are arranged as lectures (between 60-100 students) or as class discussions (about 15-30 students). Most classes consist of both Danish and foreign students, making learning about business a truly international experience. The ASB boasts modern and technological facilities for faculty and students. The academic year at ASB is divided into 2
semesters: the autumn semester begins in late August and ends in December and the spring semester begins in late January and ends in June.

**Housing**

Like all other educational institutions in Denmark, Aarhus School of Business has no on-campus accommodation. However, part of the services offered by the International Office is a housing program for exchange students. Typically, the rooms offered are in student residence halls and other accommodation facilities (rooms as part of an apartment or a house). While these are not located on campus, they are usually a short walk or bike ride from campus. All rooms are single rooms and will always be furnished with at least a bed, a desk with a chair and a lamp. Most rooms have a private bath, but some share a bathroom with one to four other students. Most rooms share a kitchen and living room with one to fifteen other students. In the kitchen you will find a refrigerator, freezer, and oven and in most cases the necessary kitchen utensils as well. Students are always responsible for providing their own blankets, sheets, pillows, and towels. All rooms have access to laundry facilities.

**Transportation**

Aarhus is ideally laid out for walking and cycling and foreigners will quickly notice that the Danes, especially students, rely heavily on bicycles for local transportation. Second-hand bikes can be bought at reasonable prices from a bike shop or at auctions and bikes can also be rented for shorter durations of time. There is also a local bus system, which is well developed and accessible throughout the city. Monthly bus passes are available for purchase, as well as a good-value *klippekort* ticket, valid for 10 rides, and individual one-way tickets. Regional bus systems are also linked with the Danish rail system, which is affordable, frequent, and ideal for venturing out of the city. For traveling outside of the country, the European train system is highly efficient and budget airlines often offer great deals.

**Visa and Health Insurance**

U. S. citizens who participate in the semester or academic year exchange will require a visa for entry into Denmark if the visit will last longer than 90 days. A valid passport is also required, regardless of the length of stay.

Any person who lives in Denmark is entitled to free emergency hospital treatment. Additionally, once on Danish soil for 30 days, you are included in the Danish Health Insurance Scheme, which gives you the right to free medical treatment by doctors and in hospitals. Please note that this does not cover dental expenses or expenses regarding transport to the U.S. in case of illness. It is recommended that students purchase health insurance for their first 30 days in Denmark.

**Useful Links**

U.S. Department of State information: http://travel.state.gov
Denmark: www.denmark.dk
Aarhus School of Business: www.asb.dk
## General Living Expenses

Aarhus School of Business, Denmark

Semester Estimated Budget

Please use the following budget only as a general guide for expenses for one semester. Also note that expenses are estimated and subject to fluctuate according to currency rates* and general economic inflation.

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<th>Cost (USD)</th>
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<td>(undergraduate, in-state tuition for 12-16 hours)</td>
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<td>Round-trip airfare</td>
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<td>Visa</td>
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<td>Accommodations</td>
<td>$3,200*</td>
<td>*Includes a nonrefundable deposit of approximately $100. The renting period is 6 months and students must accept this renting period even though the duration of their exchange might be shorter. Rooms vary in location and cost.</td>
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<td>Local transportation</td>
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*July 2014 currency rate: 1 Danish krone = 0.18 U.S. dollars