danish language and culture course to do

august 2006



AARHUS UNIVERSITET





WELCOME

We are proud to present the programme for Denmark Today in August 2006. The purpose of the course is to help students make the best of their stay in Aarhus by providing them with intensive Danish language training as well as an introduction to Danish culture and society.

The programme design allows students plenty of opportunities to get to know each other and the beautiful city of Aarhus. We hope that you will make the most of your stay here and participate in many of the numerous activities the university and the city have to offer. It is only with the effort and initiative of motivated and excellent students like yourself that Denmark Today becomes a success every year.

We look forward to welcoming you to Aarhus in August!



Kaja Nørgaard Bertelsen, Assistant Director



august calendar

wed 2/8	09.15-12.00	Welcome and intro	p/5
	13.00-15.00	Residence Permit	p/5
thu 3/8	08.45-09.00	Language class organization	p/5
	13.00-15.00	The history of the University of Aarhus	p/6
	16.00-18.00	Sightseeing walk (A+B)	p/6
fri 4/8	15.00-17.00	Sightseeing walk (C)	p/6
sun 6/8	13.00-15.00	Fun games and picnic	p/6
mon 7/8	13.00-15.00	Academic session/being on exchange	p/7
tue 8/8	13.00-15.30	State Library (A)	p/7
	13.00-15.30	Town Hall (B)	p/8
	12.45-16.30	Moesgaard (C)	p/8
wed 9/8	13.00-15.30	Greenland	p/8
	19.30-21.30	Film night	p/9
thu 10/8	13.00-15.00	ARoS Art museum (A+B)	p/9
	19.00-22.00	BBQ (A)	p/9
fri 11/8	12.45-16.45	Rønde Højskole (A+B)	p/10
sat 12/8	22.00-03.00	International party	p/10
mon 14/8	13.00-15.30	Danish media	p/11
tue 15/8	13.00-15.30	State Library (B)	p/11
	13.00-15.30	Town Hall (C)	p/11
wed 16/8	13.00-15.00	ARoS Art museum (C)	p/12
thu 17/8	13.00-15.30	State Library (C)	p/12
	12.45-16.30	Moesgaard (A)	p/13
friday 18/8	12.45-16.45	Rønde Højskole (C)	p/14
sat 19/8	08.45-17.30	Legoland	p/14
mon 21/8	13.00-15.30	Danish politics	p/15
tue 22/8	13.00-15.00	The Danes and their religion	p/16
thu 24/8	13.00-15.30	Town Hall (A)	p/17
	12.45-16.30	Moesgaard (B)	p/17
	19.00-22.00	BBQ (C)	p/18
fri 25/8	13.00-14.00	Evaluation	p/18
	14.15-16.00	Reception	p/19

Language course every day 9.00 - 12.00.

Front page: The University Park

general information

THE ORGANIZERS

Denmark Today is jointly organized by the International Secretariat of the University of Aarhus and Studenterhus Århus - Aarhus International Student Society.

International Secretariat

The International Secretariat (IS) is the administrative unit for international students at the University of Aarhus. The IS is responsible for the morning language training and the afternoon lectures of Denmark Today. The IS also manages all administrative and practical matters for exchange students, such as enrolment and accommodation.

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sTUDENTERHUS åRHUS

Studenterhus Århus - Aarhus International Student Society is the meeting place for international and Danish students in Århus. It organizes social and cultural activities for its members throughout the year. Studenterhus Århus is responsible for the offcampus Denmark Today activities.

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INTRODUCTION

Denmark Today is an intensive introductory programme consisting of language and culture courses, social activities and practical guidance. The course is offered to international students and employees at the University of Aarhus and co-operating institutions in the Århus area.

The course consists of two equally important parts:

Language Training

Please find detailed description on the following page.

Cultural Programme

The afternoon programme consists of a wide variety of cultural events including lectures, excursions and social activities. Students will be divided into three groups (A, B and C) for some of these activities. This leaflet contains a detailed introduction to each activity and a course calendar on the first page of the programme.

ATTENDANCE

Please note that attendance is mandatory and you are expected to be present on the first day. This is important for several reasons:

• On the first day you will receive a lot of important and practical

information about the course.

• The language teachers will test your knowledge of Danish on the first day. Your oral and writing skills, will be tested to ensure that you join a group matcing your language skills.

All activities are mandatory except those indicated vith a '@' symbol.

COURSE CERTIFICATE

A course certificate will be issued to students who have participated in **at least 80** % of the Denmark Today programme, meaning 80 % of the language training and 80 % of the cultural events.

CREDITS

All students who receive a course certificate (see above) will receive 6.5 ECTS credits. Students need to check with their home institutions if the credits are transferable to their programme of study.

Key to symbols:

- = course is not mandatory
- = meeting place
- = please sign up

language training

WED 2 - FRI 25 AUGUST 2006 9:00 - 12:00

Aim

The aim of the language course is to provide students who have little or no prior knowledge of Danish with sufficient language skills to communicate with fellow students and University staff and to cope with everyday life here in Denmark. The course will not prepare participants to take part in academic discussions or to pursue university-level studies entirely in Danish, but will provide them with a solid foundation to continue their practical and theoretical studies of the Danish language.

Upper level courses are also available for advanced students who would like to improve their existing Danish language skills.

Teaching Methods

Students are assigned to groups of approximately 15 students according to their language proficiency level, as determined by an assessment test. The test will be administered on the first day of the course in order to assign students to a class that best suits their current level of Danish.

Danish is the primary language of instruction at all levels, but English will be used occasionally as

needed. The course focuses on both written and spoken Danish, through written and oral exercises as well as through presentations, movies, role playing and songs. Students are expected each day to do one to two hours of homework in addition to time spent in class.

Evaluation

Students will have the possibility to sit for a written examination, in order to receive an assessment for consideration by their home university. This written assessment is NOT MANDATORY, but will be administered upon request.

 place for language classes will be announced during introduction



Auditorium

activities



WEDNESDAY 2/8

9:15 - 12:00

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

From 9:15 to 12:00 you will receive a warm welcome to the University of Aarhus, you will be introduced to the University including practical information and to the course Denmark Today. During this time you will also be divided into groups for the afternoon/evening programme, and a placement test for the language classes will be administered

Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250

13:00 - 15:00

RESIDENCE PERMITS

(for EU citizens only)

We have divided you into two groups in order to avoid too much waiting time:

13.00-14.00 Group A and B 14.00-15.00 Group C

This is an opportunity for EU citizens to apply for their residence permit. The residence permit is an important document that will allow you to get your CPR number, which you will need to visit the doctor, borrow library books, and so on. It

is very important to take care of your residence permit application this afternoon. We have arranged for the County of Aarhus to be available at the University so that you may hand in your application directly to them.

Please fill out the yellow form, which was included in the welcome package you received with your admission letter. Be sure to bring all the personal documents you need to hand in with the residence permit application (see student guide for details).

- Conference Centre building 1420, Meeting Room 1
- Not mandatory

THURSDAY 3/8

8:45 - 9:00

LANGUAGE CLASS ORGANIZATION

This morning you will be divided into classes for the language training. Your teacher will meet you and show you to your classroom.

 Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250

13:00-15:00

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AARHUS (1928-2006)

In the light of the general history of the University of Aarhus since 1928, the lecture will touch on the following elements: Establishment and development of the faculties, the urban and architectural frames of the institution, aspects of campus life, the conditions for and consequences of the increase in the number of students and staff during the last four decades, and the successive types of university management during the years

Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250

16:00 -18:00

SIGHTSEEING WALK IN ÅRHUS GROUP A+B

Today you will get to know the city where you will spend this semester. We will divide you into small groups and take you on a guided walk through the centre of Århus, pointing out the important historical and cultural landmarks along the way. During the walk you will get some quiz questions. After the sightseeing tour we will gather at the Studenterhus Århus and find the quiz winners.

Main entrance of the Town Hall. Bus 2, 3, 11, 14, 17 from the University

FRIDAY 4/8

15:00-17:00

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SUNDAY 6/8

13:00-15:00

FUN GAMES AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

This Sunday we will spend in the park. We will be playing some traditional Danish games, getting some exercise and having some plain fun. Bring your own lunch for the picnic.

- The roundabout at Kongevejen. Bus 1, 18, 19 from Park Allé
- Not mandatory
- Sign up at the Studenterhus Århus Friday 4 at the latest.

MONDAY 7/8



13:00 - 15:00

ACADEMIC SESSION AND LIFE AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT IN ÅRHUS

Being new in Århus can be quite a challenge. This session will give you some inside tips and serve as an introduction to the administrative and educational unit of the University. You will receive information about the student identity card and its use, how and when to enrol for subjects and examinations, the various forms of examination, how to better understand and get to know Danes and finally how the student counsellors can help you in various ways. In short, this session

will help make your studies and your stay in Denmark less confusing and more enjoyable.

- Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250
- Not mandatory

TUESDAY 8/8

13:00-15:30

VISIT TO THE STATE LIBRARY BY LOTTE THYRRING ANDERSEN GROUPA

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Games in the park

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- The main entrance hall of the State and University Library in the University Park
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13:00-15:30

VISIT TO THE TOWN HALL BY TOWN HALL OFFICIAL GROUP B

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The main entrance of the Town Hall, Rådhuspladsen 2. Walk (35 minutes) or take bus number 17 or 53

12:45-16:30

MOESGÅRD MUSEUM GROUP C

GROUP C

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 Bus departs from bus-stop 17 (see map) at 12.45.
 Transportation is free of charge

WEDNESDAY 9/8

13:00 - 15:30

GREENLAND: AN ARCTIC SOCIETY
BY SVEND KOLTE, DIRECTOR OF THE
GREENLANDERS' HOUSE AND M.A.
IN ESKIMOLOGY

Greenland is an arctic island. This lecture will introduce you to the modern, self-governed Greenland and the political and historical relations between Greenland and Denmark. In addition, you will

get a visual glimpse of the arctic geography, climate and culture of Greenland, which in most ways differ from that of Denmark. One example is the fact that 80% of the people in Greenland are of Eskimo origin, and have the Eskimo language as their mother tongue.

 Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250

19:30 -21:30

DANISH FILM NIGHT: ADAM'S APPLES

The film by Anders Thomas Jensen is a black comedy from 2005. Adam is a neo-Nazi, who is sent on community service at the priest Ivan's church. Ivan gives Adam the task of baking a pie with apples from the tree in front of the church. Meanwhile birds, worms and lightning are attacking the apples. Ivan believes it is the Devil, who is testing them, but Adam believes it is God, because maybe evil does not even exist.

Studenterhus Århus, Nordhavnsgade 1



'Adam's apples'



THURSDAY 10/8

13.00-15.00

AROS ART MUSEUM

GROUP A+B

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The entrance of the museum, ARoS Allé 2. Walk (35 minutes) or take bus number 17 or 53 from the University

19.00-22.00

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FRIDAY 11/8

12:45 - 16:45

VISIT TO RØNDE HØJSKOLE

GROUP A+B

This unique visit will introduce you to the folk high school tradition and its founder N.F.S Grundtvig, one of the most important figures in Danish history and culture. Grundtvig's thoughts and work are still very significant and present in the European- and in particular the Danish society. Rønde Højskole is situated approximately 25 km from Aarhus and is beautifully located close to the beach and the ruins of the old Kalø castle.

The parking lot next to the International Secretariat, Fredrik Nielsens Vej 5

SATURDAY 12/8

22.00-03.00

INTERNATIONAL PARTY

Come out to this event and have fun with everyone. But who is throwing this party? We are – you and I. We need some people to help out behind the bar and to help decorate. If you are interested in being part of tonight's volunteer group, just talk to Janni. This will give you a behind-the-scenes look at how Studenterhus Århus works. Price: members 20 kroner and non-members 30 kroner

- Studenterhus Århus, Nordhavnsgade 1
- Not mandatory



International Party

MONDAY 14/8



13:00 - 15:30

DANISH MEDIA BY JAKOB LINAA JENSEN FROM MEDIA STUDIES

This session will provide you with an overview of the Danish media landscape: past and present. Furthermore, it will illustrate how the Danish media has evolved historically, and discuss some of the transformations that took place in the 20th and 21st century. The session will also seek to give an estimate on the future, taking into consideration the entrance of multinational media conalomerates on the Danish market. Finally, the fundamental Danish democratic values such as freedom of speech will be presented together with an explanation of how irony and satire have played a role in Danish culture and media.

Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250

TUESDAY 15/8

13:00-15:30

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VISIT TO THE TOWN HALL BY TOWN HALL OFFICIAL GROUP C

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WEDNESDAY 16/8

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THURSDAY 17/8

13:00 - 15:30

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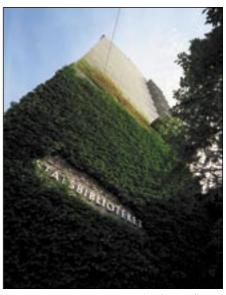
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The State Library





The Town Hall

12:45-16:30 MOESGÅRD MUSEUM GROUP A



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SATURDAY 19/8

8.45-17.30

LEGOLAND

LEGO bricks are popular toys throughout the world and the Legoland Park is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Denmark. Legoland is known for its impressive models of famous monuments and buildings and has over 50 fantastic rides and attractions all set in a beautiful park. Whatever the age group Legoland has something to offer. There are a limited number of seats on the bus so do not wait too long to sign up.

- Studenterhus Århus, Nordhavnsgade 1
- Not mandatory
- Please, sign up at Studenterhus Århus before Friday 11



Legoland, Billlund





The Danish Parliament

MONDAY 21/8

13:00 - 15:30

DANISH POLITICS BY MORTEN HOMANN, SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S PARTY OF DENMARK

This lecture will focus on the current political situation in Denmark, from the perspective of one of Denmark's members of parliament from the 'SF' party (Socialist People's Party). Our speaker will share his own personal experience with the national parliament, Folketinget, which held

elections most recently in February 2005. He will also discuss the relationship between Denmark and the European Union, including some of the current main issues in the EU and Denmark's response to EU politics.

Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250

TUESDAY 22/8

13.00-15.00

THE DANES AND THEIR RELIGION BY MARIE VEJRUP NIELSEN

Why does Denmark have a constitutional state religion, supported by taxes? Today you will get the opportunity to learn about the religious life of the Danes. Together we will take a look at the Cathedral in Arhus and hear a little about what takes place in the Danish people's church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark, which is the official state religion in Denmark. Afterwards there will be a short presentation of the church of Denmark focusing on the most current topics of discussion. We will, among other

things, talk about church and state, church and nationality in view of alobalization and the EU. We will talk about the way the religious life and history of the Danish people still play a central part in the way Danes view themselves. Also, there will be time for all of your questions and issues you want to raise about the subject. Join us for an interesting day of discussion of religion and culture in Denmark. Your guide to the religious life of the Danes will be Marie Veirup Nielsen, PhD student at the Faculty of Theology at the University of Aarhus.

- Studenterhus Århus, Nordhavnsgade 1
- Not mandatory
- ! Please, sign up at Studenterhus Århus before Thursday 17



Århus Cathedral

THURSDAY 24/8



13:00 - 15:30

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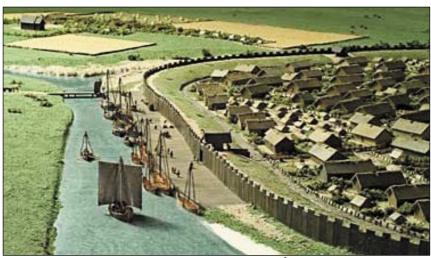
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Model at Moesgård Museum of Århus in the early Viking Age

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- Not mandatory
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FRIDAY 25/8

13:00 - 14:00

EVALUATION

Evaluation questionnaires will be distributed and you will have the opportunity to express your opinion of the course. Your active participation will help us to improve future courses. Course certificates will be presented to students who have satisfactorily completed "Denmark Today".

 Auditorium 1, Lakeside Theatres Building 1250



14:15 - 16:00

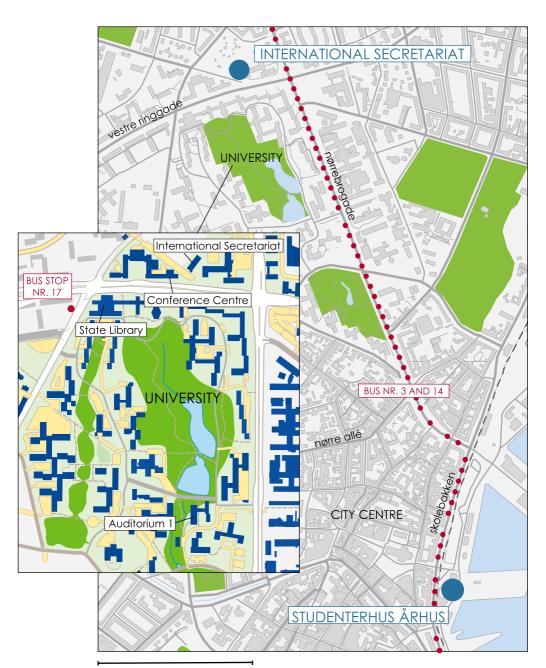




This is the conclusion of the Denmark Today course. All students, teachers, lecturers, volunteers and all others involved in the course are invited to attend this reception. A delicious buffet and cool drinks will be served.

- Mathematics Canteen, Building 530, in the basement
- Not mandatory

map of århus



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