Overview

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: Good academic standing
Language of Instruction: Danish is the official language, but English is widely spoken. Many courses are taught in English.
Academic Calendar:
Fall: August - December
Spring: January - June (students with summer internships, see below)

Each semester is divided into two blocks, so you don't take all of your classes at once. There are 2 semesters per academic year. Each semester is valued at 30 ECTS points (or 15 US credits). There are 4 blocks per academic year. Block 1 and 2 are in the autumn semester and block 3 and 4 are in the spring semester.

Pre-semester Danish language course in August and January * HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Through a reciprocal agreement between The University of Copenhagen (KU) and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any field of study at KU for a semester or a year. Students study alongside KU and international students, and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by KU and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

- The history of the University of Copenhagen dates back to 1479 and it is the oldest and largest university in Denmark. The University has a student body of 37,000 including 2,300 international students. In addition, they welcome around 1,800 international guest and exchange students annually.
- KU’s eight faculties (faculties = colleges) are located on four campus areas in Copenhagen and encompass approximately one hundred different institutes, departments, laboratories, centers as well as museums and the Botanical Gardens.

Campuses

The University is a central part of Copenhagen – the capital of Denmark. The University has four campus areas in the city: North Campus (Nørre Campus), City Campus, South Campus (Søndre Campus) and Frederiksberg Campus.

Even though the campuses look far away from another, Copenhagen is a city of a manageable size where walking and biking are the main forms of transport.

Areas of Study

Agriculture and Ecology, such as:
- Animals and Sustainability
- Applied Microbiology
- Biological Control of Pests
- Bioresource Technology and Environment
- Climate Change: Effects on Food and Feed
- Cool Climate Viticulture and Enology
- Ecology of Farming and Food Systems
- From Plants to Bioenergy
- Fruit and Berry Crop Physiology and Quality
- Land Use, Element Balances, and Environmental Impact
- Organic Agriculture
Plant Breeding
And much more!

**Animal Science, such as:**
- Animal Health Research and Health Promotion
- Equine nutrition and Management of Horses
- Genome and Cell Biology
And much more!

**Food and Resource Economics, such as:**
- Agricultural and Food Policy
- Development Economics
- Environmental Management in Europe
- Organic Food Systems
- The Food Industry: Structure and Economics
- The Sociology of Food
And much more!

**Food Science, such as:**
- Beverage Technology
- Bioactive Components and Health
- Brewing I & II
- Cheese Technology
- Cool Climate Viticulture & Enology
- Dairy Product Technology
- Fermented Food and Beverages
- Food Texture and Functionality
- Fundamentals of Beer Brewing and Winemaking
- Hygiene and Sanitation
- Sensory and Consumer Science
- Starter and Non-Starter Culture for Dairy Products
And much more!

**Course Selection**

If an international undergraduate exchange student has a solid academic background in a particular subject area, they may be accepted into Master level courses at the University of Copenhagen. The decision lies with the relevant department of study. Most CALS students take Master’s level classes.

Please note that many departments at KU plan the curriculum for the coming semester just before the end of the previous semester. The full list of courses will, therefore, not be available until a few weeks before the semester starts. Students are advised to look at the courses offered in English this semester or the previous semester in order to make a preliminary plan for their studies in Copenhagen. CALS students usually take Master’s level classes.

The class structure allows several options for traveling. Most classes are in large blocks with some students having classes as few as three days per week. Spring Break is two weeks long.

**Bachelor’s level: Years 1-3 (undergraduate)**
**Master’s level: Years 4-5 (postgraduate)**

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**Special Classes for Exchange Students**

**Danish Language**
- 3 week pre-semester class
- Semester Long class

**Fall Danish Culture Classes**
- Anthropological Perspectives: Danish Culture and Society
- Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Migration
- Anthropology: Methodology and Analysis
- Introduction to Anthropology
- The Danish Welfare Model
- Scandinavian Political Systems
- Jean Monnet Lectures: The European Union as an International Actor

**Spring Danish Culture Classes**
- Danish Society - A Sociological Perspective
- Anthropological perspectives: Danish culture and society
- Jean Monnet Lectures: European Union Politics
- Danish Society - A Sociological Perspective
- The Scandinavian Model of Welfare

**Study Tour to Russia**

Students may participate in a study tour to Russia for an additional fee. The tour aims at providing hands-on experience and direct access to the complex and fascinating history and culture of the largest country in the world, Russia.

The tour gives priority to learning over traditional tourism and is conducted in English for the benefit of international students. You will meet students from all over the world, currently studying in Copenhagen, as well as Danish students and Russian students acting as hosts.

**Returning to the US Early for an Internship During the Summer**

Want to spend the spring semester in Copenhagen, but need to return by June for an internship?

Take two 7.5 ECTS courses in block 3 and an additional 15 ECTS course that began halfway through the first block and finished halfway through the second block (ending in early May). There are 3 or 4 of these 15 ECTS courses offered, and are only offered to exchange students (e.g. Intro to the Vikings).

So, if you want to leave early: take two courses in the first block (3) and take one of the Danish culture courses that span both blocks (3 & 4). Another option would be to take the pre-semester Danish language course in January, which students recommend because it allows you to arrive a month earlier.
Student Reports

What do other CALS students have to say about studying at Deakin? Links to student reports can be found on the main Exchange Partner webpage. Be sure to check them out!

Language Classes

The University of Copenhagen offers Danish language courses to all international students from non-Scandinavian countries. Even if you take courses taught in English at the University of Copenhagen, knowing some Danish – even just basic words – can be very useful. Taking part in Danish language courses is also a good way to learn more about Danish culture and to meet other international students.

Assessments & Grading

KU makes use of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System), developed by the European Commission to provide common procedures guaranteeing academic recognition of studies abroad and thereby facilitating international mobility programmes.

The ECTS is based on the student workload required to achieve the objectives of a programme, objectives which are preferably specified in terms of the learning outcomes and competences to be acquired. 1 ECTS-credit equals 28 hours of workload (this includes lectures, self-study and exam preparation). One academic year consists of 60 ECTS both on Bachelor and Master level. See below for how grades are assigned to students.

12: For an excellent performance
10: For a very good performance
7: For a good performance
4: For a fair performance
02: For an adequate performance
00: For an inadequate performance
-3: For an unacceptable performance

CALS students must take at least 30 ECTS at KU (per semester) and earn a 4 or higher to receive credit.

Orientation

The Faculty of Science takes all exchange/international students on a "Welcome Weekend" trip on the second weekend after classes have started. This three day excursion to a camp on the shores of the Baltic Sea focuses on introducing the 250+ international students to each other. Way fun!

Accommodation

There is a very large selection of university and private accommodation either dorms, flat, apartments or houses. The KU Faculty of Sciences’ housing department guarantees CALS exchange students housing. Most dorms are recently built and have large rooms with private bathrooms. There is a common kitchen and common room and some include a computer lab and gym. Private apartments are also quite common and are usually close to the university. You may also choose to live with a family or individual as part of KU’s "home stay" option.

Working

Students who hold a residence permit are allowed to work for a maximum of three months per calendar year in a couple of fields which traditionally need seasonal workers (e.g. in agriculture, forestry or tourism), primarily during the holidays but not necessarily. Temporary employment means that the minister of foreign affairs may name a couple of sectors which leads to the issuing of a certain number of work permits. The work permit can be obtained at the employment office (AMS). In this case the duration of the employment is limited (max. of 3 months), but not the amount of the salary you may earn.

Student Visa

If you are from a non-EU or EEA country and are planning to stay for more than 3 months you need a residence permit which you have to obtain from the Danish embassy/consulate in your home country before you leave. The CALS Exchange Office provides students with support to complete the application materials.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.