

STUDENT EXCHANGE FACT SHEET



AALBORG
UNIVERSITY

Aalborg University ranks as best University in Europe, within the field of Engineering and as no. 8 in the world according to US News World Ranking. In THE Impact Ranking, Aalborg University is ranked as the worlds best university at SDG 4: Quality Education.

Aalborg University (AAU) is located in Denmark in Scandinavia and has been providing students with academic excellence, cultural engagement and personal development since its inception in 1974. It offers education and research within the fields of natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, technical and health sciences.

AAU continuously consolidates and further develops its profile as a dynamic and innovative research and educational institution oriented towards the surrounding world. It is characterized by combining a keen engagement in local, regional, and national issues with an active commitment to international collaboration. With a persistent dedication to the pursuit of excellence, Aalborg University offers supreme educational experiences across a broad spectrum of academic fields.

Aalborg University consist of three campuses, which are situated in Aalborg, Esbjerg and Copenhagen. On a national basis, 21,000 students are affiliated with Aalborg University.



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AALBORG UNIVERSITY - AALBORG

The main campus of AAU is situated in the part of Denmark called North Jutland, in the 4th largest city, Aalborg. At the Campus in Aalborg we have around 20.000 students. This campus offers a wide range of study fields. Here you will find everything from studies in philosophy to state of the art laboratories.

AALBORG UNIVERSITY - COPENHAGEN

AAU CPH is our campus in the capital of Denmark, Copenhagen. AAU CPH is situated right out to the wonderful canals of Copenhagen in modern buildings. Here we offer education in the fields of technology and IT. AAU's focus on building relationships between students and business is very distinct at AAU CPH, with several private businesses having their offices in the same building as the students have classes. This ensures a natural collaboration when conduction reports etc.

AALBORG UNIVERSITY - ESBJERG

AAU Esbjerg is situated on the west coast of Denmark towards the roaring North Sea. Esbjerg is known to be a fishing town. But it is so much more than that. Esbjerg is part of "World Energy Cities Partnership" with a great appearance of natural resources as wind and wave energy. The city attracts lots of businesses within sustainability and are constantly focusing on the development of research and more efficient production through e.g. oil, gas, wind and biogas.

In Esbjerg you will find our smallest campus. 450 students attend AAU Esbjerg, this means that everyone knows each other across classes and faculties.

In Esbjerg we are focused on natural science and engineering which also reflects the many companies which are specialized in sustainable energy.

Exchange information:	
DURATION	Minimum of five months (one semester) Maximum of one academic year (two semesters)
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS	The exchange students must choose a program within the agreement between AAU and the partner institution. AAU offers package deals and it is not possible to mix the courses between the programs. Please see the following link on exchange programs offered by AAU: www.exchange.aau.dk
NOMINATION DEADLINES AND PROCEDURE	Fall semester: 15 March Spring semester: 1 October To nominate a student, the Exchange Student Coordinator at your partner university must complete our official nomination form and email it to internationaloffice@aau.dk Once the nomination form is received, the selected student will receive the AAU application instructions via email.
STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINES AND PROCEDURE	Fall semester: 1 April Spring semester: 15 October The student application is online. Once we have received the nomination, the student will receive a nomination email. We will provide the student with all relevant information about the application process. In the nomination email the student will be linked to the online application portal in the following link: www.exchange.aau.dk
WEBSITE ON FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EXCHANGE AT AAU	www.exchange.aau.dk



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Academic information:	
COURSES	Please see the following link on exchange programs offered by AAU: www.exchange.aau.dk .
CREDIT SYSTEM	AAU follows the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The required number per semester is 30 ECTS. For more information, please see the following link: European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Exchange students must maintain full time study status of 30 ECTS/semester.
ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS	To be eligible for an exchange at AAU you must have successfully completed at least one year of studies (2 semesters) at your home university. Students joining our master level programmes must document that they have successfully completed their bachelor's degree first. At AAU, enrollment of exchange students depend on individual, academic evaluation of each applicant. This means that your GPA (Grade Point Average) will not alone be the deciding factor. We'll do an assessment on the courses you wish to study here at AAU, the courses you have on your home university and how well these intertwine. This is to secure that you as a student gets the necessary credits for your studies at AAU. AAU accepts both undergraduate and postgraduate students. To have a productive and educational exchange at AAU, students must be proficient in English. It is the students own responsibility to provide documentation of the language requirements set by AAU (e.g. TOEFL 85 and IELTS 6.5). Please see the following link on the language requirements at AAU: www.exchange.aau.dk.

Academic information:	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English
GRADING SYSTEM AND TRANSCRIPTS	In Denmark we use the Danish 7-point grading scale. This grading scale is different from what is used mostly around the world. However, converting your grades into ECTS marks is not an issue. At UFM, the Ministry of Education and Science, you will find information about the Danish Grading System.



PROBLEM BASED LEARNING (PBL) – AAU'S UNIQUE STUDY METHOD

At Aalborg University, students will conduct a problem-based project report in groups. This report will be based on AAU's model of learning – The Aalborg-model. The model focusses on giving the student the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills independently, by working analytically and interdisciplinary towards a result that can be used in the 'real world'.

This is done by working with the corporate sector on authentic problems with the aim of finding a solution. Through this the students will not only learn how to work closely with businesses, but also learn how to work efficiently in a group.

The Aalborg-model aims towards results that can be used in the continued work in UNs Sustainable Development Goals. Lastly the Aalborg-model, is a renowned method of learning, acknowledged by students, professors and business alike.

UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

At AAU, UNs 17 Sustainable Development Goals are a central piece of the courses offered as well as the everyday life on campus.

Through the courses at AAU, we strive to develop new and innovative ways to improve sustainability. Whether it being through engineering technology, or geopolitical solutions.

In your everyday life on campus, you will meet sustainable solutions to reduce our energy use, environmentally conscious construction and a general focus on letting nature be nature.

If you want to learn more about sustainability at AAU, please see the following link: <https://www.en.aau.dk/about-aau/sustainability-at-aau>



Semester dates:

FALL SEMESTER (INCLUDING EXAMS)

September 1 – January 31

SPRING SEMESTER (INCLUDING EXAMS)

February 1 – June 30

Academic information:

HOUSING

AAU can offer housing or guidance on where to apply in Aalborg, Esbjerg and Copenhagen. Further information www.accommodation-office.aau.dk.

RENT

In Aalborg there is plenty of opportunities to find housing. You will find apartments ranging from approximately 400 EURO (3,000DKK) up to 675 EURO (5,000DKK) pr. month.

FOOD AND LEISURE

For a student, the average amount spend on food a month is 135 EURO – 235 EURO (1,000DKK – 1,750DKK). If you like to eat out from time to time or grab a cup of coffee at a café with your study group, then Aalborg is great for that, as it offers a wide variety of great places to eat, have a drink or grab a hot coffee/tea to-go.

Health coverage:

HEALTH INSURANCE

www.newstudents.aau.dk/masters-aalborg/nice-to-know

The Danish healthcare system offers equal and universal access for all residents. As an international student, residing in Denmark and registered with the Danish Authorities you will have access to free medical treatments with some exceptions, such as dental care and physiotherapy.

OTHER INSURANCE

AAU requests all international students to take out a Public liability insurance policy (Ansvarsforsikring) to cover expenses for compensating injuries to others or damages to others' belongings. AAU also highly recommends international students to take out a Personal accident insurance (Ulykkesforsikring) and a House contents insurance (Indboforsikring). These two insurances cover expenses for personal injuries and stolen or lost house content.

All laboratory work is insured by AAU.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks for the semester are available for purchase at the shop FactumBooks on campus, as well as online. Depending on the courses selected by the student, the total cost of textbooks can range from 135 EURO - 400 EURO (1,000DKK - 3,000DKK). Further information regarding textbooks can be found on [Factumbooks.dk](https://factumbooks.dk)



Reasons for choosing Aalborg University

- Aalborg University's unique study method, The Aalborg Model for Problem-Based Learning (PBL) is highly respected both nationally and internationally
- Informal student-teacher relationship
- Friendships through group work
- Academic English at a high level
- Danish values; individual freedom, freedom of speech, equal rights and possibilities for everyone, solidarity, respect and tolerance are central values in the democratic Scandinavian societies
- As an international student at AAU with a residence permit for Denmark, you are eligible to free health care via the yellow national health service medical card - just like any Danish citizen
- AAU is ranked as the best university within the field of Engineering in Europe according to US News World Ranking
- Denmark is ranked as one of the safest countries in the world
- Both Aalborg, Copenhagen and Esbjerg are internationally oriented with lots of offers for international students, employees and families. In all cities there is a lot of different students organizations, sports clubs, cafés, cinemas and events in general





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