Study Abroad in Copenhagen
“Study abroad in Copenhagen reinvigorated my interest in academics!”

• The faculty at UCPH (also known as KU) and DTU respect & value the education and training of Caltech students.

• Students need a minimum 3.0 for admissions to the exchange. However, if a student has a 2.8 cum with 3.0 grades in their option and shows a pattern of rising GPA, they will be considered for DTU. KU/UCPH needs a firm 3.0 minimum.
Academics:
Copenhagen University (UCPH/KU) and the Danish Technical University (DTU)

- **UCPH/KU** - classes in the sciences & computer science. (No engineering)
- **DTU** - has applied science/engineering AND science courses.
- Choose one university for STEM classes
- For either must take 2 courses in dept. most equivalent to students primary STEM option.
- You can do research for credit at DTU-based on option.
- U. Copenhagen students take 3 option classes and 2 Danish Culture classes.
- At DTU take minimum 2 option classes, 1 or two DTU classes plus Danish Culture (taught at U. Copenhagen) between 30 & 35 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System units).
Students at UCPH/KU must take 2 culture classes, two block 1 option classes and one block 2 option class.
DENMARK 101

Danish Culture Course Examples

- Course in Danish Culture
- Danish Cinema
- Søren Kierkegaard and the Challenge of Existence
- Nordic Mythology
- Danish Architecture and Urban Planning
- Current Environmental Challenges for Denmark in a Historical Perspective
Two Different Block Systems

• **At UCPH**, for science subjects, the term is split into 2 intensive blocks that are approximately 9 weeks long. The 2nd block continues into January. You must get permission from the prof. to take the final exam before you leave in December in order to take 2nd block courses. 9 units per class.

• **At DTU**, the block system refers to the time schedules of classes. Classes are taught in 4-hour blocks consisting of a lecture session followed by a problem solving session overseen by the professor.

• 5 ECTS class=4 hours & 10 ECTS class=8 hours. Each get 9 units.
### UCPH Schema Groups

#### Diagram 2: Weekly timetable

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**Block 1:** Start of September – mid November  
**Block 2:** mid November – end of January
### DTU Block Schedule

**Warning!** On the DTU course catalog, \( E = \text{Autumn} \) and \( F = \text{Spring} \). Don’t select courses listed during the F Semester!!

*Spring in Danish is *Forår.*

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ECTS

• ECTS = European Credit Transfer System

• At UCPH
  – 7.5 ECTS courses = 9 CIT units. Cannot take 15 ECTS in either Block 1 or 2
  – All Culture Courses are 9 CIT units

• At DTU
  – 5 ECTS courses = 9 CIT units
  – 10 ECTS courses = 9 CIT units (possible to get 12 units based on Caltech instructor)
Possible Copenhagen Schedules

- Students must take at least 36 CIT units, ~4 courses or around 30 to 35 ECTS
- 3 to 4 DTU courses + Danish Culture
- At UCPH, 2 Block I courses + 1 Block II course + 2 Danish Culture courses
FINDING CLASSES:  UCPH & DTU

DTU Course base overview:  
https://www.dtu.dk/english/education/course-base
Coursebase:  https://kurser.dtu.dk/search
UCPH Course Catalog:  
https://studies.ku.dk/visiting/overseas/course-information/online-course-catalogue/
Use filters to find fall semester, English taught classes & by subject, level and block
All 3rd/4th year classes can be taught in English
Copenhagen Caveats

- You must understand the block schedules of DTU and UCPH.
- You have to take Danish Language for both DTU and UCPH at the University of Copenhagen.
- 3rd and 4th year courses taught in English.
- Cannot take PhD classes at either.
Copenhagen

 Advantages

• You get to take Danish Culture Classes
• Opportunities for research at DTU
• Longer study abroad experience
• A beautiful, safe, and walkable city with great public transport
• Everyone speaks English
Study Abroad in Copenhagen is a Social and Cultural Experience

- Copenhagen Arts
- Cycling Culture
- Historic City
- Food
- Scientific Community
- Teitgen Kollegiet (hall of residence)
- Danish Culture & History
- Travel to Other Scandinavian Countries
- Travel in Europe
- Has a Monarchy
City View
Castles
Everyone Cycles!
More of the U Copenhagen “Campus”
DTU Campus
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Kampsax Kollegiet at DTU

Private room with own bathroom
Share kitchen and lounge with about 12 to 15 other students, usually Danes
Denmark is one of the happiest countries in the world.

According to the United Nations General Assembly's latest report:

- **What makes Denmark so great?**
  - Life-Work Balance
  - Beautiful Landscapes
  - Safe Cities
  - Excellent Social Services for Everyone
  - Top Universities