

Student Exchange Fact sheet

Exchange and Study abroad at AAU



Aalborg University

At Aalborg University (AAU) we believe that knowledge can and shall change the world.

AAU was founded in 1974 and offers education and research within the fields of natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, technical and health sciences.

Approx. 18,000 students are enrolled at AAU. The majority at the main campus in Aalborg (AAL) and approx 400 in Esbjerg (ESB) and approx. 2,700 in Copenhagen (CPH).

AAU AAL: Main campus with all Faculties represented.

AAU CPH: Focus on building relationships between students and business with several private businesses having their offices in the same building as the students.

AAU ESB: Situated on the west coasts, and is part of "World Energy Cities Partnership" with a great appearance of natural resources as wind and wave energy.

The PBL approach and group work

An important part of AAU is the PBL (Problem-Based Learning) model. AAU partners with companies and public institutions with whom AAU students work closely together to solve real life issues.

The students will conduct a problembased project report in groups, based on the PBL 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'.

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Further information

[Guest and Exchange - Aalborg University](#)

[How to apply for guest and exchange courses AAU](#)

[Newstudents - Aalborg University](#)

1. How to apply

How to apply	Exchange student	Study abroad student
Eligibility	To be eligible for the AAU guest and exchange courses you must be enrolled at an AAU partner institution and have successfully completed one year of study at your home institution. Furthermore you must meet all entry requirements for the exchange course.	To be eligible for the AAU guest and exchange courses you must be enrolled in a higher education institution (HEI) and have successfully completed one year of study at your home institution. Furthermore you must meet all entry requirements for the exchange course.
How to apply	Students need to contact the Exchange Student Coordinator at their home institution to be nominated for exchange at AAU. Once we receive the nomination the student will receive instructions via email on how to apply our AAU exchange courses. Partners must make the nomination in our online application portal. Link is provided by e-mail. Contact us if you have not received the e-mail.	Self paying study abroad students must apply in the AAU application portal Mobility Online. For study abroad students (students without an exchange agreement between AAU and your home university) fees apply depending on your nationality. EU/EEA citizens: 30,000 DK for a full semester (30 ECTS, 2026 rates). Non EU/EEA citizens: Please contact us.
Deadline Spring (Feb-Jun)	Nomination deadline: 1 October Application deadline: 15 October	Application deadline: 15 October
Deadline Fall (Sep-Jan)	Nomination deadline: 1 April Application deadline: 15 April	Application deadline: 15 April
Enrollment requirements 	Students joining our master level exchange courses must document that they have successfully completed their bachelor's degree or as a general rule the same number of semesters. Enrollment of exchange students depend on individual, academic evaluation. This means that your GPA will not alone be the deciding factor. We'll do an assessment on the courses you wish to study at AAU, the courses you have on your home university and how well these intertwine. Students must be proficient in English. Please follow the link on the requirements at AAU: www.exchange.aau.dk. Required documentation: How to apply for guest and exchange courses - Aalborg University	

2. Further information

Exchange information		
Academic calendar	SPRING SEMESTER Welcome Week (orientation): The last week of January Semester period: 1 February to 30 June (5 months) FALL SEMESTER Welcome Week (orientation): The last week of August Semester period: 1 September to 31 January (5 months)	
Exchange course	The exchange students must choose an exchange course within the agreement between AAU and the partner institution. AAU offers package deals and it is not possible to mix the courses between the exchange courses. Please see the following link or QR code on exchange courses offered by AAU: www.exchange.aau.dk	
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	

Academic information		
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. Grading system – English	
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.	

Practical information



Housing and rent	AAU can offer housing or guidance on where to apply in Aalborg, Esbjerg and Copenhagen. Further information Accommodation for international students and staff - Aalborg University Monthly from DKK 3200,00 and goes up to DKK 4700,00. The average monthly price is DKK 3950,00 (March 2024)	
Health insurance	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 insurances	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.	
Checklist	There are many things to deal with when arriving in a new country. We have made an overview of the most important issues to handle before and upon arrival to Denmark, and hope this will make the arrival become smooth.	
Why choose 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 ● 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 ● AAU is ranked as the best university within the field of Engineering in Europe according to US News World Ranking	
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