Congratulations on being selected to participate in the UW Scandinavian Studies in Denmark program!

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Embassy Registration
Program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register on-line at: https://travelregistration.state.gov. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

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PREPARATION BEFORE LEAVING

IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

Passport: A passport is needed to travel to Denmark. If you do not already have a passport, please apply for one immediately. Passport information and application forms for U.S. citizens can be found on the U.S. State Department website http://travel.state.gov/passport/. If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

Visa: US citizens do not require a visa for a stay of less than 90 days in Denmark. Non-U.S. citizens should consult with their own national embassies for visa requirements.

HANDLING MONEY ABROAD

The Danish currency is the krone (crown), with 1 krone equaling 100 øre. You should bring some money with you in cash for incidental purchases. It is possible to convert almost any currency into Danish kroner at the Copenhagen Airport. The exchange rate is $1 to 6.7 kroner. This can fluctuate. The exchange rate for dollars to kroner is really good right now, so this is a great time to be traveling to Denmark!

Cash machines are available throughout Copenhagen. Bring an ATM or credit card with a 4 digit pin number to access your account overseas. Check with your bank prior to departure to make sure you will be able to access your funds from abroad with an ATM card. Visa and Master Card are the most commonly accepted credit cards. It is a good idea to get a credit card with an embedded chip, which you will need to use any automated payment machines. You may also want to look into getting a credit card that doesn’t charge any foreign transaction fees (otherwise you’ll get charged a fee for every purchase you make on your card while in Denmark).

Safety with Money

Use the same precautions with money abroad that you would when traveling in any large city in the United States. Be aware of pickpockets in crowded areas and on public transportation. Carry your money and other documents in a money pouch worn inside your clothing or in a wallet in a front pocket of your pants. Use the same precautions you take at home when using an ATM; keep your pin number separate from your ATM/debit card and use machines inside banks or other buildings whenever possible. Maintain a copy of all credit card numbers, traveler check numbers, and any PIN numbers in a safe place, and do not carry these with you at any time. Leave a copy of these documents and a photocopy of the first (photo) page of your passport with a friend or family member in the United States. Be sure to call your bank before you leave the U.S. to let them know that you will be traveling abroad, so that they don’t block your ATM card for your own protection. Find out what their fees will be for using your debit card overseas.


Electronics

Denmark runs on 220V (volts), 50Hz (cycles) AC and uses the “europlug” with two round pins. If you plan on bringing any appliances from the United States, keep in mind that some of them will require adapters/converters which you should purchase before departure. Many devices, like travel hairdryers, computer and phone chargers, are capable of handling either voltage, though some of them require you to turn a knob to switch from one voltage to the other. For these devices, all you need is a small, cheap plug adapter to make the plug fit Danish outlets. For small appliances that aren’t already dual voltage, it may be more convenient and less expensive to purchase appliances in Denmark rather than purchasing the necessary converter in the United States.

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Flight

You will need to arrive in Copenhagen on Tuesday May 24 any time before 2pm. There is a direct flight to Copenhagen on SAS from Chicago that leaves at 10pm and arrives at 1:20pm the next day. If you want to get over your jetlag before classes start or if you can get a better price if you fly in earlier than Tuesday, you can add extra nights at the hostel at your own expense.

You will need to send a copy of your flight itinerary to Professor Allen no later than 2 weeks before departure. Depending on when you arrive, Professor Allen will meet you either at the airport or at Kongens Nytorv. When you arrive in Copenhagen, it is very easy to get from Kastrup Airport into the center of the city. When you leave the airport, follow the signs for the Metro. You will need to buy a ticket, using either cash or a debit card, from a machine just outside the Metro platform. Your destination will be “Kongens Nytorv,” in downtown Copenhagen. You will receive an orientation in the afternoon of May 24 and classes will start in the morning of May 25.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives of the program are

• to empower students to navigate a foreign culture and penetrate behind the tourist experience;
• to gain an understanding of how different aspects of society are designed and how they relate to each other;
• to be able to compare the foreign culture with their home culture in productive ways;
• to enhance the study of country-specific scholarly topics through on-site instruction and enrichment activities.
**TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

This is an unconfirmed itinerary and specific events might change. It gives you a good idea of the content of the program, however.

Monday, May 23  
Travel to Copenhagen

Tuesday, May 24  
Arrive in Copenhagen. Move into Generator Hostel in Copenhagen  
3pm  
Orientation meeting at the hostel  
5:30pm  
Group welcome dinner @ restaurant

Wednesday, May 25  
9-11am:  
Understanding Denmark’s Past  
Readings: WITS: The History of Scandinavia  
1pm  
Copenhagen canal tour

Thursday, May 26  
9-11am:  
The Modernization of Denmark in the 19th century  
Readings: Selections from *Sex and the Modern Breakthrough*  
2pm:  
Tour of the Danish National Museum

Friday, May 27  
9-11am:  
Inner City Walking Tour: “500 Years of Urban Development”  
3-5pm  
Designing a City; guest lecturer from City Planning Dept.  
Readings: Jes Fabricius Møller, “The Parks of Copenhagen 1850-1900”

Saturday, May 28:  
Free for exploration/optional day trip to Malmö and Lund, Sweden

Sunday, May 29  
1pm  
Tour of the Danish Parliament (Folketing)

Monday, May 30  
9am  
Private charter bus to Kolding  
12:00  
Check-in to Hotel Saxildhus  
2-5pm  
Visit to Koldinghus/Georg Jensen Damask mill

Tuesday, May 31  
9am  
Train to Aarhus (90 minutes)  
11:00-16:00  
Visit to “Den gamle by” (open-air museum)  
19:00  
Bus/Train back to Kolding

Wednesday, June 1
10:00-12:00: Guest lecture at SDU-Kolding on Modern Nordic Design
   Readings: Marianne Aav, *Marimekko: Fabrics, Fashion, Architecture*
14:00-16:00: Tour of Trapholt Design Museum in Kolding

Thursday, June 2
9:00-17:00: Visit to Legoland Billund

Friday, June 3
9am: Private charter bus to Odense
10:00-12:00: Guest lecture at SDU on practical design
   Readings: Gert Selle and Peter Nelles, “There is no Kitsch! There is only Design!”
14:00-17:00: Visit to *Tidens Samling* (Museum of Everyday Life) in Odense
7pm: Private charter bus back to Copenhagen

Saturday, June 4
9am-6pm: Visit to *Friluftsmuseet* (Open-Air Museum), Klampenborg

Sunday, June 5
Free for exploration

Monday, June 6
10:00-12:00: Danish Modern Design
14:00-16:00: Tour of Danish Design Museum

Tuesday, June 7
9:00-11:00am: Blending Old and New
   Readings: *Old and New Architecture: Design Relationship*
1pm: Tour of the Royal Library (Black Diamond)
5-10pm: New Nordic Cuisine Cooking Course at Meyers Madhus

Wednesday, June 8
9:30am: Tour of the Copenhagen Opera House
15:00-17:00: Modern Danish Architecture; guest lecturer from Gehl Architects
   Readings: Tobias Faber, *A History of Danish Architecture*

Thursday, June 9
9:00-11:00am: Building a Sustainable City
   Readings: Petter Næss, “On their road to sustainability? The challenge of sustainable mobility in urban planning and development in two Scandinavian capital regions”
13:00-18:00   Visit to Tivoli Gardens

Friday, June 10:
9:00-11:00 am   Picturing the Modern World; guest lecturer from Danish Film Institute
Readings: Michael Webb, “The City in Film”
1 pm   Visit to the Danish Film Institute
6 pm   Farewell dinner

Saturday, June 11: Check out of hostel, depart from Copenhagen Airport

June 13-14: Individual consultations with students about final projects (in person or by email or Skype if necessary)

June 17: Final Report/Project due

More specific information regarding course expectations and grading will be provided in your course syllabus.

COURSE INFORMATION
Students who are not Scandinavian Studies majors will receive 3 credits of Scandinavian Studies 276 (Life and Civilizations). Students who are Scandinavian Studies majors will receive 3 credits of Scandinavian Studies 476. IAP will register you for the course. There are no additional registration procedures you must take. You will need to buy one of your textbooks before departure (WITS History of Scandinavia, which is available from https://charge.wisc.edu/scandinavian/index.aspx) but the other texts will be available online through our course Moodle site. The course spans 4 weeks, so you can write your final paper during the 4th week of the class (after our departure from Copenhagen).

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit
Students cannot take this course pass/fail.

LIVING ABROAD

HOUSING
Your housing will consist of single-gender double/triple or quad hostel accommodations at the Generator Hostel in Copenhagen (http://generatorhostels.com/en/destinations/copenhagen/). These rooms will only be used by students affiliated with this program. Housing accommodations will include rooms with a lockable door, a bed for each individual, en-suite bathroom, laundry facilities (extra charge), and a kitchen, and pillows/bedding/linen. Free WiFi will be available in the hostel and a daily breakfast is included.
HEALTH

It is recommended that you read through the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for travel to Denmark: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/denmark, as well as meet with your doctor or a travel doctor at least 4-6 weeks prior to departure. Your doctor or health-care provider will determine what you will need, depending on factors such as your health and immunization history.

COMMUNICATION

Telephone: While some U.S. cell phone plans allow you to make international calls (usually with an extra international calling plans; Google Fi includes international calls in their regular plan), the cheapest option for communicating while in Denmark is usually to buy a SIM card at a 7-11 in Copenhagen to use in an unlocked cell phone. You can do that on the day of your arrival. If you have an iPad with 3G capabilities, you could also get a SIM card for your iPad.

When making calls, keep in mind time zone differences www.timeanddate.com/worldclock. To make an international call to the United States from Denmark, dial “0” plus the United States country code (always “1”) followed by the appropriate U.S. area code and local number. To call Denmark from the United States, dial “011”, the country code (45), city access code (if necessary) and the phone number. Country and city codes can be found online www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html. Some of above steps can vary if you are using a calling card.

TRANSPORTATION

Metro, s-train, and bus: Copenhagen has a well-developed public transportation network, with three main modes—the newest and fastest is the Metro, which links the airport to downtown Copenhagen; the S-train is an older above-ground commuter rail that links the suburbs of Copenhagen with each other; and city buses fill in all the gaps.

You can buy individual tickets for travel on any of these modes of transport, but it is much more cost-effective to buy a “Rejsekort” (travel card), which works on any public transportation in the country. You preload the card with any amount of money, then you “check in” at a card reader at the start and end of each journey, and the system automatically calculates the price of the journey based on the distances traveled; failure to check in or out so results in a fine. The more trips a passenger makes per month, the less each trip will cost.

Bikes: With wide streets and few hills, Copenhagen is ideal for navigating by bicycle. More than half the population of Copenhagen commutes by bicycle to work or school. If everyone in our group is comfortable riding a bike, we can rent bicycles to get ourselves around Copenhagen rather than taking public transportation.