Pre-Departure Orientation, Summer 2015

Copenhagen as your home, Europe as your classroom
Courses are challenging, but...

Your faculty will most likely be practitioners in their field. How will this affect you?

You are expected to go to class and participate.

Field studies offer connections between classroom and real world.

Your classmates are from mostly North American universities.

Splitting up groups
• When will you have opportunities for independent travel?
• Sessions 2 & 3 include study tours
Is meeting Danes a priority?  
How do you plan to make it happen?

Some suggestions:

- Hang out @ Studenterhuset
- Study at local libraries
- Spend some time in parks
- What about the commute?
- Kollegium vs. DRC
Kollegium: Danish Residence Hall

• You should be independent, self-reliant, and outgoing - it’s not the social center you’re used to at home.

• DIS students live in 15 kollegiums scattered around greater Copenhagen
  Commute: 30-40 minutes

• Floormates are Danish, DIS and international students from various universities.

• Level of interaction with Danes on day-to-day basis will vary. Get involved!

• Room layouts vary greatly: single & double rooms, private vs. communal bathroom, kitchenette vs. communal kitchen, etc.

• Grocery shop and cook for yourself! $600 food stipend will help.
DIS Residential Community (DRC)

- Similar to a dorm or apartment
- Mostly DIS students and a few Danish SRA’s
- Singles, doubles, triples & quads
- Commute = 30 minutes
- Shared kitchen, furnished bedrooms including study area, and laundry facilities
- Grocery shop and cook for yourself, partial food stipend $600
- Leave comments on registration for what kind of person you are and what type of roommate you would be compatible with
## DIS CPH Student Services

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- Classrooms
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Financial Matters

• Call your bank and credit card company
  • Will my card(s) work abroad? Set up a travel plan.
  • Make sure you know your debit card PIN.
  • What fees does your bank and/or credit card company charge?
  • What is your daily ATM withdrawal limit?
• Spending money, accessing money, limits of a credit card
• Exchange rate: $1 = 7 kr (usually around 5.5 or 6)
• Copenhagen is safe, but...

• If something should happen, what would you do, who should you contact?

• DK Emergency phone: 3067 1000

• Cellphone options

• How would over frequent communication with friends and family back home affect your experience?
What now?

- Have a plan for immersing in Danish culture
- Talk to your parents about a communication plan
- Prepare to be uncomfortable and embarrassed at times. It’s all part of the study abroad experience!
- Learn more about Denmark
- Have an open mind. Doing so will help you move past the downs and enjoy the ups!
- Complete your registration
- Join the Facebook group
- Buy a plane ticket
- Housing placements = 10 days before term starts
- Billing = 4-6 weeks before term starts
Thank you for your attention!

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