



Hauser Global Law School Program

University of Copenhagen Copenhagen, Denmark

Exchange Program Information Package
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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by the University of Copenhagen, such as their website – www.ku.dk/international/english, handbooks, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend if you can. If you can't attend, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator, Hauser Global Law School Program.

Important Application Dates

January 21	NYU Application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid to late February	Selections made
March 12	Copenhagen applications due

I. Program Description and Information

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at The University of Copenhagen during each semester. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law. First-year students cannot participate. Most courses are taught in English, some in Danish, French, and German.

All law subjects in English consist of 34 contact-hours. Some subjects run for 10 weeks and are taught twice a week and some run for 13 weeks and are taught once a week.

B. The University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen is Denmark's largest law school, and one of the largest in Northern Europe, with approximately 4000 law students. One of the main objectives of the Faculty is to intensify contacts with foreign universities and law schools. These contacts have greatly increased in recent years. They include such activities as encouraging research and studies abroad, international student exchanges, faculty exchanges and a developing program for visiting scholars.

The Faculty of Law offers 4 different degrees, an LL.B., an LL.M., a Master in Mediation and Conflict Resolution and a Ph.D. Furthermore, holders of a B.A. may apply to study individual Master subjects that have not been fully subscribed for by matriculated students.

The Degree Structure

Legal education is divided into two parts: The first "basic" part the BA degree requires a study of three years and consists of a number of mandatory courses: Family Law, Law of Obligations, Property Law, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Criminal Law, Law of Procedure, Public International Law, European Community Law, Legal History, Legal Sociology and Legal Philosophy. The major examinations are taken after the first, second and third year. Most of the examinations are written. The successful completion of this first 3-year part is considered equivalent to an English Bachelor's Degree (B.A. / B.Sc.).

The second part of the Danish cand.jur.-curriculum is a 2-year study of "master level" (kandidatuddannelsen) courses. During this phase students study 3 courses per term (each course is equivalent to 34 hours per term). Three courses are considered to be the full work-load for one term.

On master level 9-10 courses are required for the completion of the Cand.jur.Degree (LLM). Attendance of courses is optional, and the Faculty of Law usually offers about 100 courses each term taught in Danish, or English and a few ones in French/German. Besides the courses the master students have to write a master's thesis which will approximately demand the workload of one semester.

C. The City of Copenhagen

Copenhagen – the capital of Denmark – was officially founded in 1167. The small fishing village, as it was then, prospered and developed into København – 'port of tradesmen'. Today Copenhagen is the commercial, cultural and administrative centre of Denmark, and the greater city area has a population of 1.7 million. Although busy and noisy as any large city, Copenhagen continues to captivate visitors because it has managed to maintain some of its original charm. Compared to many other cosmopolitan cities, it is considered a safe city.

Just outside the city centre, you find the areas of Østerbro, Vesterbro, Nørrebro, Frederiksberg and Amager. Østerbro is one of the well-off areas of Copenhagen. Buildings as well as cafés, restaurants and shops are often of a more classical style than what you find in other areas. Vesterbro and Nørrebro used to be working class areas, but over the past decade both areas have turned into trendy hot spots influenced by people of many different ethnic origins, and they are very popular areas for shopping and going out. Though you may not notice it, Frederiksberg is actually an independent municipality surrounded by Copenhagen. It offers good shopping facilities, places for going out as well as Frederiksberg Have – a beautiful park loved by all Copenhageners. Amager is in fact an island linked to the rest of Copenhagen by bridges. Still, it is as close to the city centre as the other areas, and in addition to that it has its own beach, which is a popular destination in the summer.

Copenhagen is small compared to other cities around the world, so even if you are not going to live in one of the areas mentioned above, you will never be far away from the city centre, from the University or from where things are happening!

D. Program Dates*

Dates for 2010-11 have not been published yet. Below is a rough guideline to course dates. Dates, when published, can be found at http://jura.ku.dk/english/education/students/academic_calender/

Fall Semester 2010

Early August	Pre-semester Danish language course begins and Orientation
Late August	Classes begin
Mid-October	Autumn holiday
Mid December	Classes end
Mid December to late January	Examinations

Spring Semester 2011

Early January	Pre-semester Danish language course begins
Early February	Semester begins
End of April	Classes end
Mid-May to late June	Examinations

* to be confirmed

E. Courses

Course listings for Copenhagen's Masters and Bachelors programs in Law can be found at <http://sis.ku.dk/kurser/portal.aspx?pnr=6>

Course Requirements

A full-time study load at the Faculty of Law corresponds to three (3) courses per term and totally six (6) courses during an academic year, which is also the maximum number of courses allowed to take. All courses have the duration of one term and consist of 34 contact hours. Each course is valued with 10 ECTS-credits (European Community Course Credit Transfer System: 10 credits). For one term 30 ECTS-credits are required for a full-time study load and 60 ECTS-credits per academic year. To ensure that you are able to transfer the credits earned at the University of Copenhagen, it is important that NYU approves your course selection.

F. Evaluation and Grades

Exam Registration

When you are registered in a course you will automatically be registered for the succeeding exam. After you have registered for your courses, you should check your University of Copenhagen email to make sure you are registered for the exam.

Types of Assessment

At the University of Copenhagen students are assessed after taking one of the following types of examinations: paper, written examination, oral examination or active participation. In addition, some courses may require the successful completion of written as well as oral assignments during the semester.

Assessment

Your work is assessed according to [the 13-scale](#) or by Pass/Fail. 6 is the required grade to pass a subject. If your home institution requires that all your work be assessed according to the 13-scale this may be arranged with the lecturer. After completing your period of study at the University of Copenhagen, you will receive a transcript of your academic record.

The 13 Scale

13	exceptionally independent and excellent performance
11	independent and excellent performance
10	excellent but not particularly independent performance
9	good performance, a little above average
8	average performance
7	mediocre performance, slightly below average

- 6 just acceptable performance
- 5 hesitant and not satisfactory performance
- 03 very hesitant, very insufficient and unsatisfactory performance
- 00 completely unacceptable performance

All courses will be graded in the first instance by the University of Copenhagen faculty in accordance with their grading system. However, because grading standards between NYU School of LAW and the University of Copenhagen may differ, a direct translation to NYU School of Law's letter grading system can be quite difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at Copenhagen will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

Transcript of Academic Records

In order to receive a transcript of academic records, you must fill in an on-line questionnaire and at the same time list all the courses that you want to appear on your transcript. You will receive an e-mail from Copenhagen with information on how to fill in the questionnaire before your departure. Please note that if you have not done so, they will not be able to issue you a transcript. As soon as the departments register all the results, you and your home university will both receive a transcript of your academic records.

G. Program Cancellation

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Copenhagen, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

II. Program Staff and Facilities

A. Program Staff

International Affairs

International Affairs undertakes the exchange of international students in co-operation with our exchange partners abroad. In co-operation with the International Office in Copenhagen, International Affairs at the Faculty of Law takes care of the registration and enrolment procedures for all international law students.

Furthermore International Affairs undertakes the administration of studies at the Faculty of Law for international students and advises students about the law courses available, as well as giving other forms of guidance related to studying law at the Faculty.

In order to facilitate the transition to student life in Copenhagen, International Affairs appoints tutors for international law students. These tutors organize welcome weekends, where students have the opportunity to meet other law exchange students and have a good time. These weekend trips are very popular and most students participate.

The International Affairs Officer for the Law Faculty are:

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Email: le@jur.ku.dk
Website: www.jur.ku.dk

International Office

The International Office is located in the city centre. The office has a group of permanent staff and a small group of students who work part-time. The office is responsible for services for international students such as admission, housing, student counseling and orientation program including various social events to help you meet other international students.

Living and studying away from home can be a challenging experience – particularly in the beginning of your stay. In the International Office you have the opportunity to ask questions in informal surroundings. We are happy to help you, or to point you in the right direction to where you can get help whether your question relates to your academic program, personal problems or, for example, where to buy a used bicycle.

All general inquiries should be directed to: inter@adm.ku.dk

Inquiries about admission should be directed to: int-admission@adm.ku.dk

Inquiries about Housing should be directed to: int-housing@adm.ku.dk

Inquiries about Danish Language Courses should be directed to The Department of Nordic Studies, Raghild Wangen rfwangen@hum.ku.dk

The International Office
Fiolstræde 24, 1 floor
P.O. Box 1143,
DK-1010 Copenhagen K
Denmark
E-mail: inter@adm.ku.dk

B. Academic Facilities

Library

The University Library was founded in 1482. The first University Library had an extensive collection of both books and manuscripts that were all destroyed by a fire that ravaged through Copenhagen in 1728. With the help of gifts the library was speedily reestablished, and at the beginning of the 19th Century, the library contained almost 100,000 volumes. In 1938, the medical and science collections were moved to a separate library, which still exists today. In 1989, the University Library merged with the Royal Library, the national library of Denmark, into one institution with three locations.

There are three specialized libraries within the Faculty of Law: the Law Students' Library; the Law Research Library; and the Library of Criminology and Criminal Law. Students are encouraged to use the Law Students' Library where there are study rooms, borrowing, copying, and binding facilities, IT/wireless access, and lockers.

III. Preparing for Your Trip

A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition is the same as the tuition at New York University School of Law. Participating NYU students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a semester at NYU.

Below are estimates of what you might spend living in Copenhagen. The cost of living is roughly the same as in New York, perhaps higher in some areas such as going out and clothes. You should budget 5,000-7,000 Danish Krone (DKK) per month for every day living plus more for any travel and additional activities you might do while abroad. One DDK is approximately 20 US cents.

Housing	DKK 2,200 - 3,200 /month
Board	DKK 1,500 - 2,000 /month
Books and other study materials	DKK 200 /month
Local transportation	DKK 360 /month
Estimated pocket money	DKK 1,000 /month

B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

If you need assistance from the University in finding a place to stay in Copenhagen, you must indicate this when you apply for admission on-line. The deadline for applying for housing is 1 June for the Autumn semester and 1 November for the Spring semester. If you are admitted to the University and have applied for housing, you will be sent a housing offer to your University of Copenhagen e-mail account. It is therefore very important that you check your e-mail regularly.

Due to the large number of applicants and the difficult housing situation in Copenhagen, you may receive a housing offer from them as late as one month before the beginning of your studies. If you have not heard from the housing coordinators two weeks prior to your arrival, please feel free to contact them at: int-housing@adm.ku.dk.

If you choose not to accept your housing offer, or you do not respond to the housing offer within the deadline stated in the offer, the University will not be able to guarantee you another offer.

All housing applicants will be offered housing according to their period of study.

The University of Copenhagen is not a campus university, and there is a limited number of rooms in the halls of residence (kollegier). Most students will therefore be offered a room in a private home, where the landlord is usually living as well, or in a shared flat.

The rooms assigned by the International Office are all furnished rooms with access to kitchen, toilet and bathing facilities. The rooms offered in halls of residence are a combination of single rooms and twin rooms. Twin rooms are shared with another student of the same gender and preferably the same age.

C. Visa and Residence Permit Information

If you are not an EU/EEA citizen and not a Nordic citizen, you need a residence permit before entering Denmark. Along with your letter of admission, you will receive a form called 'Supplement to application for residence/ work permit for visitors at Danish institutions of higher education', also called *the purple form*, as well as instruction on how to apply. Both documents must be submitted with your application for a residence permit. Please contact the nearest Danish embassy or consulate immediately to apply for your permit, as the application process usually takes a considerable length of time (2-3 months). Also, please be aware that the Danish Immigration Authorities require documentation of your ability to support yourself financially during the length of your stay. Prior to your departure, you may be requested to provide documentation from your bank certifying that you have the equivalent of DKK 4,200 per month during your intended stay.

All international students in Denmark are allowed to work while studying here (15 hours per week from September to May and 37 hours per week from June to August). However, you need a work permit to do so. You should apply for a work permit at the same time as you apply for your residence permit if you plan to work part-time.

Cpr-number

When you have arrived in Copenhagen, you are required to register with the local civil registration office (Folkeregistret). To do so you must have your residence permit and a permanent address in Denmark. The civil registration office will provide you with a personal identity number, called a cpr-number, as well as a Health Insurance Card. The International Office will refer you to your local registration office. Your cpr-number is used to officially register that you are living in Denmark, but you will also find that banks, libraries, phone companies, sports associations etc. ask for your cpr-number if you wish, for example, to open an account or get a membership.

D. Health Insurance

The University of Copenhagen does not have a mandatory insurance policy; however, you are strongly encouraged to purchase general insurance (personal possessions, accident and liability) as well as a health insurance prior to your departure for Denmark.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do get into an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 80%/20% co-insurance. For more information, visit http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx.

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit <http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/how.to.enroll.waive.html> or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before it is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

Alternatively you may take out an insurance policy with International Health Insurance (IHI) in Denmark. The IHI Study Abroad insurance covers for periods up to 24 months, and gives full protection in case of acute illness and injury. It also covers medical evacuation back home, emergency repatriation and personal liability, among many other things. For further information please contact:

International Health Insurance Danmark a/s
Tel: ++45 33 15 30 99
E-Mail: ihi@ihi.com

With regard to general insurance (personal possessions, accident and liability), you may contact the following Danish insurance companies if you are not able to take out an insurance prior to your departure. The companies provide information in English if you give them a call.

Nykredit Forsikring A/S
Tel.: (+45) 70 15 96 33
www.nykredit.dk (website is in Danish)

Alm. Brand
Tel.: +45 35 47 47 47
www.almbrand.dk (website is in Danish)

Tryg Forsikring
Tel.: +45 70 11 20 20
www.tryg.dk (website is in Danish)

The Danish Health Security Act

The Danish Health Security Act covers students staying for more than three months. Note, however, that this does not cover the costs of medical evacuation back to your home country, emergency repatriation and personal liability. To be covered by the Danish Health Security Act, you must apply for the Health Insurance Card with the local civil registration office upon arrival. When you apply, you will be assigned a medical doctor in your area. If you have chronic medical problems requiring prescriptive medicine, it is a good idea to bring copies of your medical history issued by your local doctor. Please note that medicine is not free in Denmark.

When you register for your Health Insurance Card, you also get a personal identity number called a cpr-number.

Students from non-EU/EEA and non-Nordic countries staying for more than three months should apply for a Health Insurance Card upon arrival. The certificate is valid six weeks after you have registered with the local civil registration office – "Folkeregistret". It is therefore strongly recommended that you as a minimum arrange for health insurance to cover any incidental medical bills for the first eight weeks of your stay.

With the Danish Health Insurance you can see a doctor without charge. When you receive your Health Insurance Card, a medical doctor (General Practitioner) will be assigned to you. His/her contact details are printed on your Health Insurance Card if you need to make an appointment. Remember to bring your Danish Health Insurance Card when you go to see the doctor. If you have a medical history, it is always a good idea to bring with you the accurate and complete physical and mental health information to secure a safe and healthy study abroad experience.

E. Provision for Students with Disabilities

The Association for Disabled Students & Graduates ([Handicappede studerende og kandidater](#)) provides advice on issues such as access for disabled to various facilities and special services available to disabled students. The Association can be reached as follows:

University of Copenhagen, Amager
Njalsgade 84, room 7.3.10
DK-2300 Copenhagen S
Tel: +45 35 32 91 01
E-mail: hsk@hum.ku.dk
Website: <http://www.hsknet.dk/forside.php> (in Danish)
Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10-12

If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Christine Jenssch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs, who will contact Copenhagen to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

F. Resources for Living in Denmark and Traveling

Below are websites you can get more information about living, studying and traveling in Denmark.

<http://jur.ku.dk/english/education/students/>
http://studies.ku.dk/arriving_and_living_in_copenhagen/
<http://www.studyindenmark.dk/>
<http://www.denmark.dk/en>

Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

STA Travel. There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at www.statravel.com

Travel CUTS. There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at www.travelcuts.com.

www.studentuniverse.com. Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

Getting Around

Budget Airlines

<http://www.cimber.dk/>

<Http://www.airberlin.com>

<http://www.icelandexpress.com>

<http://www.easyjet.com>

<http://www.airbaltic.com>

<http://www.skyeurope.com/en/>

Most national carriers have changed their fare structure to compete with the budget airlines. You may be able to get a reasonable airfare using those airlines. Bear in mind that many budget airlines often use an airport that is further away than the city's main airport, and you may incur additional expenses when traveling to the city centre.

By train

<http://www.eurail.com>

<http://www.raileurope.com/us/index.htm>

http://www.dsb.dk/Rejseplan/bin/query.exe/en?L=vs_dsb&

By bus

<http://www.eurolines.com>

Student Discounts

International Student Identity Card. This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit www.isic.org to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

IV. Semester Follow-Up

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with The University of Copenhagen.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at the University of Copenhagen, you must complete a written NYU application available from: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/applicationprocedures/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel. The timetable for the application process is as follows:

January 21	NYU Application deadline
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Mid-late February	Selections made and applicants notified
March 12	Copenhagen application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with the University of Copenhagen, you will be given further instructions for completing the Copenhagen application and asked to submit documents to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your documents to Copenhagen where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Copenhagen, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.

VI. Additional Information

One of the resources we offer to our students to provide further information on our exchange programs is a collection of questionnaires that have been completed by our past students about their experiences while studying at each of our partner institutions. If you are interested in looking at these questionnaires, please feel free to stop by our office (Furman Hall, Suite 340) between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, we maintain a list of past students at each program who have indicated their willingness to speak with interested students about their experiences while abroad. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of this document, please either stop by our office or send us an email at: law.global@exchange.law.nyu.edu.