## Going abroad as part of your studies

Autumn 2024



### **Agenda**

1. Considerations

Why, when, where, and how much?

1. Options

Exchange, self-arranged stay, traineeship, other opportunities

- Application for exchange: How to do it
   What the application looks like + tips and tricks
- 3. Nice to know about self-arranged stays
- 4. Nice to know about traineeships
- 5. Nice to know about other opportunities
- 6. Who can help with what?





### Considerations

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## **Considerations:** Why go?

### **Academic benefits**

- Another approach to studying
- Add to your academic profile
- Your résumé
- Language skills
- Intercultural competences

### Social benefits

- International network new friends
- Personal development
- Independence and courage





### **MySDU**

Website for students enrolled at the University of Southern Denmark

GO TO YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME PAGE

Menu X  $\rightarrow$  Study start → Applications and forms +  $\rightarrow$  What do you do if ...? → Career paths +→ Programme structure → Guidance and support → Courses and schedule  $\rightarrow$  Library → Examination  $\rightarrow$  Study Board → Bachelor project → Contact → Student life +

## Considerations: When to go?

Which semester(s) of your bachelor's or master's?

Check your curriculum (studieordning)

- → at MitSDU.dk > choose your study programme and click on "Programme structure" in the menu
- → or ask the your study programme's advisors



## Considerations: Where to go?

- How far away from home?
- Academic matters
- Conditions for studying
- Special interests
- Language qualifications
- Financial matters

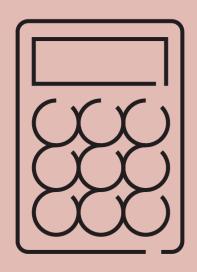
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## **Considerations:** Financial matters



### **Expenses**

- (Tuition fees)
- Books and study materials
- Travel costs
- Insurance
- Rent
- Food
- Fun and trips

### Income

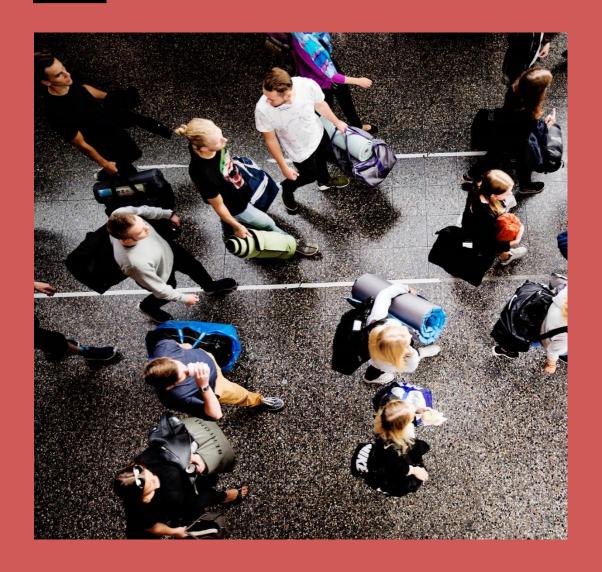
- SU + SU loan
- Travel grant (exchange) or Udlandsstipendium/State Grant (tuition payment)
- Own savings
- Private grants
  - Search for relevant grants
  - Be aware of deadlines
  - Focus your application
  - Don't wait until you have been accepted



## Options

Exchange, self-arranged, project oriented placement, etc.





## Study abroad: Different ways of doing it

### **Exchange**

- The International Office helps you
- Erasmus+ and Nordplus: Europe/EU
- · Overseas: the rest of the world

### **Self-arranged**

You help yourself

**Project-oriented placement (traineeship)** 

Other opportunities



# Let's focus on exchange (for now)



### **Erasmus + and Nordplus**

- Specific subject area
- Many places available
- Big chance of getting a spot if you're flexible

### **Overseas**

- Faculty wide agreements
- More applicants than places
- Important to have alternatives

### Self-arranged with a discount

- James Cook University, Australia
- University of Tasmania, Australia
- Swinburne University of Technology, Australia



### SDU Exchange places: Application deadlines

### 1 October 2024:

Remaining places for the spring semester 2025

### **1 November 2024:**

For the academic year 2025/2026

### 1 March 2025:

For the academic year 2025/2026



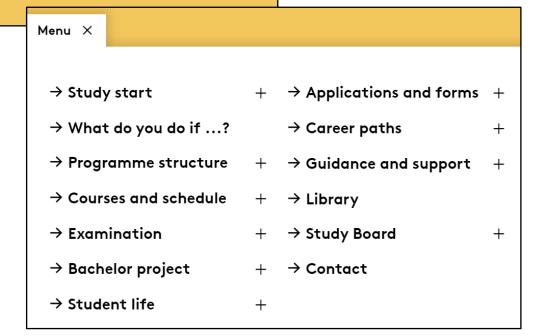


## Application for an exchange place

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### **Application - Step 1:**

Check your study program: Which types of courses do you need?

- Do you have mandatory courses you need to replace?
- Do you have mostly electives?

Check your curriculum (studieordning) at mitsdu.dk







Where to go?

### Opportunities to go abroad

If you want to study abroad as part of your studies at SDU, there are a number of options for you.

How to apply

### How to do it

There are many academic and that need to be addressed whe abroad period.

### **Application - Step 2:**

Lists of available places:
mitsdu.dk/studyabroad → Choose your study
programme → Opportunities to go abroad

### Opportunities to go abroad

If you want to study abroad as part of your studies at SDU, there are a number of options for you. You will find that it is not as complicated as you might expect!

→ Exchange within Europe → Exchange overseas

- → Internship and traineeship (project oriented placement)
- → Self-arranged stay



ID number to identify each specific agreement

**TIP:** use this to find the agreement in the application portal

Study programmes and faculties eligible for the exchange place

Special requirements and information to consider for this specific exchange agreement

### **Application - Step 2:**

ID	COUNTRY	PARTNER	HOST FACULTY	STUDY	LEVEL	NUMBER OF PLACES	COMMENTS
2805	Australia	Federation University Australia		Science (NAT) Business and Social Sciences (SAMF) Sports Science Humanities (HUM) Engineering (TEK)	ВА	2	Language test not required. Min. grade point average 8 / Previous years given to students with a grade point average of 8 - 12 Course search: http://programfinder.ballarat.edu.au/ProgramFinder/ Only Mt. Helen and Gippsland campuses are open for exchange. HA students should be aware that literature lists are NOT available until after the beginning of the semester.

If a faculty/school/department is listed, you must be able find courses offered by the faculty that are relevant for you.

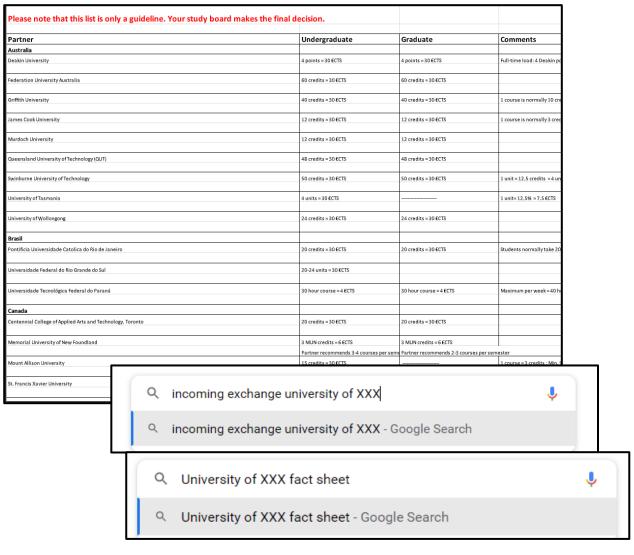
If blank: most faculties should be open for exchange (but check the comments section and the university website)

Available to... BA: Bachelor (undergraduate) Cand: Master (graduate)

Number of available places Identify the places you can apply for

- Correct level
- Your study programme
- Faculty wide agreements

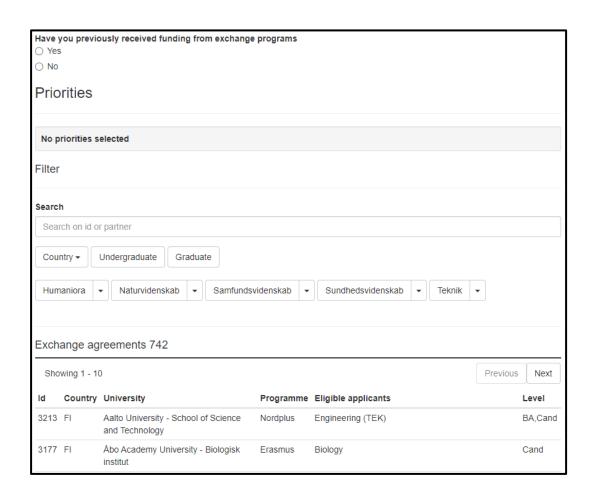




### **Application - Step 3:**

- Check the websites of host universities and find relevant courses
- Tip for search words: University name + "incoming exchange" / "Fact sheet"
- Better to be thorough than quick
- Courses for the autumn 2025 are probably not available yet – try to find courses from the autumn 2024 instead
- Be aware of academic level, semesters, and the language of instruction
- Check "<u>Credits to ECTS</u>" table for conversion of credits to ECTS (if relevant)





### **Application - Step 4:**

Fill in the application

- mitsdu.dk/studyabroad → Opportunities to go abroad →
   Exchange within Europe/Exchange overseas → Apply here
- Login to the application form with your SDU login
- Make sure your priorities reflect your wishes; you can't change them after submitting
- Only places listed on the pdfs are available (tip: search the id)
- You can list up to 8 priorities in your application
- Want to go together with a fellow student? Ensure that you have the same priorities + state that you wish to go abroad together in the "comments" section



## Timeline: Preparation for your exchange stay for the academic year of 2025/2026

### Now

Clarification and research of courses

### 1 November

Application deadline

### December

Decisions are sent out by International Office

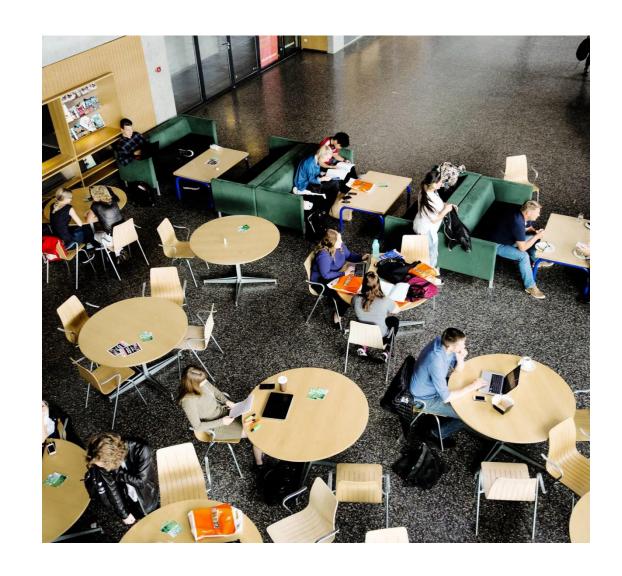
### Later

Apply to host university, preapproval, etc.



## Allocation of exchange places

- Full-degree student at SDU
- Grade point average
- Minimum requirements
  - You must have passed at least 30 ECTS at university level
  - You must have a grade point average of min. 2.0 (U/absence from an exam counts as -3)
- Other factors
  - Needed ECTS load (minimum 25 ECTS) in exchange semester
  - Previous exchanges





## Erasmus+ Students with special needs for support

### Who?

Students with physical, mental, or health-related conditions with special needs for support

### How?

- Apply for extra financial support. Contact the International Office (students who are already qualified by SPS at SDU are eligible for extra financial support)
- Benefit from local support services at the host university





## Self-arranged stay

A brief introduction

### SU (Udlandsstipendium)

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Tilskuddet til uddannelsen svarer til det tilskud, den danske stat giver til en tilsvarende uddannelse i Danmark.

#### Hvis du vil på studieophold og søge udlandsstipendium, skal du:

- Have mindst 1 SU- klip/slutlånsrate, når du begynder opholdet
- · Søge merit for de fag, du vil læse
- Optages på værtsuniversitetet
- Søge stipendium (find ansøgningsskemaet <u>her</u>)



### Self-arranged

- Payment of tuition fees
  - Possibility of Udlandsstipendium/State Grant
  - Check out mitsdu.dk/SU
- No geographical restrictions
- No direct competition with other SDU students
- You organise everything
- Less support from the International Office
  - Check out the Check List can be of help
- A few partners offer discount for self-arranged:
  - James Cook University, Australia
  - Swinburne University of Technology, Australia
  - University of Tasmania, Australia



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### **Self-arranged:**Application for funding

Outgoingapp.sdu.dk → Selfarranged study or traineeship

Submit via spoc.sdu.dk

- Pre-approval from Study Board
- Documentation of admission
- If applying for Udlandsstipendium/State grant: also documentation of tuition fee and course descriptions



### So, to sum up:

### **Exchange**

- No tuition fees
- Support from the International Office
- SDU cooperates with host university
- Automatic grant
  - Erasmus+, SDU Internationalisation
     Fund, or Nordplus
- You can also apply for private grants

### **Self-arranged**

- Tuition fees
- You organise everything
- No geographical limitations
- Applications for grants
  - if you receive SU:
     Udlandsstipendium/State Grant
  - If not: SDU Internationalisation Fund
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## Traineeship Grants

(Project Oriented Placement)

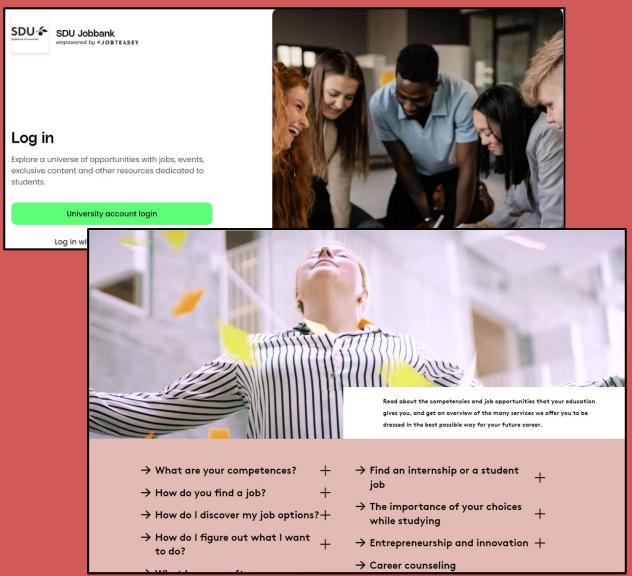


### **Traineeship**(Project Oriented Placement)

### How to find a traineeship place?

- You must find the place yourself
- You can get help here:
  - jobbank.sdu.dk
  - SDU RIO

mitsdu.dk → your study programme → Career paths (Karriereveje)





## Traineeship grants (Project Oriented Placement)

### **Erasmus+ Traineeship**

- 2-12 months
- EU+ associated countries
- Must apply minimum 1 month before leaving Denmark
- Documentation required:
  - Pre-approval by Study
     Board / study programme
  - Erasmus+ Learning Agreement for Traineeships
  - Erasmus+ evaluation after

### Other types of traineeships

- No geographical restrictions
- Apply for SDU
   Internationalisation Fund
- Documentation required:
  - Pre-approval by Study
     Board / study programme
  - Contract with company/organisation



### Opportunities to go abroad

If you want to study abroad as part of your studies at SDU, there are a you. You will find that it is not as complicated as you might expect!

### Internship and Traineeship (Project Oriented Placement)

→ Exchange within Europe

Have you been offered an internship or project-oriented placement abroad? Here you ca out how to apply for a grant through SDU International.

- → Internship and traineeship (project oriented placement)
- → 2 types of grants

Which one to apply for?

→ Am I allowed to get paid?

- → How to apply Important documents and
  - checklist
- → For soon-to-be graduates

Erasmus+ traineeship

### Selfarranged study or traineeship

Erasmus+ traineeship / internship, applications for the Internationalization fund – both traineeship and study – and application for state grant.

APPLY HERE!

Self arranged

### Traineeship (Project Oriented Placement)

### Application online:

- mitsdu.dk/studyabroad → Opportunities to go abroad → Internship → Apply here
- Login to the application form with your SDU login

### Submit via spoc.sdu.dk

- Approval from study / study board
- Contract for traineeship
- If Erasmus+: Learning Agreement for Traineeships



## Other opportunities to go abroad





### **EPICUR**



European University Alliance: 9 universities working closely together

Flexible way to gain an international experience:

Offers short courses, online courses, blended courses (online part and in-person part), summer schools

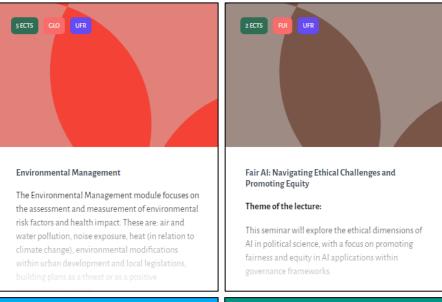
Wide range of courses in e.g. sustainable transformation, European values, global health, and future intelligence

Check out <u>epicur.edu.eu</u> for the full course overview



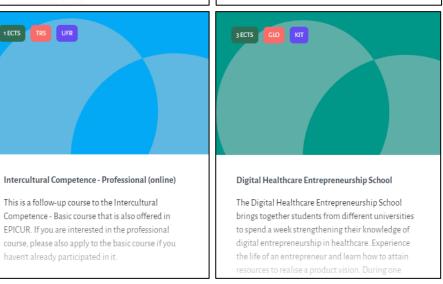
### **EPICUR**

- Application: directly to Epicur → epicur.edu.eu
- Possible grant for students in Odense: The Campus Kollegiet Foundation: four travel grants of DKK 25,000 (full semester exchange only)
- Got questions? <a href="mailto:epicur@sdu.dk">epicur@sdu.dk</a>



1 ECTS TRS UFR

haven't already participated in it.







### north2north

(under the Uarctic network)

Grants and tuition fee waivers for Nordic and North American universities.

Application process a bit different:

Motivational Letter and CV required

Priority given to students:

- within study programs that are thematically related to the north/Artic
- with a specific personal or academic interest in northern/arctic issues.

More information: mitsdu.dk/studyabroad → Opportunities to go abroad → Other options → north2north



### **Summer schools**

Same procedure as self-arranged study abroad

Possible to get Udlandsstipendium/State Grant to pay the tuition fees if credit-earning

For inspiration:

www.summerschoolsineurope.eu





# l'm confused... Who can help me? Glad you asked!

SDU 🍲

- Exchange places
- Application process
- Admission to host university
- Finances
- Contact to partner universities

### **Study Board / Academic Advisor**

- All questions related to courses and your study programme at SDU
- Pre-approval of courses
- Final credit transfer

### **Host university**

- Application form
- Acceptance letter
- Courses / type of work
- Housing
- Introduction



## How can I contact International Office?



SPOC.sdu.dk

International Office



+45 6550 2264

Monday: 10:00-14:00

Tuesday: 12:00-14:00

Wednesday-Friday: 10:00-14:00



**Campus Odense:** Office at Campus Square Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 10:00-14:00

Open Office in the campus cities:

mitsdu.dk/studyabroad > Information meetings



### **Online Information meetings:**

10 October: 14:15-15:45

21 October: 16:15-17:45

mitsdu.dk/studyabroad > Information meetings

