

## Period of attendance - What to expect

When considering spending a semester in Copenhagen, you might be wondering how a semester in Copenhagen will impact any other obligations you might have, for instance an internship or your graduation. We hope that the following information will give you a better overview:

### Autumn (September-December/January)

The official start and end dates of our autumn semester are from 1 September until 31 January the following year, both dates included. But you are *not* expected to be present in Denmark for this exact period. Please be aware of the following:

#### Semester start

##### **Welcome programme**

Prior to 1 September, we will be running a two-week welcome programme.

##### *Mandatory info meetings spiced up with social and cultural activities*

In the week leading up to the start of the semester, there will be social and cultural activities as well as mandatory information meetings. The mandatory activities take place over the course of 2-3 days and are mixed in with the social and cultural activities, which make up our non-mandatory Exchange Social Programme (fee-based package deal).

You should expect to be present in Copenhagen from around 25 August (or one week earlier if you are also taking the Danish Crash Course, see below). The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next, and the date will be announced to students as soon as possible. If you have other important obligations during August which prevent you from arriving to Denmark in August, please inform us; we can usually find a solution.

##### *Danish Crash Course*

Two weeks before the start of the semester, we offer a Danish Crash Course. The focus is to introduce you to Danish language and society; the language you will hear and use in everyday life, when for instance greeting people, shopping, using public transport and visiting attractions in Copenhagen.

Attendance to the course is optional, and there is a price to be paid for the course. If you aim to attend the crash course, you should expect to be present in Copenhagen around 18-20 August at the latest. The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next and date will be announced to students as soon as possible. The crash course week also has a social and cultural programme: the crash course week social package (fee-based package deal).

##### **Housing**

Students who are allocated a room in one of our student dorms can expect to be able to move into their room around mid-August. The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next and the exact date will be announced to students as soon as possible. The rental period is fixed, so even if

you arrive two weeks after the beginning of the rental period, you still have to pay for the entire period.

## Semester end

- **Exams in January?** Most exams take place in November and December, while relatively few exams take place in January. If you are worried about the prospect of having to be present in Copenhagen for an exam in January, please note that:
  1. The exams typically take place two to three weeks after a course has ended. So if you want to avoid exams very late in the semester, you should pay attention to the timing of the course when selecting courses. Q1 courses run early in the semester, while Q2 courses run late in the semester. Avoid Q2 courses if you want to leave early, as Q2 exams are in January. It is likely that semester courses will have exams in December, although a few might have exams in January. See the overview [here](#): Dates and deadlines > Semester dates
  2. The exam form is relevant! If your exam is a *home assignment* you only need internet access to attend and do not need to be in Denmark to attend it. The exam form is mentioned in the course description as in [this example](#), so you will know what kind of exam you have ahead of you when signing up for courses. A home assignment will pose no practical problems in January at all.
  3. The exam dates are announced while it is still possible to make course changes. So if you find that you have an exam which requires your presence in Denmark in January, you will have the possibility to make a course change if need be.
  4. Almost all our exchange students go home before Christmas! The risk of having exams in January might be worrying for students when they are planning for their exchange semester, but we know for a fact that almost all students go home in December. So in reality, the problem is very limited.
  5. Your university and their course transfer policies are also important in this regard. If they have given you the freedom to choose any course you want during your exchange, you will have greater possibilities for changing courses and in this way creating a course and exam schedule which is perfect for you. If your university approves only a limited number of our courses for credit transfer, you will have less flexibility.

## Spring (February-May/June)

The official start and end dates of our spring semester are from 1 February until 30 June, both dates included. But you are *not* expected to be present in Denmark for this exact period. Please be aware of the following:

### Semester start

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3 days and are mixed in with the social and cultural activities, which make up our non-mandatory Exchange Social Programme (fee-based package deal).

You should expect to be present in Copenhagen from around 25 January (or one week earlier if you are also taking the Danish Crash Course, see below). The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next, and the date will be announced to students as soon as possible. If you have other important obligations during January which prevent you from arriving to Denmark in January, please inform us; we can usually find a solution.

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#### **Housing**

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#### Semester end

- **Internship in June? Graduation in the summer?** 30 June is the last official date of the semester. If you are worried about this due to internship plans or if you are due to graduate, we hope that the following information will put your mind at ease:
  1. The exams typically take place two to three weeks after a course has ended. So if you want to avoid exams very late in the semester, you should pay attention to the timing of the course when selecting courses. Q3 courses run early in the semester, while Q4 courses run late in the semester. Avoid Q4 courses if you want to leave before June as Q4 exams are in June. It is likely that semester courses will have exams in May, although a few might have exams in June. See the overview [here](#): Dates and deadlines > Semester dates
  2. The exam form is relevant! If your exam is a *home assignment* you only need internet access to attend and do not need to be in Denmark to attend it. The exam form is mentioned in the course description as in [this example](#), so you will know what kind of exam you have ahead of you when signing up for courses. A home assignment will pose no practical problems in June at all, should you be unable to be present in Denmark during June.

3. The exam dates are announced while it is still possible to make course changes. So if you find that you have an exam which requires your presence in Denmark in June and have to go home before then, you will have the possibility to make a course change if need be.
4. Your university and their course transfer policies are also important in this regard. If they have given you the freedom to choose any course you want during your exchange, you will have greater possibilities for changing courses and in this way creating a course and exam schedule which is perfect for you. If your university approves only a limited number of our courses for credit transfer you will have less flexibility.
5. If you are due to graduate shortly after completing your exchange period with us, you should be aware that the grades are released no later than one month after the exam takes place. However, please be aware that the month of July is considered holiday for the examiners doing the grading and will in some cases prolong the procedure. Hence, exams that took place in June might not be graded before August. If you are due to graduate shortly after completing your exchange period with us and need further guidance in this situation, please reach out to us and we will give you individual advice.