

The Scandinavian Experience

A three week summer course in Aarhus, Denmark and Gothenburg, Sweden!

Aarhus University and University of Gothenburg invites students from PKU to take part in a three week summer programme from the 17th of July until the 7th of August. Students will spend two weeks in Aarhus and one week in Gothenburg – making the programme a truly Scandinavian experience!

Academic Information

Course objective and teaching methodology

The Course objective is to provide knowledge and insight into the Scandinavian/Nordic model with emphasis on history, welfare and politics. The course will mix classroom teaching, group work, company and welfare institution visits and smaller written assignments to facilitate a multi-faceted learning experience. The students prepare for the course weeks in Denmark and Sweden by taking part of the course literature.

Programme description

With the concept of “The Scandinavian model” as theoretical point of departure, this course provides an overview of the modern history, politics and society of the Scandinavian countries. The course also offers thematic depth into topics of specific relevance to comprehend “The Scandinavian model” as a concept. These topics include humane internationalism, welfare system and social capital, governance and democracy, equality and gender politics, transparency and corruption, and green politics. The course will look into the creation, development and functioning of the Scandinavian model. It will also present its current challenges and discuss in what ways this model is, or has been, unique compared to other models of society. The course is divided into three week modules.

Learning outcomes

After the completion of the course the student will:

- have acquired knowledge on the distinctive features of the historical development of the Scandinavian region.
- be able to describe and discuss the main features of the Scandinavian model.
- be able to describe and discuss welfare state similarities and differences within Scandinavia, and between Scandinavia and the outside world,
- be able to describe and discuss the distinctive features of Scandinavian consensual politics, and to conduct comparisons between Scandinavia and the outside world.
- be able to describe and discuss certain characteristics to Scandinavian politics, such as gender politics, political transparency, and green politics, and to conduct comparisons within Scandinavia, and between Scandinavia and the outside world.

Practical Details



The University Park, Aarhus University



University of Gothenburg Campus

Venues

Students will spend the first two weeks of the programme in Denmark – for more details on the venue and how to arrive in Aarhus, please check the Aarhus Summer University website:

<http://www.au.dk/en/summeruniversity/ausummeruniversity/>

Transportation will be organized to Gothenburg for the third week.

AU and GU will make arrangements for accommodation for all participating students (for this there will be a total cost of approx. 600 Euros).

Social Programme

For all students at AU summer university there is an extensive social programme, allowing students across cultures and academic areas to meet and share experiences. For the Aarhus part of the programme, you find details here:

<http://www.au.dk/en/summeruniversity/social-programme/>

For the Gothenburg part of the programme, similar activities for the group will be arranged.

Costs

AU and GU offer a number of PKU students to follow the course free of tuition fee. Given that there are more applicants than seats available a selection process will take place to nominate the recipients of tuition fee waivers.

Students will have to cover expenses towards travelling, housing, living costs and certain social activities.

How to apply

PKU students can apply through the office of international relations at PKU – please contact Ms. Ma Lan, Deputy Chief, Division for Education Abroad Program at malan@pku.edu.cn for details.

For more information on the programme feel free to contact Jesper Qvistgaard, international advisor, Dean's office, faculty of Arts, Aarhus University at: jq@adm.au.dk.

We look forward to welcoming you to Scandinavia!