Academic Excursions and Extras

During the course of the program there will be various academic excursions in Denmark, including a weekend study tour. These excursions are organized for both courses to help bring you into direct contact with the subject matter you are studying. Over the course of the program you will also have opportunities to hear from individuals in local industries and from the Copenhagen Business School.

Student Life

Housing and Meals

You will be placed in DIS housing that includes a furnished room, shared kitchen, and common bathrooms. Students are responsible for grocery shopping and cooking for themselves. Doing your own shopping is a great way to engage with the local culture and cooking together is an ideal way to build community with your fellow participants.

Field Trips and Cultural Events

Copenhagen comes alive in the summer. The city streets and parks buzz with festivals, seasonal markets, cultural events, and outdoor music performances. With 18 hours of daylight, the days are long and filled with things to do. You will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of field trips to get to know the city, as well as a weekend excursion to either Western Denmark or Sweden during the program.

Computers and Library Access

DIS maintains a study and reference library with thousands of resources, a cinema, and study space. All DIS buildings are equipped with WiFi. Most students choose to bring their own laptop, but DIS also has 24 hour computer labs available.

Program Dates

Early July – Mid-August

Eligibility

• Are in good academic and judicial standing at Brandeis University
• Have completed at least one year of college-level coursework by the program start date
• Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
• Prerequisites: ECON 80a Microeconomic Theory, ECON 82b Macroeconomic Theory, and ECON 83a Statistics for Economic Analysis (or permission of instructor)

About Brandeis University

Brandeis University is a community of scholars and students united by their commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and its transmission from generation to generation. As a research university, Brandeis is dedicated to the advancement of the humanities, arts and social, natural and physical sciences. As a liberal arts college, Brandeis affirms the importance of a broad and critical education in enriching the lives of students and preparing them for full participation in a changing society, capable of promoting their own welfare, yet remaining deeply concerned about the welfare of others.

Partnerships

The program is a collaboration between Brandeis University and DIS in Copenhagen.

Find Out More

For program fees, application deadlines and procedures, housing, FAQs and more, please visit us on the web. If you would like to speak with a program representative, please contact the Office of Study Abroad.

“... This intensive program is designed to provide students with a solid grounding in Money and Banking and Behavioral Economics, while exploring the European approach to economic policy, market institutions, and economic behavior. The dual-course approach to the summer program, with one course taught by a Brandeis economist and the other taught by European economists, will promote the ability to compare and contrast economic institutions and markets. Located in the historic and beautiful port city of Copenhagen, Denmark, the program will take advantage of the city’s strong history of commerce and unique Scandinavian culture through field trips and guest lectures.”

– Scott Redenius, Brandeis in Copenhagen, 2017 Faculty Director

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Program Overview

The Brandeis in Copenhagen program is a two-course, intensive summer program combining Money and Banking and Behavioral Economics in Copenhagen, Denmark. The program is a culturally immersive, experiential learning experience where you will come in direct contact with European and Scandinavian case studies and current issues. You will study economic theory and applications in the classroom, engage with speakers on European policy issues and visit places of economic interest, such as businesses, markets, and government institutions. Integration between the two courses and the field trips will provide a holistic understanding of economic issues in Scandinavian Europe.

The program is located in the heart of medieval Copenhagen. On the way to class, you will navigate through a network of walking streets, and after class you will explore these topics from a European perspective.

Academics

You will simultaneously take two economics electives, one taught by a Brandeis faculty member and the other taught by local faculty from our academic partner, DIS. Your learning will consist of a combination of classroom lectures and coursework, guest speakers, and field trips to sites of interest in and around Copenhagen. All aspects of this program will deepen your understanding of economic theory and policy from US, Scandinavian, and European perspectives.

ECON 172b Money and Banking
Examines the relationship of the financial system to real economic activity, focusing especially on banks and central banks. Topics include the monetary and payments systems, financial instruments and their pricing, the structure, management, and regulation of bank and nonbank financial intermediaries, and the design and operation of central banks in a modern economy. Through discussions, field trips, guest lectures, and group projects, students will get an opportunity to explore these topics from a European perspective.

Course Credit
- For Economics Majors: Counts as an upper-level elective
- For Economics Minors: Counts as an elective
- For Business Majors and Minors: Counts as a Business Administration elective

ECON 142b Behavioral Economics
Behavioral Economics is revising the standard economic model of human behavior by integrating psychological research and economic science. This course is based on new theory and experiments by examining actual economics related to human behavior. Your analytical skills will be developed through work with conflicting theories and with data on choices made by people based on social norms that contradict the strictly rational model. We relate this to how behavior and norms are different in the Nordic and European countries as compared to the American research material presented in class.

Course Credit
- For Economics Majors: Counts as an upper-level elective
- For Economics Minors: Counts as an elective

Academic Partner

DIS is a non-profit study abroad institution with locations in Copenhagen and Stockholm, offering semester, academic year, and summer programs taught in English. Established in 1959, DIS offers students enrolled in North American universities engaging and challenging coursework enriched by faculty who teach what they do, hands-on learning opportunities, and field studies.

DIS is located in the very center of old Copenhagen — only two minutes’ walk from City Hall Square and the central pedestrian and shopping street Strøget. It is an ideal location offering the many benefits of an urban atmosphere. You will be in close proximity to Fru Plads, where the main building of the University of Copenhagen is located, as well as the University library. The DIS buildings date from 1798 and are protected by the Danish Preservation Act. The DIS buildings date from 1798 and are protected by the Danish Preservation Act.

Scott Redenius came to Brandeis in 2008 after teaching at Knox College and Bryn Mawr College. He teaches Money and Banking and U.S. Economic History in addition to Introduction to Macroeconomics and The Global Economy. He has been the Undergraduate Advising Head for Economics for most of his time at Brandeis. He received his AB from Oberlin College and his PhD in Economics from Yale University, where he also completed his MA and MPhil in Economics and an MA in History.

Redenius’ research area is U.S. monetary and financial history. His current projects focus on the evolving structure of the U.S. banking system, interregional capital flows, the integration of the U.S. monetary and payment systems, and issues relating to the founding and early operation of the Federal Reserve System. He has published a number of articles in economics and financial history journals and is a frequent referee.