What makes Brandeis in Copenhagen unique?

This intensive two-course summer program is a culturally immersive, experiential learning opportunity in which students choose 2 out of 3 courses in the areas of Economics and/or Business in Copenhagen, Denmark. Participants will come in direct contact with relevant European and Scandinavian case studies and current issues. During the program, students focus on economic theory and business practices, engage with speakers on European policy issues, and visit places of economic interest (such as businesses, markets, and government institutions). One class is taught by Brandeis faculty and the other two by local DIS faculty.

Field Trips and Excursions

Past years have incorporated both academic and cultural activities including excursions to the Danish National Bank, other local banks, the Danish Stock Exchange, dinner with local Danish families, and a weekend visit to western Denmark. These activities are organized for all courses to help students see the real world application of the course subject matter.

“Conducting various economic experiments in local areas of Copenhagen, Denmark gave us the chance to not only meet the locals, but also allowed us to familiarize ourselves with the country’s economy and to apply our in-class research to real life. It was an authentic hands-on learning experience and a magnificent opportunity to investigate the difference between the US and Denmark’s economies and to understand it from the Danish perspective.”

– Joon Hyun-Seok ’18, Economics and Psychology major
Courses for Summer 2020

ECON 80a
Microeconomic Theory
Analysis of the behavior of economic units within a market economy. Emphasis upon individuals’ decisions as demanders of goods and suppliers of resources, and firms’ decisions as suppliers of goods and demanders of resources under various market structures.

ECON 142b
Behavioral Economics
Behavioral economics rethinks the standard economic model of human behavior by integrating experiential learning and psychological research into economic theory.

BUS 118a
Corporate Finance: European Case Studies
Through the study of European cases, this course addresses how companies raise and manage their financial resources. Topics include capital structure, debt financing, equity financing, and valuation methods.

Program at a Glance

Term Offered: Summer
GPA Requirement: 3.0
Academic Area of Study: Economics and Business
Language: Study fundamentals of Danish Language and Culture (non-credit)
Partner University: DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia
Program Dates: Early July – Mid August
Housing: DIS Student Residence Hall
Application Deadline: Early March

Program Application
Applications are reviewed on a rolling admissions basis until the deadline. Students are encouraged to apply early. Visit go.brandeis.edu/copenhagen for more information on how to apply.

Prerequisite Courses
- ECON 80a: ECON 2a or 10a and MATH 10a
- ECON 142b: ECON 2a or 10a
  - Corequisite: ECON 80a
- BUS 118a: ECON 2a or 10a and BUS 6a

How does it count?
Students can earn credit toward their Economics major and minor, Business major and minor, and Psychology major.
“This intensive program is designed to provide students with a solid grounding in intermediate economic theory, behavioral economics and corporate finance, while exploring the European approach to economic policy, market institutions, and economic behavior. The dual approach to the summer program, with one course taught by a Brandeis economist and two others 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.”

– Professor Nelson Sa, Brandeis in Copenhagen, 2020 Faculty Director