

## Academic Bulletin for Denmark 2023-24

### Introduction

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The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in Denmark.

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the *Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants* (also known as the “*Academic Guide*”). The *Academic Guide* contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants while abroad. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option, Course Withdrawals, and other policies. The *Academic Guide* also contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your year abroad.

To access the *Academic Guide*, go to our [website](#) and click the year which pertains to your study abroad period. For general information about the Denmark programs, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

### Academic Program Information

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CSU IP in Denmark is associated with DIS - Study Abroad in Scandinavia, a non-profit study abroad foundation established in Denmark in 1959. CSU IP students attend classes in Copenhagen.

CSU IP offers two specialized programs in Denmark:

- Architecture and Design; and
- Child Development and Diversity.

While DIS offers many disciplines, only the two listed above are available to CSU IP participants. All participants enroll in Danish language each semester as an integral feature of the program.

Each semester, all CSU IP students, regardless of program, are required to take:

- Danish language course each semester,
- Required courses in their program each semester,
- Elective courses each semester, and
- 15 units each semester. (Note that DIS does not permit students to take more than 17 units.)

Participants choose from elective courses across a variety of subject areas. The purpose of taking elective courses is to permit students to learn more about the European cultural environment through subject matter of particular interest. For a list of elective courses and course information including unit values of courses, go to <http://www.disabroad.org>.

Any exceptions to the above schedule or any exception to academic policy must be pre-approved by the CSU IP Office. To request an exception, email the CSU IP Office at: [<IPacademics@calstate.edu>](mailto:IPacademics@calstate.edu).

## **Architecture and Design Program**

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The program forms an integrated whole in which studio work, lecture and seminar courses, field work in Copenhagen, and study tours in Europe combine to give an understanding of theory, aesthetics, methodology, and works of contemporary Scandinavian and European architects and designers. Instructors are practicing Danish architects and designers, as well as faculty at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture, and School of Design. Enrollment in the Architecture program is limited to students of Architectural Design at Cal Poly Pomona and San Luis Obispo.

Students who are selected for the Architecture and Design Program are required to take the following courses each semester:

- Danish Language and Culture (3 units),
- Core course: Architecture Studio (6 units)
- Two elective courses (either two in Architecture, or one in Architecture and one general elective) to total 15 units.

Each semester, students enroll in a six-unit core studio course in Architecture from the list below:

- Architecture Design Studio
- Furniture Design Studio
- Interior Architecture Studio
- Urban Design Studio

Students are required to participate in all program-related field studies which are scheduled each semester. Tours may be scheduled to Western Denmark, and to Germany and/or the Netherlands or Sweden and/or Finland. Destinations are subject to change.

Click on detailed [Architecture and Design Handout](#) to access detailed course information. Also refer to the last section in this bulletin for complete academic information.

## **Child Development and Diversity Program**

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The program in Child Development and Diversity (CDD) focuses on cross-cultural approaches to childhood and adolescence, combining theory and practice. Students develop critical thinking skills through investigating and reflecting on current issues in child development and education.

Students who are selected for the CDD Program are required to take the following courses each semester:

- Danish Language and Culture (3 units),
- One CDD core course and the associated practicum course taken in fall (CDD 315 and CDD 315P) (6 units)
- One core course from a related or other area taken in spring (3 units), and
- Additional CDD or general elective courses to total 15 units.

In the fall, students enroll in the following CDD core courses:

- CDD 315: Child Development and Education in Scandinavia (3 units)
- CDD 315P: Child Development and Education in Scandinavia Practicum (3 units)

In the spring, students enroll in another core course from the comprehensive list of core courses listed on the [DIS website](#). Students are required to meet any prerequisites listed for the course.

Click on the [Child Development and Diversity Handout](#) to access detailed program and course information.

Students are required to participate in all program-related field studies which are scheduled each semester. Study Tours may be scheduled to Western Denmark, Sweden and/or Finland. (Destinations are subject to change.)

### Grading and Units

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The grading system used at DIS is comparable to the grading scale used at the CSU as follows:

DIS Grade	CSU Grade
A+, A	A
A-	A-
B+	B+
B	B
B-	B-
C+	C+
C	C
C-	C-
D+	D+
D	D
D-	D-
F	F

The CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized) may be given in some circumstances, e.g., for uncompleted courses. Refer to the *Academic Guide* for additional grade information.

### Unit Conversion Guidelines

For every credit earned at DIS, a CSU IP student earns one CSU semester unit. To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

### Required Danish Language Courses (For all CSU IP students)

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#### **DAN 101/102 Danish Language and Culture I /II (3)**

This course introduces you to Danish language and culture, including important aspects of Danish history in combination with a focus on modern Danish society. You learn to speak and understand Danish through pronunciation practice and conversations inside and outside of the classroom. You learn enough language to feel comfortable living in Copenhagen and gain sufficient knowledge about Danish history and culture to qualify as an interesting conversation partner to your Danish friends or family. This is a required course for all CSU students. The course must be taken for a letter grade, which will be reported to the student's home CSU campus. DAN 101 is taken in Semester 1. DAN 102 is taken in Semester 2. Students who withdraw from this course without CSU IP Office approval will receive a grade of WU.

For questions about CSU IP academic policies or academic program requirements, email [IPacademics@calstate.edu](mailto:IPacademics@calstate.edu).