

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. We hope that the following information will give you a better overview.

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1. Autumn semester (September-January)

The official start and end dates of our autumn semester are from September 1 until January 31 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

- **Orientation week:** Prior to September 1, we will be running an orientation week which is mandatory for our exchange students to attend. So you should expect to be present in Copenhagen from around August 25. The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next and 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 and we can usually find a solution.
- **Danish Crash Course:** During the week preceding the orientation week, we are offering a Danish Crash Course. 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 August 18-20 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.
- **Housing:** Students who are allocated to 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 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 (quarter 1, quarter 2 and semester courses). Some courses run early in the semester while others run late in the semester.
 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.
- **Wanting to stay until the end of January?**
Housing: Students who are allocated to a room in one of our student dorms, must move out by the end of December. The rental period is fixed and cannot be extended regardless of exam dates and wish to stay until the end of January.

2. Spring semester (February-June)

The official start and end dates of our spring semester are from February 1 until June 30, 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

- **Orientation week:** Prior to February 1, we will be running an orientation week which is mandatory for our exchange students to attend. So you should expect to be present in Copenhagen from around January 25. The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next and 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 and we can usually find a solution.

- **Danish Crash Course:** During the week preceding the orientation week, we are offering a Danish Crash Course. 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 January 18-20 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.
- **Housing:** Students who are allocated to a room in one of our student dorms, can expect to be able to move into their room around mid-January. The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next and 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

- **Internship in June? Graduation in the summer?** June 30 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. In the spring semester the majority of courses run rather early in the semester. So the exams will also take place rather early. Most of our students will find that they will complete all their exams by April or May. 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 (quarter 3, quarter 4 and semester courses).
 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 took place. However please be aware that the month of July is considered holiday 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.
- **Wanting to stay until the end of June?**

Housing: Students who are allocated to a room in one of our student dorms, must move out in mid-June. The specific date varies slightly from one year to the next and date will be announced to students as soon as possible. The rental period is fixed and cannot be extended regardless of exam dates and wish to stay until the end of June.