



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
AARHUS UNIVERSITY



Study MSc in Political Science in Aarhus, Denmark



Why are Scandinavians **more trustful** than others?

Does diversity jeopardize the welfare state? How is political radicalisation prevented? Why are Scandinavians more trustful than others?

Choosing the right research strategies, methods and theoretical concepts enables us to answer such questions, whether they involve conducting surveys, statistical modelling or interviews, spending hours at the library or going on field trips to the Middle East.

The MSc in Political Science is the flagship degree of our top European political science department, whose high ratings and research attract academics from around the globe to its vibrant community of scholars. This high-quality, two-year programme is designed for those who seek a comprehensive political science education, which focuses on research design and methodology.

The programme allows students to specialise in the subfields of comparative politics, political theory, political sociology, international relations, public policy or public administration.

“ The Danish study culture is way more interactive and socializing than the one I am used to from my home country. Instead of only reading at home you meet up with your study group weekly and talk about the texts.”

Sabrina Fricke
Georg-August-University Göttingen



Quality teaching in an informal learning environment

The MSc in Political Science is dedicated to the highest-quality of teaching in an informal and egalitarian learning environment, where professors' doors are open. Students are expected to engage actively in classroom debates and collaborate in small-scale comparative projects that make the most of an international study environment.

DESIGN YOUR OWN PROGRAMME

The MSc in Political Science is flexible, giving students the opportunity to design their own course programme. This may also include working as research assistants, spending a semester abroad or doing an internship in a company or organisation.

CAREERS IN ACADEMIA – OR AS A GOVERNMENT MINISTER?

MSc students pursue careers in which independent analytical skills are crucial. They find challenging jobs in academia and in key policy organisations, or as consultants, analysts or strategists in firms, NGOs and the public sector. For half a century the department has produced a flow of illustrious alumni, from government ministers to the present Secretary-General of the EU's Council of Ministers.

WORK HARD - START A RESEARCH CAREER
Independence, commitment and hard work are required to join this programme. Students must have demonstrated excellence in their Bachelor's degree to be offered a place. Excellent students may go on to apply for a place in our PhD programme, which is fully funded for successful applicants. This could be the first step in an international academic career.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS
The MSc is free for EU/EEA and Swiss students. Highly qualified international students may apply for a limited number of scholarships/ tuition fee waivers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a minimum of 80 ECTS in political science subjects (including IR, political sociology, public administration and political theory)
- an additional 60 ECTS in social science subjects broadly (including e.g. psychology, anthropology, law)
- an additional 20 ECTS in research methods.

Read more about admission at masters.au.dk/politicalscience – and call us or send us an e-mail if you are in doubt whether you qualify.

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“ I enjoyed immensely being a student of Political Science in Aarhus.

The institute constituted for me a highly stimulating and inspiring environment in which academic study, political discussion and social relations mutually reinforced each other. This experience served as the best possible basis for my subsequent career, having introduced me to a variety of disciplines and provided me with a truly generalist outlook on politics and society.”

Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
Secretary-General of the EU's Council of Ministers





“ My years as a student of political science at Aarhus University helped me cultivate a capacity for absorbing large amounts of readings and an appreciation for analytical stringency. Both benefited me tremendously in terms of completing the PhD programme of the Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

First and foremost, however, I look back with gratitude and humbleness on the support, encouragement, and help I received from a number of teachers and advisors who seemed to believe in my abilities long before I started to trust them myself.”

Anja Dalgaard-Nielsen

Director, Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College

AARHUS

- is close to beaches and green forests
- is committed to becoming the most attractive student city in Denmark
- is designated European Capital of Culture in 2017
- is one of the oldest cities in Denmark, founded by the vikings around year 700.

DENMARK

- is among the safest countries in the world, and the Danes are considered the most satisfied people in the world – both factors contribute to making life here very comfortable
- almost everyone speaks English, so daily interaction with Danes is quite easy.