

European Studies

Introduction days 2024



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Welcome to European Studies

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you wholeheartedly on behalf of the entire Department of Global Studies with its master programs in European Studies, International Studies and Global and Area Studies!

The Department of Global Studies at Aarhus University consists of seven sections or “areas” – Brazilian Studies, China Studies, European Studies, India and South Asia Studies, International Studies, Japan Studies and Russia Studies. Taking a transdisciplinary approach, Global Studies combines approaches from different disciplines such as history, cultural studies and anthropology, but also political science, sociology or others. Moreover, the regions, we deal with, or in some cases nations, their histories and societies are considered, as in many ways entangled and have influenced each other in innumerable ways. Similarly, the abovementioned disciplines are interconnected and often address the same or related issues, although the perspective might differ.

Global Studies as a department includes scientific staff as well PhD students and post docs, trainees, secretaries, affiliated researchers and lecturers, many of whom you will meet rather soon. Very importantly, it also includes you as student(s), and I am confident that your studies at our department will prepare you well to work in either research or teaching, in public institutions or the private sector. All of it requires increasingly global competencies, but also critical approaches we wish to foster at the department.

Apart from classroom teaching, there are plenty of activities going on in the form of seminars, conferences and other events at the Department – organized by staff as well as the student associations. Furthermore, you are welcome and encouraged to participate in the functioning of the department through its councils in order to contribute to an on-going dialogue we have with all stakeholders on the various programmes and how to develop them further.

Once again, a warm welcome to the Department, the School and University and also to Aarhus itself if you are new to the city. We all are looking forward to the new semester and to meet you.

All best wishes for the start of the semester and the semester itself!

Head of Department
Annette Skovsted Hansen

This booklet

In this booklet, you will find relevant information about your study start at the Master's degree program European Studies. In the introductory days, you will be introduced to your courses and lecturers, as well as to the student associations and committees that are relevant to you as a Master's degree student.

Practical information

- **How to find your way around campus**

Global Studies is located in the [Nobel Park](#), which is recognizable by its magnificent red buildings - illustrated on the front of the booklet. Here, most events in the introductory days will take place. Exceptions appear in the weekly schedule here in the booklet, where the building number and premises are shown together with the course. [Download the new application, which will help you find your way around campus.](#)

- **[Canteen](#)**

If you do not want to bring your own lunch during the introductory days - or if you in general prefer the easy solution, then you will find delicious canteens everywhere on AU's Campus. The closest to you is the Nobel canteen, which is centrally located in the Nobel Park. Here you will find a wide selection of food and drinks.

- **Contact**

If you are in doubt about anything, or have questions related to the program in the introductory days, you are welcome to contact department consultant Morten Holst Zachariassen by email moza@cas.au.dk.

Introduction program

Monday 2nd September, 11:00-13:00: Welcoming “lunch” and presentation of teachers

Building 1453, room 131

Meet your teachers and get to know them in informal settings.

Tuesday 3rd September, 13:00-14:00 (1st group) and 14:00-15:00 (2nd group):

Introduction to the Nobel library

Building 1461, room 063

Introduction to the local Library in the Nobel park. (Groups will be allocated in advance).

Tuesday 3rd September, 15:00-18:00: Lecture in “Political Institutions of the EU”

Building 1467, room 215

Lectured by Christina Fiig

Thursday 5th September, 08:00-11:00: Lecture in “Applied Qualitative research methods”

Building 1467, room 215

Lectured by Anders Sybrandt Hansen & Christoffer Kølvråa.

Thursday 5th September, 11:00-11:30: Introduction to Brightspace (AU’s shared learning platform)

Building 1485, room 226 – by Birthe Aagesen from CED

Thursday 5th September, 12:00-13:00: Master introduction by the student counsellor

Building 1485, room 226

The student counselor at European studies Josephine Møller Jensen will introduce you to the students counselling at Aarhus University. She among other counsellors can help you with personal study-related questions and tell you about the opportunities for you as master’s student at European studies.

Thursday 5th September, 13:00-13:30: "30-minut Crash Course for International students"

Building 1485, room 226

In continuation of the Master introduction, the student counselor will provide a 30-minute crash course for international students on studying in Denmark, including special rules and focus points to be aware of.

Friday 6th September, 11:00-14:00: Lecture in "European Identities"

Building 1467, room 215

Lectured by Annemarie Majlund

Friday 6th September, 14:00-16:00: Welcome reception

Building 1461, room 616 (6th floor)

Social event with teachers. Your teachers will meet you there.

Friday 6th September, 16:00-: "Friday Bar" at GLOBARL

Building 1465, room 115

Global Studies' common Friday bar GLOBARL opens its doors to all new master's students in all Global studies' MA programmes. It will be possible to buy drinks with and without alcohol and the Friday bar members will provide some entertainment. You can possibly challenge your new study mates in a board game or have a chat with them in an informal and cozy setting.

Note! The program that applies to the subjects in the introduction days is not necessarily representative of how your schedule looks in the future semester. So, please keep an eye on [MyTimetable](#). Here you simply enter the course number that appears after the course title below. You can find more information about the courses in the [AU's course catalog](#)

About studying European Studies

The Master's degree programme in European Studies is for anyone with a Bachelor's degree in a relevant social science or humanistic subject who would like to add a European dimension to their education. The purpose of the degree programme is to give you general knowledge of European conditions, political as well as historical and cultural, to build on the insight you gained in your BA studies.

Courses in your 1st semester

- **European Identities:** (course: 118212U002)
The purpose of the course is to enable students to: (A) understand and discuss theories and concepts of collective identity and collective identification. (B) use these theories and concepts to analyze various forms of collective identities in Europe, and to reflect on the way such identities are constructed, contested and negotiated within Europe and in relation to European integrating processes. (C) construct and communicate academic analyses within areas where questions of identity are at stake.
- **Political Institutions of the EU:** (course: 118212U003)
The purpose of this course is to provide the students with comprehensive knowledge about the political institutions of the European Union. The course will enable students to reflect critically upon these institutions and provide students with an understanding of the policies they conduct.
- **Applied Qualitative Research Methods:** (course: 118212U001)
The purpose of the course is to enable the student to (A) understand and work practically with qualitative research methods, (B) use qualitative methods to collect, manage and analyze qualitative data and (C) choose the relevant qualitative methods in particular contexts.

[You can read much more about the courses in the academic regulations here.](#)

- **Curriculum and book purchases**

In the beginning of your courses, you will be notified which books you will need. As a AU student, you get a 10% discount when you buy books in [Stakbogladen](#), which is located at the address Fredrik Nielsens Vej 4.

- **AU Library**

On the first floor of [building 1461 in the Nobel Park](#) you will find the nearest library. Here you can order and pick-up your books and return them again later on. There are good opportunities to use the library's facilities in the form of study places, desktops and not least guidance from competent library's employees. If you want to expand your cultural horizon, you are always welcome at Det. Kgl. Bibliotek, located at the address Victor Albecks Vej 1, 8000 Aarhus. Here you can use the library's charming old study hall or play a game of table tennis in the basement.

- **Reading places**

In almost any building in the [Nobel park](#), you'll find cozy and comfortable reading places. If you like peace and quiet, you will find approx. 200 seats in the study halls on the different floors in the buildings 1461-1463. [See the overview here.](#)

IT-systems

As a new student at AU, you will encounter many different IT platforms for different purposes. During the welcome week, you will receive an IT introduction (see schedule). Below we have made a quick overview of the most important systems:

- mitstudie.au.dk
is the main entrance to teaching, study information and self-service systems. Here you will find weekly schedules, AU emails, important messages, links to sites and systems and much more. In fact, it is only necessary to log in to mitstudie.au.dk. From here you can move on to everything you need as a student.
- [Brightspace](#)
is an e-learning platform where your lecturers upload materials and other relevant information regarding your courses.
- **Study self-service (STADS)**
is the place where you can see your exam results, order exam transcripts, etc. This is also where you sign up for courses and exams when necessary, during your study. [Watch how to use STADS.](#)
- [Studieportal Arts](#)
These are the sites where all relevant information about teaching, exams, rules, guidance, etc. is gathered.
- [Eduroam](#)
The wireless network at AU is called Eduroam. Before you can use it, you need to install the network on your devices.
- [Software for students](#)
Be aware that you as a student at AU can get a lot of free software or software with discount.
- [IT-support](#)
If you have technical problems, you can get help from Arts IT support. There may be a bit of a rush in support in the first weeks of the semester, so be patient ☺
Contact IT: 8715 0911 or e-mail: Arts.it@au.dk.

New in Aarhus? – Important links

- [AU intro Days from 18th August 2024](#)

Aarhus University is looking forward to welcoming all new international students.

The AU Intro Days offer you the opportunity to ensure a great and fun start of the semester. They are organised for all new international students at AU: full-degree, exchange and Erasmus Mundus Journalism.

The AU Intro Days are arranged by the International Centre in cooperation with the five AU faculties and the local student house (Studentarhus Aarhus).

- [Prepare your arrival](#)

On these pages, you can find all relevant information to prepare your stay in Denmark and at Aarhus University. Here you can also find updates on the corona situation in Denmark. We look forward to welcoming you on campus.

Guidance and advice

As a student at Aarhus University, there is a wide range of opportunities to find help, support, inspiration and guidance no matter where you are in your education:

- **[Student Study Counselling](#)**

All studies have their own student study advisor, who is a fellow student and employed to help and guide other students. In the study guide, there is a duty of confidentiality, and you can come and talk about both rules and formalities regarding your course of study, study doubts, personal challenges and much more. You will meet your study advisor during the introduction days.

Read more information by clicking on the heading; see when your study advisor is available, for which subjects they supervise and who they are. You are always welcome to contact your study advisor.

- **[Student chaplain at Aarhus University](#)**

The student chaplain in AU offer dialogues and discussion groups for students regardless of faith or religious belief. They also have a quiet room at Aarhus University, where you can pray, meditate or just find peace. The student priests also arrange various lectures and debate events.

- **[Student Counseling Service "Studenterrådgivningen"](#)**

Student Counselling Service offers free social and psychological aid to students who are attending further and higher educations. If you are enrolled in an SU-approved further/higher education and actively studying, they can help you. They can help with everything from psychological issues to more practical concerns about SU, maternity leave or illness.

- **["Studenterlinjen"](#)**

Studenterlinjen is a student-run anonymous telephone hotline for students in Aarhus. They also offer conversations over an anonymous chat.

The volunteers at Studenterlinjen are also university students, who have received training in communication and topics such as stress, depression, anxiety, loneliness, substance abuse, relationships, harassment and much more.

- **[SU-office](#)**

Here you can receive guidance regarding your personal SU circumstances.

- [Arts Karriere](#)
supports you in your career development while you are studying at AU. Arts Karriere will come by in the introduction days, where they present the many activities and career-related offers, which you can participate in during your studies. Furthermore, you can ask questions related to your career and the job market in general.
- [AU entrepreneur](#)
helps you who have entrepreneurial dreams and wishes to develop your own business parallel to your studies.

Do you have special needs for help or support?

At [Special educational support \(SPS\)](#) you can get information and guidance about support for students with special needs for support, e.g., due to dyslexia, mental disorders, ADHD, chronic pain, hearing or visual impairment.

You can contact SPS right now - even if you are in doubt about whether you are in the target group.
