

To present students at Aarhus BSS

University dropout rates

Duty of information

In connection with the research project *Frafald på universitetet* ("University dropout rates") (serial number 1258), we hereby provide you with a range of information to which you are entitled as we will be processing your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

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Project description

What makes students drop out of university? Do upper secondary school grades affect how students perform at university? What effect have the study progress reform and the degree programme cap had on dropout rates? These are just some of the questions that a team of researchers from the Department of Economics and Business Economics at Aarhus University are aiming to answer in a new research project based on data from Aarhus BSS. For the past several years, we have seen a 30 per cent the dropout rate among academic Bachelor's students at some of Aarhus BSS' programmes. This may not only have significant consequences for the individual student dropping out, but also for the universities and society that are investing heavily in the degree programmes. The aim of the study is thus to gain a better understanding of the dynamics related to student dropout rates in a Danish context. A better understanding will allow for a more targeted exploitation of the resources allocated to the educational system - and it will help universities increase the student completion rates for the benefit of society and students.

Data controller, project group and project manager

Aarhus University, CVR no. 31119103, is responsible for processing your personal data. If you have any questions on how we process your personal data, you are always welcome to contact our Data Protection Officer at dpo@au.dk. A research group at the Tryg-Fonden's Centre for Child Research is responsible for the project. You can contact this group by writing to the secretariat at mvandersen@econ.au.dk

What kinds of personal data do we process?

We process ordinary personal data in the form of starting dates and end dates as well as examination data in the form of grades and examination attempts. It only concerns study-related data from Aarhus BSS. In addition, we process categories of sensitive personal data in the form of health information and ethnicity. However, this data comes from registers at Statistics Denmark and is only processed for research purposes.

General information on Aarhus University's data protection of student data can be found at <http://studerende.au.dk/en/it-support/information-security/data-protection-gdpr/>

Purpose, processing and legal basis

We use your personal data and the specific categories of sensitive data for scientific studies of university dropout rates.

We will thus process your personal data within the framework of the provisions set out in Article 6 (1) (e) of the General Data Protection Regulation as we are dealing with a scientific research project that is of benefit to society.

Possible recipients or categories of recipients of the personal data

The data is stored at Statistics Denmark's hosting service, which is secured for research purposes. The data is stored in such a way that it is not possible to identify or extract information about individuals. Aarhus University has thus entered into a data processing agreement with Statistics Denmark. The agreement ensures that Statistics Denmark implements the appropriate security measures to protect data against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss or alteration. Aarhus University will supervise or obtain documentation for Statistics Denmark's compliance with the security demands specified in the agreement and the relevant legislation.

Transfer to a third country or international organisation

We do not transfer your personal data to anyone outside the EU/EEA.
