DANISH FIELD EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION

Spring Study Abroad Program: April 2-24, 2016

THE PROGRAM
The Danish Field Experience in Education Study Abroad Program provides an international opportunity for students to engage with Danish educators, college and K12 students, both at VIA University College in Silkeborg and in a Danish school at Køge Gymnasium near Copenhagen. Participants will immerse themselves in daily Danish culture as well as visit the world-class city, Copenhagen; other excursions to local attractions are planned. Participants will collaborate with Danish educators and develop communication, interpersonal, and intercultural skills that enhance teaching ability; learn about the structure of elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools in Denmark, their place in the community, and the issues facing students, educators, families and schools. We will further examine school curricula in Denmark, learn how curriculum changes occur, reflect on curricular issues as they emerge in the classroom; engage in the full life of schools in a Danish context, including extra-curricular activities, parent/teacher conferences, departmental and faculty meetings, and other activities involving faculty members. The field experiences of this program are sponsored by a partnership between Georgia State University, VIA University College and Køge Gymnasium. The Danish Education Experience is designed to foster individuals as developing professional educators and well-rounded citizens of the world.

ELIGIBILITY
The Denmark Educational Experience program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University College of Education and Human Development. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES
Participants who successfully complete the program’s EDCI 4700 or EDCI 7670/7680 course will receive 3 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

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3 SEMESTER HOURS
January 27, 2016: Mandatory Preparation Meeting
February 24, 2016: Mandatory Preparation Meeting
March 23, 2016: Mandatory Preparation Meeting
April 2 – 24, 2016
April 2: Depart Atlanta
April 3: Arrive Aarhus, Denmark – take train to Silkeborg, Denmark
April 4-12: VIA University College – Silkeborg
April 13: Train to Køge, Denmark
April 13-19: Køge Gymnasium
April 20 – 23: Copenhagen, Denmark
April 23: Depart Copenhagen
April 24: Arrive Atlanta
April 27: On campus presentation of Denmark Experience
ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will stay in shared rooms at a comfortable, well-appointed, and affordable Danish hostel – Danhostel Silkeborg - near VIA University College in Silkeborg; in Køge, participants will stay with local host families of the school in Køge. Reasonably priced hotels (shared rooms) will be selected for the excursion to Copenhagen. Some meals are included with accommodation (as in the homestay); other meals (some school lunches, some restaurants) are the traveler’s responsibility.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $3,500 PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. An additional $450-$500 out-of-pocket food expenses are also anticipated for a total cost of approximately $4,000. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

Program Cost Includes

• Round-trip airfare from Atlanta to Aarhus, Denmark and Copenhagen Denmark to Atlanta
• All ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
• Some breakfast, lunch and dinner meals
• Shared accommodations
• Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include

• Georgia State tuition and fees
• Non-program related transportation
• Passport
• Personal expenses (such as souvenirs and incidentals) and excess baggage or shipping charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

October 15: $ 500 Deposit with application
November 2: $ 2000 First Payment
December 2: $1000 Remaining balance

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt.

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

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