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Congratulations on your participation in the University of Michigan’s program through the Danish Institute for Study Abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark. This information explains how the program will work for you as a U-M student and should be read in conjunction with DIS’s academic handbook and pre-departure information, given to you by DIS upon your admittance into the program.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DIS (Danish Institute for Study Abroad) is a Danish non-profit study abroad institution in Copenhagen with semester, academic year, and summer programs taught in English. Established in 1959, DIS offers American students engaging and challenging coursework enriched by field studies, hands-on learning opportunities, and study tours in Denmark and across Europe. Cultural engagement opportunities integrate students into Danish culture and students gain academic knowledge and intercultural skills to prepare themselves for a globalized world.

As a U-M student in Copenhagen, you will take courses organized specifically for DIS students. Classes are made up primarily of students from highly selective U.S. universities.

More detailed information on courses, program dates, arrival and on-site orientation is available at the DIS website: http://disabroad.org/

For the Fall and Winter terms, students choose a core class from a selection of 24 programs, including Justice & Human Rights, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Public Health, Child Development & Diversity, and Biomedicine. They also choose electives from over 200 academically-rigorous courses. DIS offers a Danish Language and Culture Course as well as courses through a local university in performing arts or research.

At the same term you are participating in classes in Denmark, you will be registered at U-M as a full time student. Please register for STDABRD 401 (15 credits for Fall/Winter) for the term you are abroad. CGIS will automatically receive a transcript for each U-M student upon completion of your coursework there and then we will update your transcript with the correct number of credits that you earned on the program.

Do NOT register for STDABRD 406, which is a summer DIS program.

Please note that it generally takes at least 2 months from the completion of your program until we receive your transcript from DIS. Then at least one more month is required for CGIS to process your transcript and get the credits/grades to appear on U-M transcripts.

LSA students will earn in-residence credit for your work in the program. The grades you received for your classes will appear on your U-M transcript and the grades will be calculated into your U-M cumulative GPA.

Non-LSA students must check with their college or school to determine its policy on CGIS credits, grades, and if these grades will be calculated into your cumulative U-M GPA.

IMPORTANT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DIS staff will great you at Copenhagen airport on the official start date of your program, and you will be transported to your housing.

At the beginning of each semester, DIS organizes an orientation for newly arrived students. The DIS Arrival Workshop is mandatory and all students must attend. Here is a link to the DIS website where you can find important dates for arrival, orientation, holidays, trips, exam schedules and other events.

Among other things, the orientation will explain the residence permit, DIS academic policies, services offered, and other useful information. It is also a good time to meet fellow international students.
During DIS Arrival Week, information is provided regarding the Danish Residence Permit application process, and Immigration Services in Copenhagen arranges special hours for DIS to process residence permits.

**IMPORTANT**: Do not plan any trips during your program until the DIS staff confirms the visa registration dates with Immigration Services in Copenhagen. This will be handled for you by the DIS staff sometime after your arrival.

Students are required to remain in Denmark for their final exams, which may not be scheduled early.

**HOUSING**

DIS semester students may take advantage of five diverse housing options (some with local residents and students), outlined here: [http://disabroad.org/copenhagen/semester/housing/](http://disabroad.org/copenhagen/semester/housing/)

Please note that the “Residential Community” option is not available to U-M CGIS students.

**VISA**

**IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ**: Obtaining a visa and following the correct procedure is ultimately the responsibility of each student who is applying. DIS will provide assistance in the process, but the Danish Consulates make the final decisions regarding the issuance of the visa and whether or not you have followed the proper procedure. You are encouraged to carefully review the official Consulate website (relevant to you) to be certain you are following the procedures and requirements that the Danish government has given to applicants. CGIS is not responsible if the following information differs from the Danish Consulate requirements.

**Fall or Winter students**: If you are a U.S. citizen, you need a visa for the Fall or Winter term program. A few weeks after your visit to immigration services during DIS Arrival Week, you will receive a notification from the DIS Front Desk informing you to pick up both a letter and card. If you do not receive a notification that these have arrived, contact [frontdesk@dis.dk](mailto:frontdesk@dis.dk) for more information.

We suggest that you make a copy of your visa application and all the documents for your records.

**CONTACT AND VISITING INFORMATION FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS**

**AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES**

When you arrive your host country, register with the nearest American consulate or embassy. It is important they know where to reach you in the event of an emergency. Check the U.S. Embassy website in your host country to see if it is possible to register before you leave. It helps if you know where you will be living ahead of time, although it may be possible to update this information later. Here is a link to the main website of the American Embassy in Denmark: [http://denmark.usembassy.gov/](http://denmark.usembassy.gov/)

Before going to the consulate or embassy, you may want to call ahead to check office hours devoted to providing services to U.S. citizens, usually limited to two or three hours a day. This information is often available from U.S. Embassy websites, which are accessible at [http://usembassy.state.gov](http://usembassy.state.gov), the State Department Embassy links page. Don’t forget to take your passport with you when you go.
HEALTH ISSUES

The DIS handbook contains information on local medical centers and procedures.

For information about recommended vaccinations and health measures, consult the Centers for Disease Control website: wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

All University of Michigan students will be automatically enrolled in the mandatory GeoBlue health insurance through U-M. For details of your coverage, please refer to the following websites: http://www.uhs.umich.edu/tai ; https://www.geobluestudents.com/

FEES AND BILLING

Although students are registered at U-M while participating in the program at DIS, tuition and other fees are paid directly to DIS. Students are responsible for paying the CGIS administrative fee; this is the only fee charged by the U-M to DIS program participants. For more information, please see current budget sheet on the DIS brochure page in Mcompass: https://mcompass.umich.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10884

DIS provides students with information about program costs and payment in its acceptance materials.

WHO TAKES CARE OF WHAT

DIS is responsible for final acceptance decisions, all academic arrangements, on-site orientation, and for arranging housing. CGIS assists students in preparing to study in Copenhagen, provides support services while abroad, and processes the academic results (grades) from study at DIS for the U-M academic records. Each student is responsible for obtaining a passport, applying for a student visa, making the travel reservations, and paying program fees to DIS.

A FINAL WORD

Enjoy your time abroad. You'll find you have more independence than at Michigan, and this can enable you to pursue interests and take advantage of opportunities that might not present themselves here. If there is anything our office can do to make your stay easier, please let us know.
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EMERGENCY
In the event of an emergency on-site, immediately call local emergency services. You should know your local address and the 911 equivalent number in your host country and carry that number with you at all times.

Contact your local program director/on-site staff immediately if you are the victim of crime or need emergency assistance. Please also contact the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety, which has the following 24 hour number: (734) 763-1131. They will then contact the necessary on-campus offices, including the Center for Global and Intercultural Study, to respond to your situation. You may provide this same 24 hour number to your parents should they experience an emergency and need to get a hold of you while you are abroad and are unable to contact you directly.

To contact GeoBlue in the event of an emergency or regarding insurance questions call 1.800.257.4823 or collect +1.610.254.8771 or globalhealth@geo-blue.com.