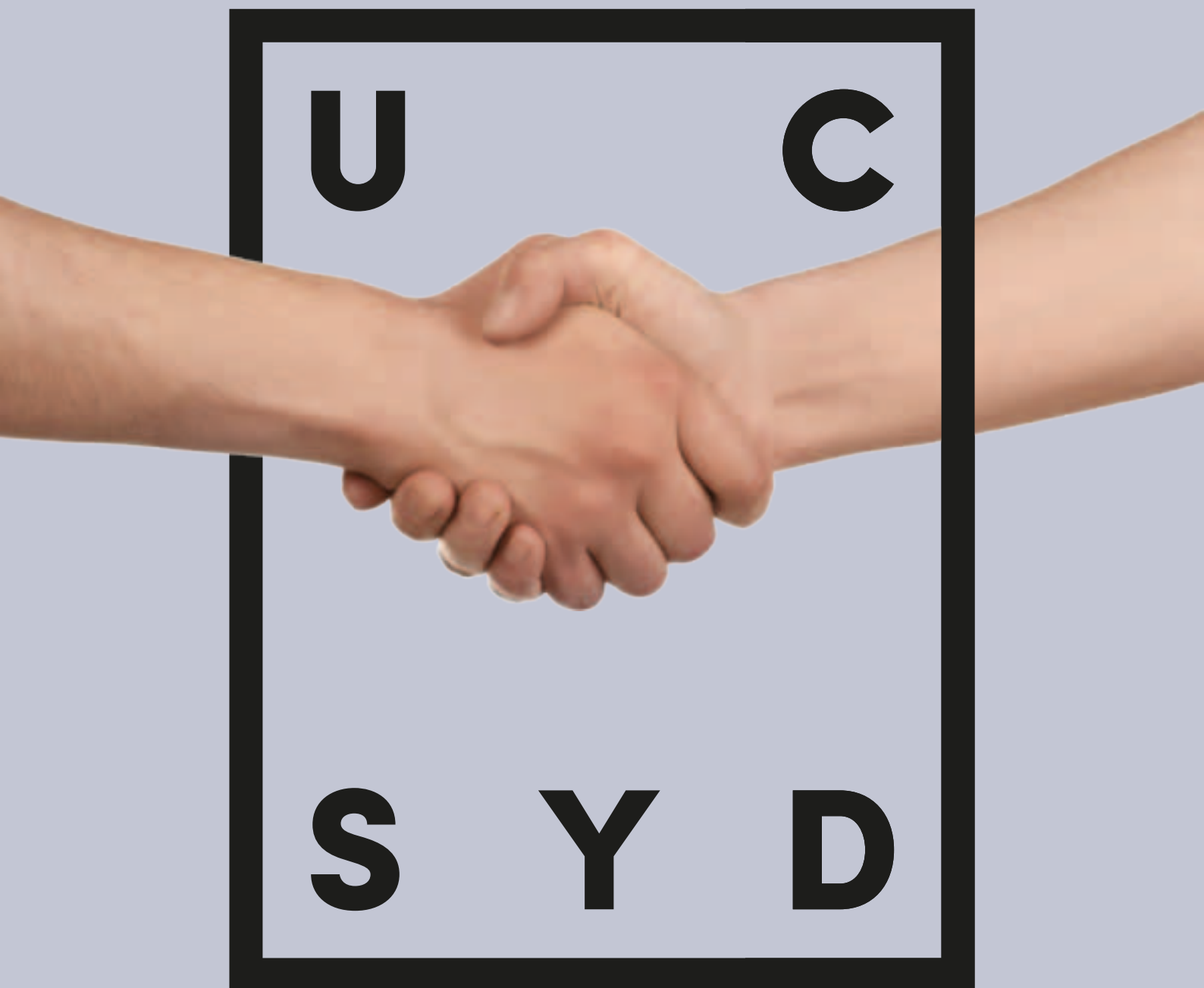


International Erasmus Course
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Crossing Borders: Cultural diversity in Education



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The Department for Social Education, Campus Aabenraa provides a 4 months modular course specially designed for both foreign and Danish students, so you will be able to learn from and with each other.

With the reflective practitioner as guiding principle the course will facilitate active learning both inside and outside the classroom. Through excursions, fields studies and practical training you will observe and explore pedagogical practice, and in lectures, workshops and group work you will be encouraged to discuss and reflect upon your experiences.

The program is of 30 ECTS

Course content

The course focuses on cultural diversity in education and will provide knowledge about and understanding of a culturally responsive pedagogy in an international perspective. As part of the overall theme the course will put emphasis on educational institutions serving minorities.

Target groups

The course targets students of social education, early childhood education and student teachers for pre-primary and primary schools.

Aims

The course will provide students with skills, knowledge and experiences in order to increase their intercultural competence, their ability to address cultural diversity in educational settings and their ability to describe, analyse and develop educational practice in an intercultural perspective.

Assessment

Each module includes assessment based on oral and/or written presentation. At least 80% attendance required in each module.

Previous knowledge

English language skills on a B2 level according to the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR).

Language

All course materials will be in English, and the language of instruction is English.

Practical training takes place in Danish institutions/schools or in institutions/schools of the German minority in Denmark.

The place

Aabenraa is a historic harbour town of 20.000 inhabitants, beautifully situated by Aabenraa Fjord and surrounded by forest. In Aabenraa you will live just 25 km north of the Danish-German border in a region that throughout history has been a meeting point for Nordic and Germanic culture. Today Aabenraa is the main town for the German speaking minority in Denmark. <http://www.visitaabenraa.dk/en.html>

Campus and student life

Danish student mentors will help you settle in at our small and cosy campus. The atmosphere at Campus Aabenraa is open and friendly, and we have an active Student Council that organizes social events, where you can meet up with other students.

Accommodation

University College South Denmark will help you find accommodation. See website for more information.

Application

Open for application from February 15th to May 1st 2016. See <https://www.ucsyd.dk/international/> for information about application procedure.

Headlines from the course

1. Crossing borders (5 ECTS)

- Introduction to Denmark (history, culture and society) and to the Danish-German border region
- Introduction to Danish educational system in a comparative perspective

2. Cultural diversity in education (10 ECTS)

Globalisation, migration from all parts of the world and the historical shifting of borders has turned the European map into a patchwork where people with different cultural backgrounds live together. In educational settings cultural diversity is manifest both as a challenge and a possibility for the educator. This module will focus on cultural diversity as a resource in education and provide the students with knowledge and skills needed for addressing diversity in educational settings. Main themes are:

- Culture, minorities and identity
- Intercultural communication and learning
- Multiculturalism
- Pedagogical theory and practice in an intercultural perspective

3. Educational development project (10 ECTS)

This module will build upon the knowledge and experience gained in the previous module on culture and education. The module will introduce the student to development work as a systematic approach for changing and renewing educational practice. Main themes are:

- Methods for analysing educational practice and identifying potential areas of development
- Forms of documentation, evaluation and dissemination in educational development work
- Observation and investigation of existing educational practice in institutions/schools
- Group project work focusing on educational development

4. Practical training period (5 ECTS)

- 3 weeks practical training in a Danish institution/school or an institution/school belonging to the German speaking minority in Denmark.

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