



# Studying **economics** in Copenhagen

Opportunities for Master  
and Exchange students



# *Studying* and living in Copenhagen

Welcome to the Department of Economics at the University of Copenhagen. We offer you high quality teaching and a rich student life right in the middle of one of the world's most attractive and vibrant capitals.<sup>1</sup>





1 Copenhagen was the number one city in Monocle's annual Quality of Life Survey in both 2013 and 2014.

# Studying at the *Department of Economics*

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The Department of Economics is a leading center of economic research in Scandinavia and among the top departments of economics in Europe.<sup>2</sup> We ask a lot of our students and we give a lot in return. We are not a business school. Rather, we belong to the Faculty of Social Sciences, along with the departments of Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology and Psychology. We offer courses in all major areas of economics, including microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, public economic, labor economics, development economics, international economics, behavioral economics, finance and others.

To stimulate high quality research and teaching, the Department has an ambitious guest program, encourages national and international collaboration, and promotes the establishment of externally funded research centers.



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<sup>2</sup> See for example the Tilburg University Economics Ranking: <https://econtop.uvt.nl/rankinglist.php>.



The Department of Economics is located at the beautiful Campus for the Social Sciences (CSS) in walking distance to the city center, which offers excellent cafés, shopping opportunities and charming old streets. We have a vibrant student environment helped along by our different student groups, mentors and tutors. A popular place for the occasional break between classes, after a hard day's studying or for yet another cup of coffee before solving the last assignment is Cafelitten, the student cafe at the heart of the Department.

*Tseday Jemaneh Mekasha*

(Ph. D.; Ethiopia)



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There is an all-round support of the students, in terms of resource availability, help from lecturers and exercises.





*Find courses in*

Macroeconomics

Econometrics

Public Economics

Labor Economics

Development Economics

International Economics

Behavioral Economics

Finance and others.

A woman with blonde hair and glasses is walking down a modern staircase. She is wearing a black top, a grey textured cardigan, black pants, and black boots. She is holding a brown folder or portfolio under her left arm. The staircase has a wooden slat railing and a light-colored floor. The background is a blurred indoor space with warm lighting.

*Lena Ruck*

(Graduate;

Germany)

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I got the feeling that the lecturers in my courses were really interested in teaching so that the students really understand the topics.

# Getting an *MSc degree* in Copenhagen

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A Master of Science in Economics offers you a wide range of possibilities. The recent financial crisis has made it clear that society is in need of skilled economists who can find solutions to contemporary problems associated with national debt, unemployment, social benefits and much more.

We expect our students to have majored in economics (not business studies). To perform well, you require not only a strong academic background from your undergraduate studies, you also need to put in significant effort. On the other hand, our MSc program has an open structure and you will have a huge influence on the focus of your master program because you have a wide range of elective courses to choose from. You can decide upon a focus by selecting courses in areas such as macroeconomics, behavioral economics, environmental economics etc. Read more about our courses at [www.kurser.ku.dk](http://www.kurser.ku.dk).

**Mathias Skott**

**(Graduate; Norway)**



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The academic level is very high. The professors are always approachable and friendly yet there is high expectations for you.

# *Exchange students and guest students*

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The professors are very motivated and build an encouraging environment.

*Felix Ferstl*


(Undergraduate;

Germany)



If your university has an exchange agreement with us, you can study Economics in Copenhagen as an exchange student. Otherwise you are welcome as a “guest student”. In the latter case we charge a tuition fee. Either way, we expect you to work hard and we encourage you to engage with your fellow students both academically and socially.

As an exchange or guest student at the Department of Economics, you can take many different courses at either BSc or MSc level. However, it is always a necessity to have a strong background in Economics. We have courses ranging from demography to dynamic programming, corporate finance and many more. You can see all our offered courses at [www.kurser.ku.dk](http://www.kurser.ku.dk). Please note that the selection of courses varies from spring to autumn.



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*Michael Tapia*

*(Undergraduate; U.S.A.)*

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Studying at Copenhagen is a lot more independent than at my home university. I found myself working on assignments alone but with an extremely approachable staff, which was reassuring.

A photograph of three people sitting on the wooden steps of a theater or lecture hall. On the left is Mickey Geng Hwa Hsu, a man with glasses wearing a black jacket over a white t-shirt. In the middle is a woman with dark hair wearing a dark green sweater. On the right is Aneta Kaczor, a woman with blonde hair wearing a black top. Dotted orange lines connect each person to their respective text block. The background shows rows of black seats and a dark door at the end of the hall.

*Mickey Geng Hwa  
Hsu* (Graduate &  
Mentor;  
Denmark)

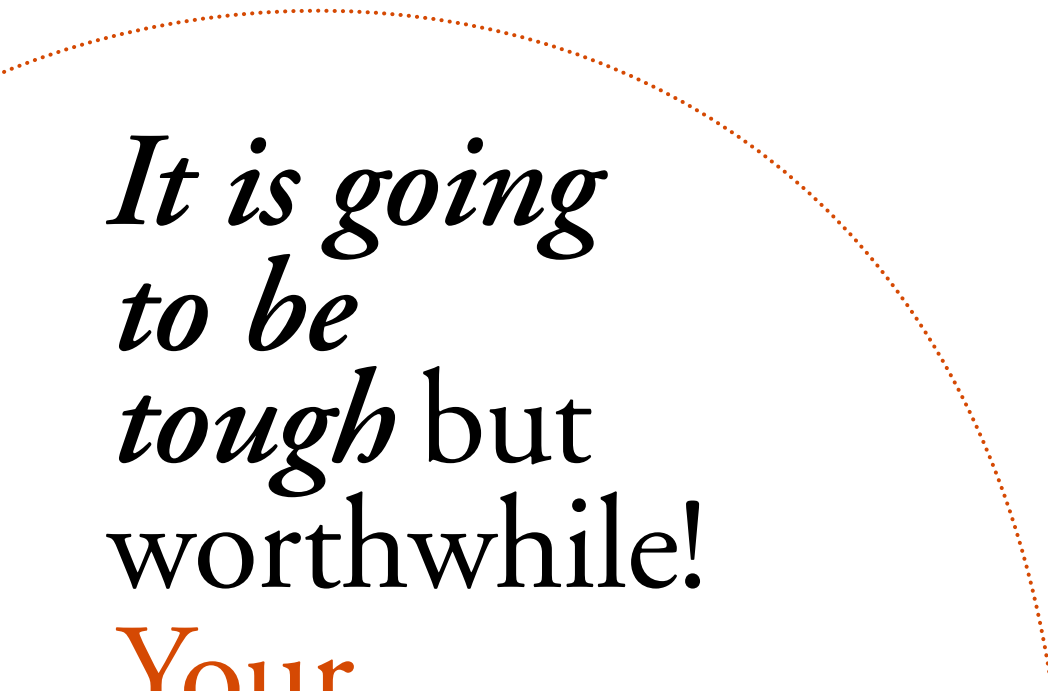
*Aneta Kaczor*  
(Graduate &  
Mentor;  
Poland)

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I became a mentor because I wanted to be an ambassador for the city and the university, but also to ensure that the new international students had a good time while studying here.

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I show my mentees around town and we hang out for coffee, dinners or go out together.



*It is going  
to be  
tough but  
worthwhile!*  
*Your  
mentor  
will help  
you*

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The learning environment is friendly and relaxed with students and teachers debating and exchanging their views in class. Students are expected to make active contributions in class to generate a stimulating learning environment and to prepare themselves for their professional careers. You will learn to think in a structured manner while keeping an analytic and critical approach.

To help you get settled in and understand the peculiarities of Danes and the Danish education system, you will be assigned a mentor, usually a student from the Department of Economics.

*Anna Kollerup*

*Iversen*

(Undergraduate &  
Mentor; Denmark)

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I became a mentor because I wanted more experience in communicating with students from different cultures and nations.

Additionally I also got a lot of new friends as a bonus.

# *Application*

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Please check out our webpage and  
read more about studying  
Economics in Copenhagen:  
[www.econ.ku.dk/english/programmes/](http://www.econ.ku.dk/english/programmes/)

It is possible to apply for the master program twice a year.

Read more about our application procedure and requirements  
at [www.studies.ku.dk/masters/economics](http://www.studies.ku.dk/masters/economics).

**300+**

*Guest students,  
exchange students and  
international full degree  
students per year*

*The deadlines are:*

## Full Degree students from EU, EEA and Switzerland

April 1st for entry September 1st

November 1st for entry February 1st

## Full Degree students from countries outside EU, EEA and Switzerland

January 15th for entry on September 1st

September 1st for entry on February 1st

## Guest students and exchange students

May 1st for entry in September (autumn semester)

October 1st for entry in February (spring semester)

(Exchange students should apply through their home universities).

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
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