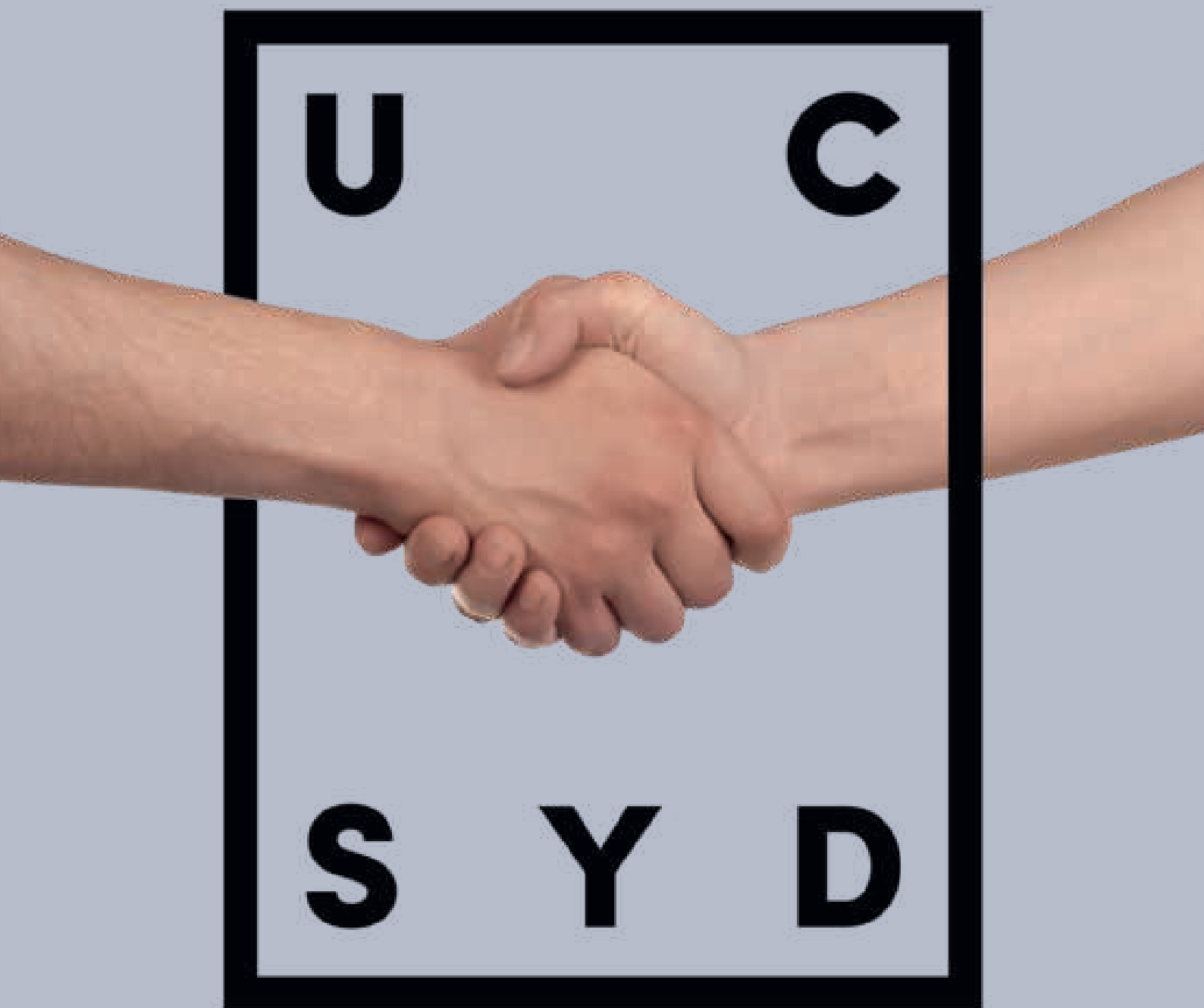


INTERNATIONAL ERASMUS+ COURSE

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Campus Aabenraa

# Crossing Borders



University College  
South Denmark

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## January 28th – June 14th, 2019

The Department for Social Education, Campus Aabenraa provides a 4 ½-month modular course specially designed 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, field 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 programme comprises 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 preprimary and primary schools.

### Aims

The course will provide students with skills, knowledge and experiences 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 kindergartens/schools or in kindergartens/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.

See [visitaabenraa.dk/In-int](http://visitaabenraa.dk/In-int) for more.

## 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 [ucsyd.dk/int](http://ucsyd.dk/int) for more information.

## Application

Application deadline November 1st 2018.

See [ucsyd.dk/int](http://ucsyd.dk/int) for information about application procedure.

## Headlines from the course

### 1. Crossing borders (5 ECTS)

This module will introduce you to education in a Danish context and provide you with opportunities to explore, discuss and compare different approaches to early years education.

#### Main themes are:

- Danish history, culture and society and the Danish-German border region
- The Danish educational system in a comparative perspective
- Visits to educational institutions (nursery, kindergarten and school)
- Outdoor education

### 2. Cultural diversity in education (20 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 and intercultural analysis
- Pedagogical theory and practice in an intercultural perspective
- Drama, cultural production and aesthetic learning
- Educational development and processes of change

The module puts emphasis on the combination of theory and practice.

Students will have the opportunity to investigate the field of practice and to participate in group projects aiming at the development of educational practice.

### 3. Practical training period (5 ECTS)

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

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