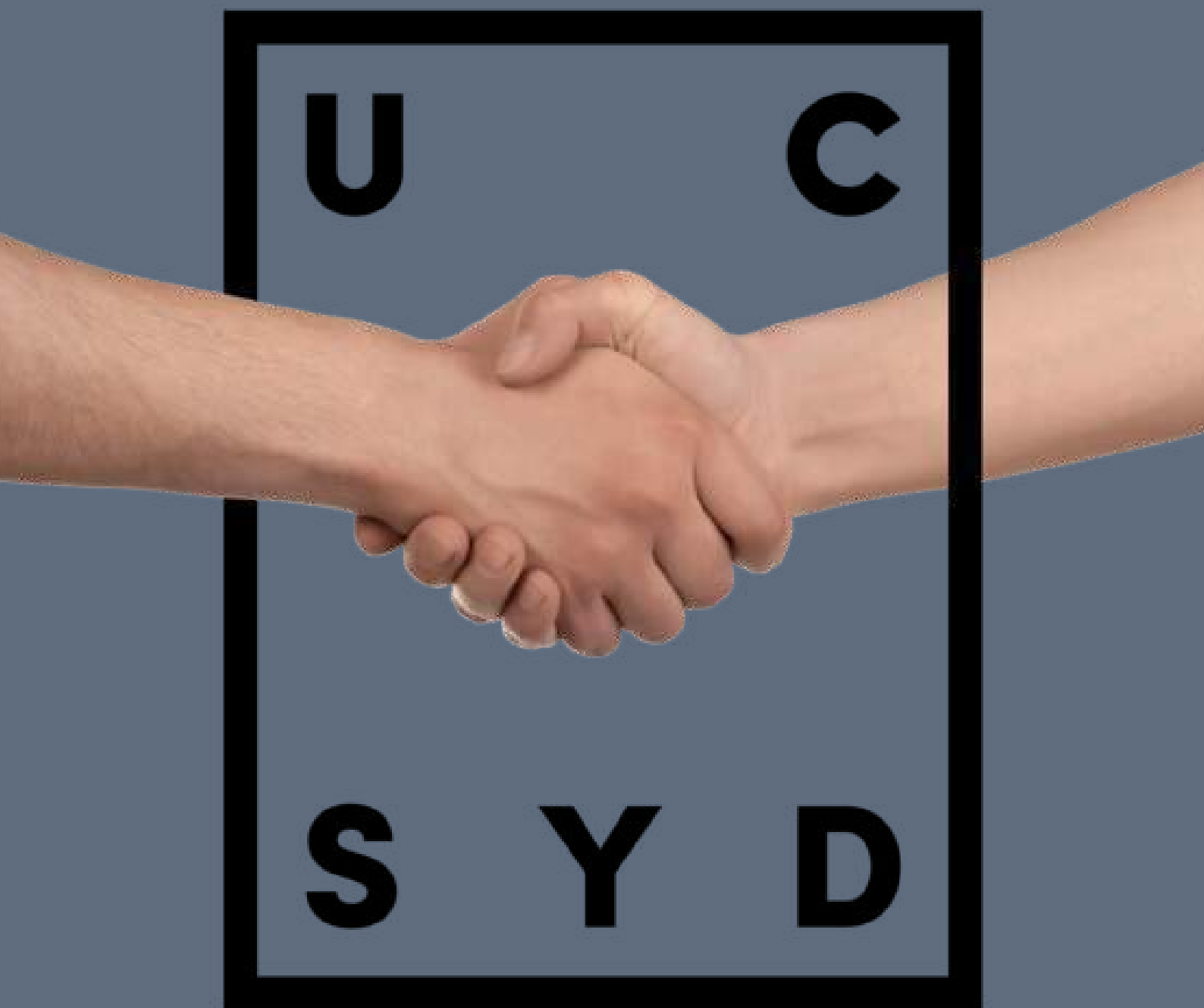


INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COURSE

14 August 2023 – 19 January 2024 or
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Crossing Borders



University College
South Denmark

CROSSING BORDERS – Cultural diversity in Education

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Campus Aabenraa

- Are you interested in cultural meetings and how to handle cultural conflicts in educational and special educational practice by using cultural differences as a resource?
- Are you interested in participating in and developing on a Danish educational practice – daycare, primary/secondary school or in the field of social/special education?
- Are you interested in working together with Danish and international students to research and develop on existing Danish and intercultural practice?
- Are you interested in inductive assignments and project work where you must find the answers to some of the major cultural challenges of this time yourself?
- Are you interested in varied teaching such as excursions, field studies, action learning, lectures, workshops, profound group work, and practical training in a Danish institution?
- Are you interested in being encouraged to discuss and reflect upon your experiences?
- Are you interested in working by reflective practitioner as guiding principle with a focus on active learning both inside and outside the classroom?

Course content

**Crossing Borders consists of two modules:
Cultural Diversity in Education (20 ECTS) and
Practical Training (10 ECTS):**

1. Cultural diversity in education (20 ECTS)

14 August – 24 November 2023

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.

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

The module is divided in three loops:

Loop 1:

- Content: Theories of culture, inter-/multicultural education
- Field work: Study trips

Loop 2:

- Content: Ethnographic field work and cultural analysis
- Field work: Ethnographic field study in an institution

Loop 3:

- Content: Action learning and development project
- Field Work: action learning / action research

Main themes are:

- Culture, minorities, and identity
- Intercultural communication and learning
- Multiculturalism and intercultural analysis
- Pedagogical theory and practice in an intercultural perspective
- Educational development and processes of change

Assessment: Group exam based on an oral presentation. At least 80% attendance required.

2. Practical training period (10 ECTS)

28 November 2023 – 19 January 2024

7 weeks practical training in a Danish kindergarten/School/special needs institution or a kindergarten/school belonging to the German speaking minority in Denmark.

The student is assigned a supervisor at the internship site. There will also be teaching on campus during the module. The student will learn to justify, plan, conduct and evaluate educational activities through participation in a Danish educational practice.

The student will work with assessing his/her own learning.

The students will have the opportunity to investigate and develop on existing practice in the institution.

Assessment: Oral exam on a written presentation.

Target groups

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

Language

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

Practical training takes place in Danish kindergartens/Schools/special needs institution or in kindergartens/schools of the German minority in Denmark.

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

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 for more.

Accommodation

University College South Denmark will help you find accommodation.

See ucsyd.dk/international for more information.

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. The module will be organised in a way that you will have the opportunity to travel.

Application

Application deadline 1 May 2023.

See ucsyd.dk/international for information about application procedure.

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