

MSc in SCIENCE STUDIES



The **MSc in Science Studies** at Aarhus University is a two-year degree consisting of mandatory and elective courses in history of science and technology, philosophy of science, and science communication.

All courses and supervision are in *English*. For citizens of the European Union, education in Denmark is *free*.





THE STUDIES PROGRAMME

The MSc in Science Studies in Aarhus offers rich opportunities for learning about historical and contemporary issues related to science, technology, and society: What can we learn about science from its history and recent developments? Does science discover nature as it really is, or does it simply provide us with instruments for dealing with nature successfully? How does science impact on policy-making, innovation, and democratic deliberation – and vice versa?

Science Studies challenges students to think about such questions and develop qualified responses based on the academic tools provided.

AARHUS UNIVERSITY

Aarhus University ranks among the top 100 universities world-wide; it is Denmark's largest university with more than 40,000 students and 6,000 faculty staff. Aarhus University is popular with international students: in 2011/12 it was the 6^{th} most popular Erasmus exchange destination amongst the Top 100 higher education institutions in Europe.

The university's green campus is located in the middle of the city of Aarhus – a vibrant city at the sea side with beautiful beaches, many cafés, bars and pubs, plenty of cultural activities, and excellent cultural institutions such as ARoS, Aarhus Museum of Art.



COMPETENCES AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a student you will gain new perspectives on science and technology to supplement your science/engineering background. You will improve your communication, writing, and analytical skills.

Particular emphasis will be placed on critical and independent thinking about science and technology. You will learn to work independently by planning and conducting your studies and MSc thesis under the individual supervision of a member of the academic staff.

Graduates have found jobs in areas relating to science and technology, such as science communication, science teaching at the secondary level, research and innovation in public administration and the business community.

Graduates of the MSc in Science Studies can apply for a PhD in Science Studies or one of its related disciplines.





Science Studies, Gunver Lystbæk Vestergård

»I chose a PhD degree programme because I really like the study environment here at the centre, as well as the combination of Arts and Science subjects, with a humanistic angle to science. I personally feel that I've found a good niche because I can hopefully link science journalism and research.

My attitude is that relaying information is a part of the research, and not an extra burden that researchers are obliged to carry out. In fact, I think that everything can be explained if you simply think about the language you use for the target group«.

FACTS

Application deadline: March 15th 2014

ECTS: 120

Start: September 2014

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