MSC IN POLITICAL SCIENCE*
A BROAD, RESEARCH-ORIENTED DEGREE PROGRAMME

Does diversity jeopardise the welfare state? How is political radicalisation prevented? Why are Scandinavians more trustful than other people? At the Department of Political Science our objective is to choose the right research strategies, methods, and theoretical concepts that will enable us to answer such questions. This may involve conducting surveys, statistical modelling, or interviews, spending hours at the library, or going on field trips to the Middle East.

The MSc in Political Science is the flagship degree of our top European political science department, whose high ratings and research attract academics from around the globe to its vibrant community of scholars. This is a high-quality, two-year programme for those who seek a comprehensive political science master’s focusing on research design and methodology. The programme gives students the possibility to specialise in the subfields of comparative politics, political theory, political sociology, international relations, public policy, or public administration.

IN THE RANKINGS
Political science at Aarhus University is ranked 21st in the world in the 2019 Shanghai ranking.

QUALITY TEACHING IN AN INFORMAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
The MSc in Political Science is dedicated to the highest-quality teaching in an informal and egalitarian learning environment. Students are always welcome to approach the teaching staff, whose doors are open to anybody wishing to propose a supervised reading course, for example. Students are expected to engage actively in classroom debates. They also collaborate in small-scale comparative projects that make the most of the international study environment.

VARIETY AND OPPORTUNITIES
The MSc in Political Science is flexible, giving students the opportunity to design their own course programme. Talented students may even be offered a chance to work as research assistants on ongoing projects. Some students will spend a semester abroad at one of our partner institutions or do an internship in a company or organisation.

CAREERS
MSc students pursue careers in which independent analytical skills are crucial. They find challenging jobs in academia and in key policy organisations, or as consultants, analysts, or strategists in firms, NGOs, and the public sector. For half a century the department has produced a flow of illustrious alumni, from government ministers to the present Secretary-General of the EU’s Council of Ministers.

I was drawn to the new Political Science programme because of its flexibility, which was perfect for me as it allowed me to explore different topics. But the real heart of this programme is the emphasis on research, and that serves as an excellent and universal foundation. In general, I believe this programme is world class. The methodology courses are exceptional, and the opportunity to learn in an international context makes it a learning experience inside and outside of the classroom. On top of that, Aarhus is an ideal city to study in, because of its size, cultural offerings, and the feeling that the university is an integral part of the city. I really could not ask for more.

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MSc in Political Science, from the United States
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**A SELECTIVE PROGRAMME WITH PHD OPENINGS**
Independence, commitment and hard work are required to join this programme, and students will need to demonstrate excellence and dedication in their bachelor’s degree. Those who excel in their master’s may go on to apply for a place in one of our first-rate PhD programmes. This could be the first step in an international academic career.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS**
The MSc is free for EU/EEA and Swiss students. Highly qualified international students may apply for a limited number of scholarships/tuition fee waivers.

**AARHUS BSS**
Aarhus BSS (School of Business and Social Sciences) is one of Aarhus University’s four faculties. With approximately 13,000 full-time students, several thousand part-time students, more than two hundred PhD students and nearly six hundred faculty members, Aarhus BSS ranks among the largest business schools in Europe and is Denmark’s biggest business and social sciences unit at university level. Building on its broad academic base, it encompasses both traditional business and social science disciplines. Aarhus BSS holds the distinguished AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS accreditations and is thus a triple-crown business school.

**LEARNING IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT**
At Aarhus BSS, we conduct research and teaching at the highest academic level. We are dedicated to imparting to our students exactly the knowledge, skills, and experience that are in demand – the skills that are essential for engaging in professional business activities in a global marketplace.

Our broad scope enables us to attract researchers, lecturers, and students from all over the world. With their help, we have built an international environment in which academic and cultural views are exchanged, experiences gathered, and friendships formed.

Our students are encouraged to take a semester abroad at one of Aarhus BSS’s approximately three hundred partner universities around the world. Studying abroad is an excellent opportunity for you to expand your horizon academically, culturally and personally, and for you to acquire valuable international experience and qualifications that are in high demand in companies and organisations everywhere.

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**1ST SEMESTER**
- Advanced Political Analysis: Designing and Conducting Political Analysis
- Political science seminars

**2ND SEMESTER**
- Political science seminars

**3RD SEMESTER**
- Social science seminars

**4TH SEMESTER**
- THESIS

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