SOLVING PROBLEMS IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT
We empower our students to achieve a better future by teaching them to identify, analyse and address the challenges of the future and the problems of the present.
A Pluralistic Research Environment

The Department integrates several fields into a single pluralistic research community in order to best serve research, education and societal impact. This pluralism is a major asset for the Department, as it helps us innovate and continuously develop our education programmes. Our research activities are organised in series of research centres and groups with intersecting and overlapping subject areas. Bringing together researchers specialising in distinct fields such as public governance, political economy, voting behaviour, security and diplomacy, political theory and the European Union enables us to offer highly original and creative insights into contemporary problems. This opens up unique opportunities for collaborating and combining approaches and methods.
The Department provides high quality education in advanced methods – quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods – in order to meet national and international needs for method-skilled political science graduates. More than twenty per cent of the bachelor’s degree courses deal with research methods. In these courses, the students learn how to structure research designs, collect data and process data using different tools, including Stata, NVivo and SPSS. By laying the methodological groundwork, our students obtain the necessary tools to solve the future issues they will face upon graduation.
An Active Learning Culture and Feedback

We engage our students through feedback on their work. We use feedback as a vital, constructive learning tool as part of continuous, guided learning and an intrinsic component in the learning process. We believe that consistent feedback focusing on meaningful recommendations on what can be improved allows students to apply it to future learning and assessments. In the course of their studies, our students gain new insights and experiences. We focus on creating a broad foundation of knowledge for our undergraduate programme and provide opportunity to choose between a wide range of courses and specialisation programmes for graduate studies.
Engaging Student Life

Daily life at the Department reflects the easy-going nature of Copenhagen life. Faculty interacts with students and each other in a relaxed atmosphere that invites deliberation, whether in research communities or at brown bag seminars. Here, researchers can share experiences and insights, and they are able to experiment with combining approaches and bridging gaps on an interdisciplinary level.

A diverse student body provides an international student experience in Copenhagen that allows students to benefit from exchanges with others from different backgrounds.

The students are encouraged to get involved in various student associations, where they can meet fellow students from different academic and social environments. Life in these societies is rich and diverse and aims at enhancing the student experience through activities such as debates with well-known politicians, lectures by researchers, film evenings, book clubs, theatre clubs, revues, choirs, a symphony orchestra, social parties, get-togethers and much more.

Students have access to the Department’s own library from 8am to 8pm on weekdays. They also enjoy access to the nearby Faculty of Social Sciences library seven days a week until late in the evening. The facilities here include individual study carrels, rooms for group work, recreational areas and classrooms. The group rooms enable students to work together on assignments and presentations, whereas the study carrels provide opportunity for individual immersion.