

## Electives, International Summer School, Ranum Efterskole College:

### Module 1:

#### **Intensive English:**

This class will teach the student how to use the English language in an exciting and convincing way. The first part of the class will have students engage with figurative language such as the use of idioms and metaphors. Through discussion, group-based text analysis, and writing, students will receive a more dynamic comprehension of English. The second part of the class focuses on the art of argumentation, rhetoric, and discourse. Students will not only gain knowledge of how language is used as a means of persuasion but receive the insights necessary to elevate their own linguistic skills. In the world of fake news, this class provides the tools to deconstruct rhetorical arguments, and it enables the student to present their own argument in a more effective manner. Students will have the opportunity to employ their newly acquired proficiencies through participation in a series of debates with their fellow learners. No prior knowledge of these topics is necessary, but it is assumed that the student possesses a basic level of English comprehension.

*When choosing Intensive English, it will become the chosen elective for the student in both module 1 and 2 in the International Summer School.*

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#### **Danish as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language:**

Danish as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language is for international students at Ranum Efterskole College whose native language is not Danish. The aim is to give the student communicative skills and insight into Danish language, culture and heritage. We work with relevant and practical Danish through conversations, discussions and activities. There will be a focus on both oral and written language. We will develop knowledge of Denmark, Danish culture and history, all the way from the Viking Age to more contemporary Denmark.

*This course is also relevant for Danish Ex-pats, who wish to further their Danish knowledge.*

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#### **English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language:**

English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language will have a focus on developing your communication skills. Therefore, there will be a focus on oral English and communication skills, so the student strengthens his/her vocabulary as well as their communication skills.

## Module 2:

### **Social Science:**

Social Science sees learners engage with academic themes borrowed from sociology, anthropology, and social philosophy. The goal of the subject is for learners to obtain the necessary tools and reflective faculties to critically understand the world around them. How do notions of gender and sexuality shape our life experience? What does it mean to belong to a nation or ethnic group? How does structural racism manifest itself in society? A common thread throughout Social Science concerns the question of power. Whether discussing social media, global capitalism, or local cultures, we will always refer to how these issues inform specific relations of power. As this subject will largely be structured according to the expressed interests of learners, there will also be room for topics on prominent social thinkers such as Karl Marx, Michel Foucault, Pierre Bourdieu if so desired.

*No prior knowledge of the social sciences is required.*

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### **Political Science & Philosophy:**

In Political Science and Philosophy, learners will be introduced to a broad variety of issues concerning both national and international politics as well as themes and thinkers within political philosophy. From the challenges of nuclear warfare, terrorism, and colonial legacies to philosophical questions regarding the nature of human rights, Nazi totalitarianism, or Machiavelli's take on democracy, there is a multitude of topics on offer. As such, the course content will be significantly shaped by the interests of the learners. The teaching style will include a mix of class discussions and group projects.

*No prior knowledge of political science or philosophy is required.*

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### **Science:**

Science is a fun class for anyone interested in the world of science be it physics, chemistry, biology or even engineering. We'll cover different subjects within the various branches of science and will usually do so via practical experiments and a focus on entertaining learning experiences. Previously we've had subjects such as "Civil Engineering 101", "Build your own hot air balloon", "What is basic quantum mechanics?" and "Manipulating sound and soundwaves". Vastly different subjects to show you some of what science can be.

So if you're curious about the world around you and how it's all bound together, science is definitely for you.