

Electives International Summer School 2024

Module 1

Danish as a second language

Danish as a 2nd 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. The students will be divided into levels.

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

English as a second language

English as a 2nd 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. The students will be divided into levels.

Module 2

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.

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.

Political science

Political science is the scientific study of politics. It is a social science dealing with systems of governance and power, and the analysis of political activities, political thought, political behavior, and associated constitutions and laws. Political science is methodologically diverse and appropriates many methods originating in psychology, social research, and political philosophy. Approaches include positivism, interpretivism, rational choice theory, behaviouralism, structuralism, post-structuralism, realism, institutionalism, and pluralism. Political science, as one of the social sciences, uses methods and techniques that relate to the kinds of inquiries sought: primary sources, such as historical documents and official records, secondary sources, such as scholarly journal articles, survey research, statistical analysis, case studies, experimental research, and model building.

Philosophy

The study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence, especially when considered as an academic discipline. Philosophy is a way of thinking about certain subjects such as ethics, thought, existence, time, meaning and value. That 'way of thinking' involves 4 Rs: responsiveness, reflection, reason and re-evaluation. The aim is to deepen understanding. The hope is that by doing philosophy we learn to think better, to act more wisely, and thereby help to improve the quality of all our lives.

Business studies

Business studies, often simply called business or commercial science, is a field of study that deals with the principles of business, management, and economics. It combines elements of accountancy, finance, marketing, organizational studies, human resource management, and operations. Business studies is a broad subject, where the range of topics is designed to give the student a general overview of the various elements of running a business. The teaching of business studies is known as business education.

Sustainability goals

Learn more about the UN's 17 sustainability development goals such as poverty, hunger, health, education, equality between genders, clean water, economic growth, innovation, climate, life in the ocean, life on land, partnerships, peace and justice. The lessons are based on practical group work. The students will through the weeks pick some goals and work with them. This may include a field trip to collect information and explore.

Marketing and social media

Would you like to learn about the world of social media, and how to make a campaign that really rocks? Choose marketing and social media, and experience how exciting and diverse the world of online presence can be. We will work with both our phones and cameras, and you will learn about the lighting, setting and composition in a great photograph. Furthermore, campaigning, advertising, marketing to a specific target group and much more.

No prior knowledge of the elective is required. Maximum of 20 students.

Profile subjects

Sailing

Denmark is often proclaimed as one of the freest countries in the world. There are many theories as to why that is the case. However, in Ranum the prevailing assumption associates freedom with Danish sailing culture. Indeed, since the Viking Age, Danes have sailed openly on the fjord in the summer sun. As part of the Sailing crew, you can now do the same. Our experienced crew will teach you all the appropriate theory and show you the ropes – quite literally in fact. For if you hope to make it back in time for meals, you will need to learn which ropes to fasten...and which to not. As is the case for all profile subjects, no prior knowledge of sailing is required.

Watersports requires the passing of a swimming test offered by Ranum International Summer School.

Gastronomy

Although Gordon Ramsey has declined to hurl insults at our summer school participants, we still have some talented teachers-cum-chefs who will teach you cooking 101 – without calling you a ‘donkey’ or ‘idiot sandwich’. Regardless of whether you are self-proclaimed ‘foodie’, Gastronomy is the ultimate gift to yourself. For not only will you be learning a vast array of culinary techniques, but you also get to enjoy the fruits of your labour afterwards – or should we say the ‘5-star gourmet meals of your labour’?

Anyone can choose gastronomy, but please do inform us of any allergies or sensitivities.

Music

‘Twinkle twinkle little star, when will you grow into a rock star?’. The answer is hopefully after joining Ranum International Summer School’s Music band. While you are welcome to bring your own equipment, the school also has instruments with which you may practice freely. During lessons, Music participants will receive tailored teaching from our local, home-grown rock stars. Furthermore, while we cannot guarantee eternal stardom, we hope to assemble a band to perform the headline act at the summer school’s gala night. Musicians of all skill levels are welcome.

Dance

At Ranum International Summer School, we strive to prepare learners for the future. And as your parents may agree, taking up dancing lessons is never a bad call. Whether your ambition is to cha-cha your way out of a tricky situation, or impress your mates with some solid contemporary moves, our Dance profile subject will prepare you for the true struggles of adulthood. Learners of all skill levels – and of all styles – are welcome.

Design/crafts

Genius comes in all shapes and sizes. Unfortunately, most of us will not become the 21st century’s Einstein – and probably neither our era’s Picasso. Nonetheless, for those of you whose ingenuity is of a more expressive nature, Design looks forward to welcoming you with open arms, blank canvasses, and creative liberties. From painting and clothing design, to clay modelling and mural works, your imagination is the limit on this profile subject.

Soccer

As a school which prides itself on diversity, we respect all pronunciations: 'soccer', 'football', 'fútbol', 'fodbold', 'sepak bola' etc. As any avid footballer might insist, football is what unites us – second perhaps to breathing and sleeping. Hence, when the grass is freshly cut, the sun shining, and an international group of players gathered on the pitch, there is nothing like a game of 'footy'. After practicing a range of skills and tactics, we will end every training session with a proper match. Thus, if you seek football glory, be sure to join the Summer School Soccer team.

Fitness

On the door of our gym, a sign reads "leave your ego outside". This statement aptly reflects the ethos of our Fitness subject. For while Fitness is all about self-development and continuously reaching new, personal benchmarks, it is also a subject open to everyone – regardless of gender, strength, or experience. The only thing that matters is mentality and an eagerness to learn from our dedicated coaches. From crossfit training in our house gyms to cardio workouts around the lake, Fitness offers a well-rounded health programme. Whilst no experience is required, please be prepared to work out while listening to both Ariana Grande and Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Outdoor

It would be a true offence against nature to stay indoors all day during the splendid Danish summer. For this reason, Outdoor is a subject which seeks out all the wonders of the season. From mountain biking in the forest or kayaking on the lake, to combat archery or even organised water fights at the school, if you refuse to stay idle, then Outdoor is the profile subject for you. While the fun is immense, so too is the scope for student input – so if you provide suggestions for outdoor activities, we will provide an unforgettable, personalised summer adventure.

Water sports

Nothing says summer like a bit of sun-kissed, water-splashing fun. As part of the Watersports team, your afternoons will be spent kayaking in the local lake, paddle-boarding on the beautiful fjord, and wakeboarding to your heart's content – or at least to your heart's adrenalin-limit. Ranging from action-packed jumps at the wakeboard park, to SUP-yoga in the midday sun, there will be something for everyone.

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World cooking

In celebration of all the culinary adventures our diverse planet has to offer, World Cooking is a subject exploring a new part of the world every lesson. We do this by embracing a repertoire of international recipes in our cooking. From Korean bibimbap or central Asian Laghman, to authentic Italian pizza or a classic American hamburger, your horizons will be expanded, belly filled, and tastebuds satisfied.

Anyone can choose World Cooking, but please do inform us of any allergies or sensitivities.

Event

Ladies and gentlemen, may we present....the next generation of event-planners! As members of the events squad, students will directly shape the summer school experience – both for themselves and their friends. From gala nights and casino evenings to beach parties and funfairs, the profile subject will spend the week organizing the weekend's headline event. Be it activities, decorations, logistics, food, or marketing, Events will be an opportunity to discover where your true talents lie.