



Profile

“Europe of Regions” has become an increasingly fashionable way to describe European integration, but politicians, businesses and civil society usually do not have a clear picture of what “Europe of Regions” actually means. The aim of the Sønderborg profile in the European Studies program offered in cooperation with the University of Flensburg is to make the students familiar with ‘regions’ in the broadest sense, using historical, cultural, political, administrative and economical approaches to the term ‘region’ and illustrate the concept within European integration. The program includes a sophisticated course of qualitative social science methods. A special focus will be put on borders and border regions. Borders still represent barriers to integration, and border regions are laboratories of European integration.

A special feature of the study program is the opportunity to take electives at the University of Flensburg in the third semester, including the possibility to earn a dual degree. Other options are to specialize by taking electives within the other master programs offered at the Department of Border Region Studies in Sønderborg, or take a company/institution internship or study abroad.

The master programme European Studies (two years) is offered in co-operation with the University of Flensburg. All classes are taught in English. In the first year, you have to choose between two tracks: a track offered in Sønderborg focussing on the popular concept of the “Europe of Regions”, where you will be introduced to regions in an interdisciplinary program with a special focus on borders and border regions as laboratories of European integration. A track offered at the University of Flensburg focuses on more general aspects of European integration. In the third semester, students choose electives from either campus to specialise according to their interests. The master thesis is written at SDU in the fourth semester.

Career opportunities

The study program intends to provide the students with broad and specialized knowledge within political, economic and cultural aspects of the “Europe of Regions”, along with the ability to use scientific methods. This offers a broad range of qualified career opportunities with leadership potential:

- Senior officers in EU institutions
- Senior officers/European consultants at institutions on the level of national, regional, local and cross-border governance (regional offices, euro regions, municipalities)
- Senior positions in private enterprises and the media
- European consultants
- Academia

Structure of content

In the first year, the students follow a number of obligatory courses grouped under the overall themes of ‘Borders’ and ‘Regions’ amounting to 50 ECTS, supplemented with a methodological course of 10 ECTS. In the third semester, students can choose between electives up to 30 ECTS offered at the campus of the partner university, University of Flensburg, or courses from the other master programs offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences. A supervised company internship (20 ECTS) plus electives (10 ECTS) is also a possibility. In the fourth semester, students write their master thesis (30 ECTS).

4	Master’s Thesis (30 ECTS)			
3	Elective courses (in total 30 ECTS) OR Company/Institution Internship (20 ECTS) <u>AND</u> One elective course (10 ECTS)			
2	European Border Region Development (10 ECTS)	European Integration and the Regional Dimension (10 ECTS)	Social Change and Mobility (5 ECTS)	Language, Communication and Media in European Border Regions (5 ECTS)
1	Boundaries, Territorial States and Sovereignty (10 ECTS)		European Regions, Regionalism, Regionalisation (10 ECTS)	Using Qualitative Research Methods (10 ECTS)



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Examples of elective courses offered

- European Contemporary History
- European Law
- European Regional Integration
- Institutional and Constitutional Economics
- Human Resource Management
- The Business Plan
- E-Business Strategy
- International Negotiation
- Project Management
- Civil Society

Admission

The admission requirement for the MSc in European Studies programme (cand.soc.) is the three-year Bachelor of Science in European Studies or another corresponding qualifying degree.

Applicants with other qualifying higher education degrees must have a minimum of 75 ECTS credits dedicated to courses within the social sciences, communication, history or anthropology, including methodology. Applicants, who are estimated to have the necessary prerequisites to complete the programme, may apply to the local academic study board which will then assess each applicant individually. Enrolment may depend on applicants successfully passing one or more supplementary tests.

Language requirements

A good standard of English is required because teaching at the University typically involves student participation, class discussion and student presentations.

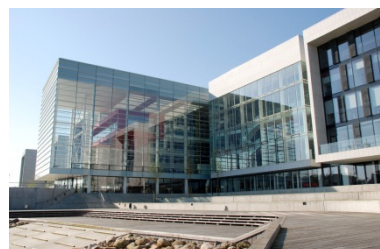
A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 575/230/88 is required. Note that some studies only accept the IELTS test. If you as an EU/EEA citizen can document this level of English by way of secondary school diploma, a TOEFL or an IELTS test is not required (with a few exceptions).

PLEASE NOTE: The University of Southern Denmark has access to the IELTS Verification Service; therefore we accept the IELTS test results/score in copy. TOEFL is only accepted in original sent directly from the test centre or the educational testing service (ETS) before registration deadline.

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