

## STUDY ABROAD IN ENGLISH IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

### THE MEDICAL PRACTICE & POLICY PROGRAM (MPP)

(<http://www.dis.dk/Academic2/mpp/index.php>) is developed with and taught by Danish senior medical doctors at the National University Hospital in Copenhagen.

#### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To introduce students to the most important human diseases, their diagnosis and treatment
- Advancing students knowledge of the medical field through critical analysis of case studies
- Acquainting students with the clinical working methods of physicians
- Acknowledging the scientific and experimental side of medicine
- Providing students with tools for participating in medical and ethical discussions as lay persons as well as medical professionals
- Sensitizing students to the political, social, economic, and moral issues involved in the different models of modern health care systems

The courses offered in this program are:

- The core course: **Human Health and Disease: A Clinical Approach**,
- Health Care in Scandinavia,
- Biomedical Ethics,
- Complexity of Cancer,
- Medical Consequences of Western Lifestyles
- A Biomedical Exploration of HIV/AIDS (fall only)
- Youth, Children and HIV/AIDS in Contemporary Africa (fall only)

#### WHY STUDY HEALTH IN DENMARK?

Through these courses, the MPP program introduces students, in a qualified hands-on manner, to the world of health care. The Danish health care system differs significantly from that of the United States and many other countries, in that Denmark is a welfare state. Thus, besides the purely medical aspect, the MPP program offers a much needed comparative overview of different ways of organizing health care systems in the world; the political, economic, and moral issues currently facing modern health care are also emphasised.

#### STUDY TOURS (academic and cultural) (<http://www.dis.dk/Academic2/mpp/studytours.php>)

The program includes two study tours:

- Three-day trip through Denmark or southern Sweden to see the respective health care systems and experience various ways of practicing medicine, from the hospital setting to general/private practice
- Week-long study tour to Berlin, Germany and Poznan, Poland to observe different areas of medicine, including surgical pathology (autopsy) and shadowing of a pediatricians in pediatric clinic.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the US, an order of McDonald's Chicken McNuggets delivers nearly 10grams of trans fats while its counterpart in Denmark serves up less than 1 gram – the results of higher Danish health standards.
- The Danish company Novo Nordisk was the first to produce purified insulin.
- Percent of population without health care: US – 15.7%, Denmark – 0%.
- Total health care expenditure per capita is 2,583 dollars versus 5,274 dollars in the US.
- Total expenditures as % GDP is 8.8% in Denmark versus 14.6% in the US.

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