



DANISH FOLK COLLEGE PROGRAM



2026

“HØJSKOLE”

What is a højskole?

A folk college (in Danish: højskole) is a vibrant, life-enriching school where you learn by doing, without tests and text books. You meet amazing people eager to make new friends and explore new horizons—all while discovering your passions.

Imagine living, dining, attending classes, and spending leisure time with your fellow students and teachers, creating a close-knit community much like a family. In this supportive and secure atmosphere, everyone is free to be themselves, experiment with new ideas, make mistakes, and - most importantly - learn from them.



Why choose a højskole?

At a folk college, you get the freedom to dive into your passions, whether they're in arts, sciences, or anything else that sparks your interest. It's all about experiential learning, where you develop practical skills while discovering more about yourself along the way.

Don't forget the stunning Danish countryside as your backdrop! Imagine waking up to rolling hills, charming villages, and picturesque landscapes every day, providing endless inspiration for your journey.

It is the perfect adventure, if you are seeking an unforgettable blend of education, culture, and personal growth.

Finally, it is an experience that not only broadens your horizons but also leave you with stories and friends for a lifetime.



Who are you?

- You are between 17,5 and 30 years old at program start (or between 16,5 and 19 for Ribe and Egå youth folk colleges).
- Independent enough to take part in an adult programme living together with other students.
- Reasonably good at English.
- Prepared to actively engage in the community life at the folk college.



Watch [THIS VIDEO](#) about Danish folk colleges

or learn more about the concept of højskole on

<http://www.danishfolkhighschools.com/>

TIME TO CHOOSE

That can be difficult...

...even for Danes.

That is why on the next pages we guide you through discovering all the folk colleges you can choose from! Don't hesitate to contact your local AFS office for more information.



But remember, no matter the folk college, program highlights are the same

- **AFS contact family**

Embrace Danish culture, language and traditions, and gain invaluable insights into the Danish family life through having a local contact family.

- **Global Up Abroad**

Develop your intercultural competencies and gain a certificate that confirms it! Participate in an online course starting already before you leave.

- **Orientations**

Meet other AFS participants at a weekend full of workshops to support you on your journey, and reflect on your Global Up Abroad progress.

- **Experience non-formal education**

Develop your interpersonal, intercultural and intergenerational competencies as you live and study with Danish and international students of different ages, with different values and opinions.

- **Improve your English**

Get prepared for everyday life in English, both in and outside of classes.

Things to consider:

- Do you prefer a semester or a full year programme?
- Check the college websites and get the feel of each college - all colleges are different.
- What are you most interested in: arts, music, democracy, sustainability, sports...? Remember that you are the one deciding which classes to take.
- Your age - if you are under 17½ years, you should attend one of the two youth folk colleges.



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BRENDERUP HØJSKOLE

BE CREATIVE AT A VERY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

At Brenderup Folk College students from all over the world gather to learn about creativity, sustainability, nature, travelling and body & mind. Subjects include ceramics, redesign, art, Danish culture, gender issues, sustainable design and perma garden.

You will also have the opportunity to travel with the college to Kenya or Nepal to work there as a volunteer.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

Website: Brenderup.højskole

HØJSKOLEN SNOGHØJ

PERFORMING ARTS, ART, NATURE & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

At Folk College Snoghøj you have the opportunity to choose between a wide range of subjects. As an international student you will be part of the PPA class – Producing, performing artist. Here you will learn all about the process of making great theatre! Beside this you will have the opportunity to choose between a wide range of elective subjects such as dance, solosinging, acting, acting song, ceramics, upcycling, seakayak and others. Check out their [PPA video](#), [English video](#) & their [Spanish video](#).

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

Website: Snoghøj.højskole



NORDJYLLANDS HØJSKOLE

ENGAGE IN MANY DIFFERENT SPORTS AT A SPORTS COLLEGE

Nordjyllands Sports Folk College is a school for sports and athletics that offers a wide range of physical activities. You will have 15 hours of physical/sports lessons per week, and it is up to you to choose which sports to engage in. You will also be part of the international class which focuses on Danish culture, youth culture, pedagogics and the Danish tradition of democracy.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

Website: Nordjyllands.højskole



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VRÅ HØJSKOLE

DEVELOP YOUR ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE SKILLS

At Vrå Folk College you will have the opportunity to engage in all kinds of creative activities. The subjects include ceramics, photography, art, textile design, weaving, knitting, songwriting and music production. All workshops are open after classes so you always have the opportunity to spend your evenings working on your own projects.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

[Website: Vrå højskole](#)

BORNHOLMS HØJSKOLE

LIVE ON BORNHOLM ISLAND- A MUST FOR NATURE LOVERS

Bornholms folk college is situated on the beautiful island of Bornholm in the middle of the Baltic Sea, about 3 hours from Copenhagen. This college is an excellent choice for nature and sea lovers.

It offers a wide variety of subjects within arts and crafts, outdoor & adventure activities, sustainable agriculture and body & mind. You will also receive lessons on Danish culture and language.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

[Website: Bornholms højskole](#)



BOSEI HØJSKOLE

ATTEND A COLLEGE WITH A JAPANESE TWIST!

Bosei folk college is a Danish folk college but with a Japanese twist. It offers courses in the Japanese and Korean languages, martial arts and sport.

On top of those subjects, you can attend many other subjects such as health & fitness, outdoor, ballgames and water sports.

You will also have the opportunity to attend study trips to e.g. Japan.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

[Website: Bosei højskole](#)



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BRANDBJERG HØJSKOLE

BECOME A CLIMATE ACTIVIST OR AN ENTREPRENEUR

Brandbjerg Folk College has vast grounds and untouched forests and lies in a beautiful part of Denmark. Its main subjects include sustainability, climate activism, entrepreneurship and outdoor activities.

You may also choose subjects such as dance and music which includes song writing, band/ensemble, singing, choir, sound design and much more.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

Website: Brandbjerg.højskole

VESTJYLLANDS HØJSKOLE

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY, PERFORMANCE AND ARTS

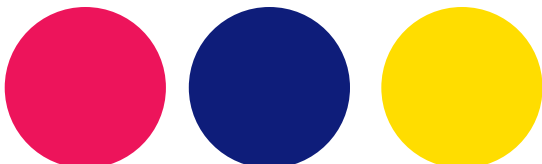
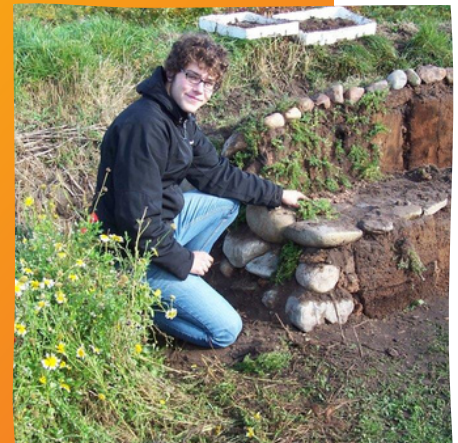
Vestjyllands Folk College has a strong focus on sustainability and ecology - and all food served at the school is 90-100% organic. Some of the subjects offered include sustainable building and cooking, ecological entrepreneurship and outdoor life.

You can also choose subjects such as textile crafts, music, dance, theatre, cooking, writing, philosophy, politics and Danish language.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

Website: Vestjyllandshøjskole



YOUTH FOLK COLLEGES

if you are not 17,5 yet, don't worry!
Choose between two youth folk colleges that accept students aged 16.5 to 19 years old.



EGÅ UNGDOMSHØJSKOLE

INTERESTED IN YOGA, GREEN ACTIVISM, ARTS AND SPORTS?

Egå Youth Folk college likes to say that they are possibly the best located folk college in Denmark - close to the beach, the city of Århus and picturesque nature.

Studying there, you will be able to choose from a wide range of subjects, such as photography, art, drama, yoga, green activism, politics, e-sports, design, citizenship, film, ceramics and many others.

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

Website: Egå ungdomshøjskole

RIBE UNGDOMSHØJSKOLE

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY, DRAMA, OUTDOORS AND ARTS

At Ribe youth folk college you can choose among 90+ courses including jewelry design, fake news, line dance, parkour, world food, stop motion, fashion design, street, music, drama, sustainability and more. The school also encourages you to take initiative - join a band, start a knitting club, create cool events and join a party committee. It is completely up to you!

Program start: January and August

Program length: One or two semesters

Website: Ribe ungdomshøjskole



AFS Denmark looks forward to welcoming you!

