



AFS Folk College Program

- explore and develop your full potential in a Danish folk college

What is a Folk College?

The Danish Folk College is a unique school concept that can be described as a "School of Life", where you can learn everything that you can't learn out of books. There are no exams or academic requirements for admittance, but you will probably learn more on a personal, interpersonal and intercultural level than you would have ever thought possible.

You sleep, eat, follow classes and spend your spare time in and around the college together with your fellow students and teachers. In that way you are able to live in a family-like community and create a safe space where everybody can be themselves, try out new things, make mistakes and learn.

Since you are retreated from the everyday life stress and struggles, you can fully focus on your own personal development in a reflective and inspirational environment. You can further develop your existing talents or discover totally new ones.

What folk college to choose?

AFS offers eight different folk colleges with very different courses. On the following page you will find a description of each folk college. But images and videos often say more than words, so have a look at the folk colleges' own websites. We also recommend you to check out the following website about Danish folk colleges in general: <http://www.danishfolkhighschools.com/>

How will you benefit?

- Improve your **English**
- Grow in **self-knowledge**, get clearer on what kind of person you are and want to be, what you want to do in the future and which life choices you want to make
- Expand your **knowledge and skills** on a wide range of subjects of your own choice (arts, global citizenship, culture, outdoor, sports)
- Experience the **"folk college" philosophy** of non-formal adult education (as opposed to formal education at universities, art academies etc.)
- Develop your **interpersonal, intercultural and intergenerational competencies** as you will live and study alongside Danish and other inter-national students of different ages and with different values and opinions than yours
- Get an insight into **Scandinavian and Danish culture** through your Danish AFS contact family and Danish fellow students

Your Global Competence Certificate

Your AFS orientations take place over a weekend where you will meet participants from all over the world. During those weekends you will continue the Global Competence Certificate, which you have already started before your arrival.

Who are you?

To take part in the Folk College Program, you should...

- be mature and independent enough to take part in an adult program
- be between 17,5 and 30 years old (Egaa: between 16.5 and 19 years)
- be prepared to actively engage in the college life and to not live in a host family
- have reasonable English skills as a minimum

Program highlights

- Experience the vibrant life at a Danish folk college for 19 to 25 weeks
- Take part in the course of your choice together with your fellow students
- Be a part of a Danish AFS contact family during weekends and holidays
- Meet all the other AFS participants during your midterm orientation

Brenderup Højskole

At Brenderup Folk College students from all parts of the world gather to learn about global citizenship.

You will take part in the international class and deal with a wealth of topics within **global citizenship**.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in practical workshops, such as **art, handicraft, music, sport, recycling design** as well as Danish language.

Program periods:

- 4. January 2020 to 20. June 2020
- 9. August 2020 to 20. December 2020

Read more about the folk college at

<https://www.brenderuphojskole.com/english>

Snoghøj Højskole

Snoghøj Folk College focuses mainly on **culture, performance, musical & acting**. International students are also offered Danish and English lessons.

In the Cultural baseCamp you will study European culture and arts as well as Danish design and lifestyle.

In the Musical/acting BaseCamp you will develop your performance, drama, song and auteur skills.

Program periods:

- 4. January 2020 to 15. June 2020
- 1. August 2020 to 20. December 2020

Read more about the folk college at

<https://www.snoghoj.dk/?lang=en>

Silkeborg Højskole

At Silkeborg Folk College you will learn to think globally and act locally to become an entrepreneur in a global world making a positive change.

The main international line is **changemaker/global citizenship**.

However, but you will also be able to select **music, art, sports, nature** and Danish language.

Program periods:

- 4. January 2020—7. June 2020
- 9. August 2020 - 19. December 2020

Read more about the folk college at

<https://silkeborghojskole.dk/international-students>

Vestjyllands Højskole

Vestjylland Folk College has a strong focus on ecology and sustainability.

The subjects offered include **sustainable lifestyle, ecological entrepreneurship and sport/outdoor life**.

You may also choose subjects such as **dancing, music, singing, art, theatre, cooking, writing, policy/philosophy** and Danish for foreigners.

Program periods:

- 5. January 2020 to 30. May 2020
- 13. September 2020 to 27. February 2021

Read more about the folk college at

<https://www.vestjyllandshojskole.dk/what-is-hojskole>

Nordjyllands Idrætshøjskole

Nordjyllands Sports Folk College is a school for **sports and athletics** and it offers a wide range of different sports. You will have 15 hours of physical/sports lessons per week (which sports activities to choose is up to you).

You will also be part of the international class which focuses on Danish culture, youth culture, pedagogics and the special Danish tradition of democracy.

Program periods:

- 5. January 2020 to 27. June 2020
- 9. August 2020 to 19 December 2020

Read more about the folk college at

<https://nih.dk/nih-v3/english>

Odder Højskole

Odder Folk College aims to provide you with an overview and perspective in a world which is ever changing.

It is a folk college with a strong focus on developing creativity in all aspects of your life.

The folk college has a wide range of subjects including **film & TV production, design, programming, gaming, music, song, dance, design, sports, drawing & art**.

Program periods:

- 4. January 2020 to 7. June 2020
- 8. August 2020 to 13. December 2020

Read more about the folk college at

<http://www.odderhojskole.dk/en/>

Brandbjerg Højskole

Brandbjerg Folk College has vast grounds and untouched forests and lies in a beautiful part of Denmark.

The subjects offered include **sustainability, climate activism, entrepreneurship and outdoor**.

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

Program periods:

- 6. January 2020 to 21. June 2020
- 10. August 2020 to 20. December 2020

Read more about the folk college at

<https://brandbjerg.dk/subjects/>

Egå Ungdoms-højskole

- a youth folk college

This is a youth college for students who are minimum 16 years and 6 months and not yet turned 19.

Here you may take part in courses within subjects such as **Danish & Denmark, citizenship, film, photography, design, drama, music, sports, e-sport, green activism and arts**.

Program periods:

- 5. January 2020 to 27. June 2020
- 2. August 2020 to 19. December 2020

Read more about the folk college at

<http://www.euh.dk/welcome-to-euh/>