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Scandinavia, which includes the northern European countries of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, is popularly associated with beautiful fjords, the Northern Lights, innovative design, and cutting-edge companies. Although they share a region and similar heritage, each Scandinavian country is distinct in terms of language, history, industry, geography, and politics.

Boston College students wishing to spend a semester or year in Scandinavia can choose from programs at four universities. Since English is widely spoken in most of Scandinavia, these universities offer a broad array of English-taught courses. BC study abroad locations vary from the large city of Copenhagen, Denmark to the smaller cities of Bergen, Norway and Uppsala, Sweden. Students are fully immersed in BC partner universities which are ranked among the best in Scandinavia and offer a wide variety of courses that complement the Boston College curriculum. No matter what students’ academic and personal interests entail, they will find a suitable program in Scandinavia.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Denmark is one of Europe’s smallest nations and a top-rated country for quality of life. As Scandinavia’s southern-most country, it is comprised of a peninsula and over 400 islands. Denmark’s capital city of Copenhagen is a bustling business and cultural center, offering a variety of jazz, classical music, and restaurants. Its many canals and cobblestone streets invite visitors to stroll around the city and enjoy its many beautiful sites.

The Program

BC students are fully integrated into either the Copenhagen Business School or the University of Copenhagen. Both institutions have a large international population and a mentor program.

Copenhagen Business School (CBS)  
www.cbs.dk/cbs_international

CBS has 15,000 students and is one of the best business schools in northern Europe. It focuses on economics, finance, marketing, as well as technology, and is an ideal place to study international business and ethics from a European perspective. Students live in apartments or private rooms.

Program Highlights

• Top-rate business and economics research site
• One-week intensive Danish course

University of Copenhagen  
http://studies.ku.dk/

Founded in 1479, the University of Copenhagen has 37,000 students and is Denmark’s oldest and largest university. The university has eight faculties offering a comprehensive range of courses, and is particularly well-suited for students specializing in European political systems and social policy. Student accommodations are shared apartments or rooms in private homes.

Program Highlights

• Over 100 departments and research centers
• Hundreds of English-taught courses

BERGEN, NORWAY

Norway boasts a wealth of natural resources and spectacular beauty, and is known for its fjords, Viking past, and maritime industry. Once a trading port and shipping capital, Bergen is a medieval university town of 240,000 which retains close ties to the sea. Casual and modern, Bergen offers a myriad of activities and festivals and was named a European Capital of Culture in 2000.

The Program  
www.uib.no/info/english/

Founded in 1946, the University of Bergen (UiB) has a student body of approximately 15,000 and a reputation as Norway’s ‘international’ university. UiB offers a global academic arena for study in numerous English-taught courses. Its specialties include mass communication, computational physics, medicine and health, and is ideal for students interested in marine and environmental studies. BC students live in student residences.

Program Highlights

• More than 160 student organizations, societies, clubs, and associations
• Variety of outdoor activities including skiing, hiking, and biking

UPPSALA, SWEDEN

Sweden is known for its historic neutrality, progressive welfare system, and successful global companies such as Saab, Volvo, and Ikea. It is the birthplace of Alfred Nobel, whose fortune supports the famous Nobel prizes. Uppsala, the country’s fourth-largest city, is located 45 miles north of Stockholm and serves as the seat of Sweden’s archbishop. Surrounded by natural beauty, Uppsala combines small city charm with large city opportunities.

The Program  
www.inter.uadm.uu.se/

Founded in 1477, Uppsala University is Scandinavia’s oldest university and one of Europe’s most distinguished. Its famous scholars include Carl von Linné and Anders Celsius, who both taught at Uppsala in the eighteenth century. The university has approximately 40,000 students and nine faculties with English-taught courses, including arts, educational sciences, languages, law, medicine, pharmacy, science, technology, social sciences, and theology. BC students have a variety of housing options.

Program Highlights

• Global reputation for high-quality research
• Unique Student Nation club system

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