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# Dear freshman!

Welcome to Aalborg, welcome to university, and welcome to this year's Student Handbook.

The Student Handbook is written for you as a freshman, and hopefully you will find the handbook useful. In the section "Aalborg University" you can find practical advice on your first day of study, on the PBL model and on Aalborg University's IT systems. In "Life as a student" you can read about topics such as your chance to get influence on the university, volunteering, study techniques, events and leisure activities. Finally, in the "Aalborg" section, you can read more about the city where you will be studying and about local sights, as well as find maps of Aalborg.

I wish you a pleasant start of term and a pleasant time at Aalborg University!

Best regards

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WELCOME TO  

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**AALBORG**  
**UNIVERSITY**

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Per Michael Johansen  
Rector

## Welcome to Aalborg University

I am happy and proud to welcome you as a student at Aalborg University. We will do our best to make AAU a pleasant home for your studies!

The Freshman Handbook can be a helpful tool, so that you quickly feel at home at the university and can make the most of your new life as a student.

The start-of-term period may seem overwhelming, but remember that Aalborg University has around 23,000 students spread out on campuses in Aalborg, Esbjerg and Copenhagen. This means that there are many people you can ask for advice or share your experiences with.

On behalf of the entire university, I hope that you will find yourself at home as a student at AAU. Our study method, known as Problem-Based Learning (PBL), means that you will soon be part of a study group. Through the study group, you will make contact with your fellow students, which means that you can help each other manage and structure your daily studies. The study group not only supports you in terms of your studies but can also contribute to making you feel at home at the university and – if you have moved here – in your new city.

The daily work in the study groups takes place in close contact with a supervisor, who offers both academic supervision and guidance on how to make the most of the group-work-based method of studying. One of AAU's goals is to offer you and your fellow students an education of a high academic standard and at the same time provide

you with the necessary tools for being able to collaborate as part of a well-functioning team. Among other things, this happens when you solve projects in collaboration with companies or organizations outside the university. In our experience, solving problems that 'real' companies and organizations are struggling with is highly motivating and engaging for both students and researchers.

The Freshman Handbook gives you a shortcut to an active and rewarding life as a student at Aalborg University. It is written by students and for students, and on these pages, they share their experiences with you, to quickly give you insight into how the university is organized and works, both academically and socially. I dearly recommend that you use the Handbook to quickly get a good start at AAU.

For many people, their student years are an eventful and defining time in their lives. During these years, you set the course for your life after your studies, and I urge you to engage both academically, socially and in all the activities going on at and around the university.

I experienced my own student years as some of the best years of my life, and it is my hope that in the future, you will be able to look back at your student years at AAU as some of the best years of your life.

Once again welcome to Aalborg University.

Per Michael Johansen  
Rector

# STUDY-START PARTY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

SUSPEKT x VIGILAND  
MATHIAS AND THE BEATROOTS  
DJ NIKOW



Buy your ticket as early as August! Drop by our Facebook page, LIKE us and stay up-to-date on the party and ticket sales:

<https://www.facebook.com/studentersamfundetaau>

You can buy your ticket with or without a membership of the Student Society, but if you are a member, the ticket is 50% off. Tickets can be purchased through this link:

<https://studentersamfundet.safeticket.dk/events>

Have you heard about the study-start party? The biggest party of the year for all freshmen and current students at Aalborg University takes place on **Friday, September 7**. More than 4,000 students and freshmen from all faculties get together in Gigantium for one hell of a party.

There will be plenty of good food, cheap drinks and live music. Doors open at 5PM, when freshmen and tutors gather for a bite to eat, and at 7.30PM the party really gets going, and current students are let in. The following artists will be performing:

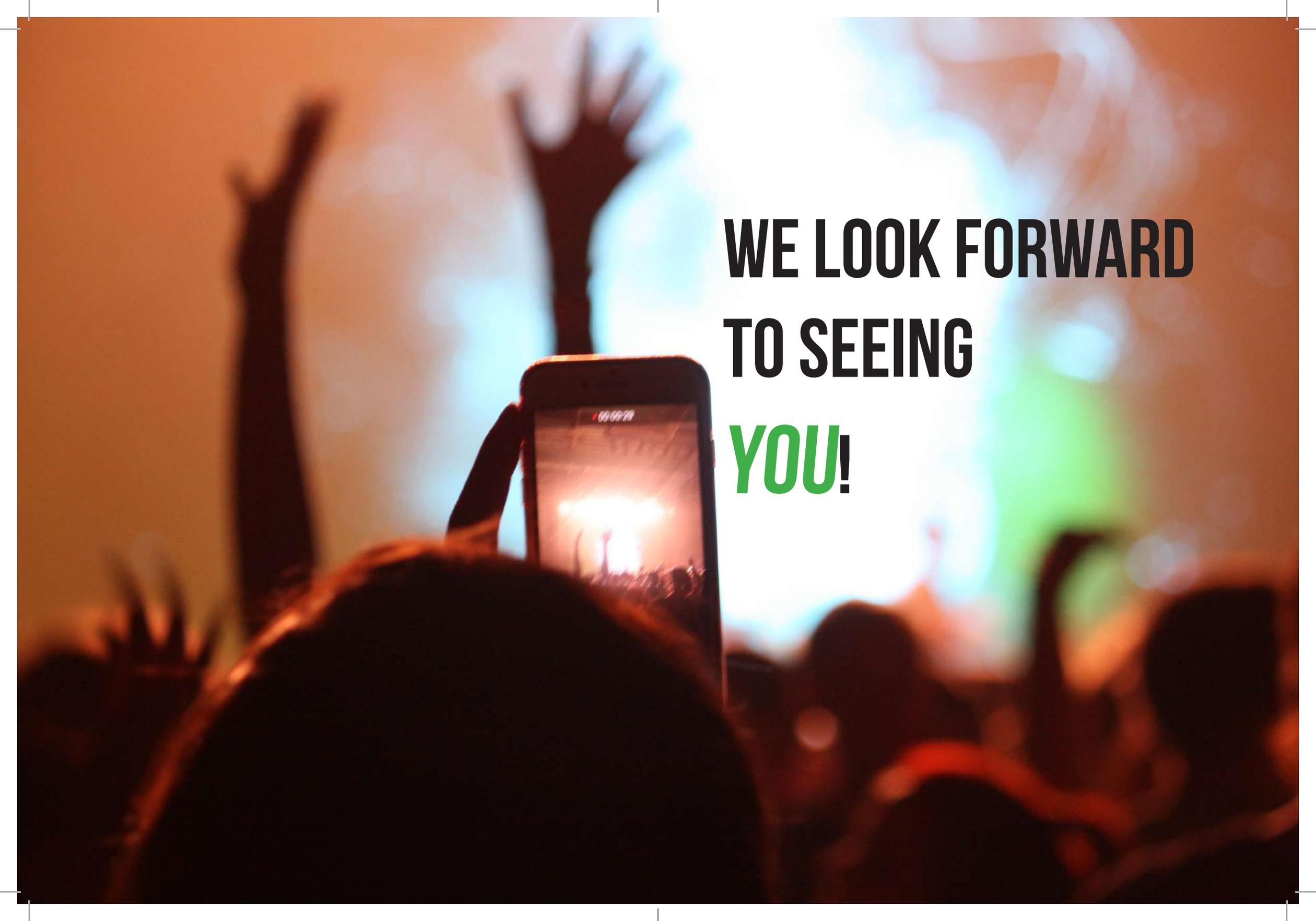
Suspekt x Vigiland

Mathias and the Beatroots

DJ Nikow

You can learn much more about the party at the first day of study on September 3, where your tutor will give you more information.



A photograph of a concert crowd. In the foreground, a smartphone is held up, displaying a video of the same concert. The background is filled with silhouettes of people with their arms raised, illuminated by warm stage lights. The text "WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING  
*YOU!***

# OFF TO A GOOD START WITH

# PBL

BY Alexander Kokkedal

From the very beginning, Aalborg University has planned out its educational programmes on the basis of problem-based learning, which means that students do project work that lets them continually apply the theoretical skills they have gained from their studies on problems relevant to society.

This approach is commonly known under the name the PBL model, and in its special AAU variant it is known as the Aalborg model. At AAU, courses support the students' problem-based project work, and the project group works on problems within their field in collaboration with one or more supervisors.

In AAU-PBL, there is a double consideration: It emphasizes each student's responsibility for his or her own learning, and it gives you as a student the freedom to tailor your learning and immerse yourself in topics within your field of study that you are particularly interested in. In addition, your ability to participate and work in groups is sharpened.

You can read more about the basic principles of the Aalborg model at <http://www.en.aau.dk/about-aau/aalborg-model-problem-based-learning/>.

**Due to the Aalborg model of problem-based learning**, students must, to a higher degree than at other universities, take responsibility for their own learning through their group work, where they must plan the aim, progress and procedure of projects. In most of our BA and MA educational programmes, project work is included at every semester, during which students usually collaborate in groups. These groups must, outside lectures and other classes, reach an agreement on the working procedure and aim of the project. However, you are not left entirely on your own as a student. Each group will be appointed a supervisor who can function as an academic sounding board in terms of, for instance, how to carry out an experiment or what you want to achieve from the project in overall terms.

In addition, most BA programmes have a mandatory, ECTS-valid course in problem-based learning during the 1st semester. If you grow unsure about anything concerning the application of problem-based learning over the course of the semester, you should contact the course coordinator, who will be able to

answer any questions you have concerning the Aalborg model.

**Typically, these projects result in handing in a project**, whose length varies depending on your study programme and the number of group members. At a subsequent oral group exam, every group member will be tested on the contents of your project, and on whether you have a good grip of the concepts and methods that you have applied. The better the project, the easier it will be for the examiner to ask questions about the project at a level that really lets you demonstrate that you know your topic. If you are an introverted person or attend an exam along with group members

who are more active than you in terms of offering themselves and replying to questions, you may grow worried about whether you yourself will get properly tested. However, you as a student need not worry about this, as it is the examiner and censor who are responsible for ensuring that all group members are heard equally on all major parts of the project.

If you worry about things like this during the time leading up to an exam, you can relax and focus your energy during the exam on offering detailed replies when they ask you questions, because it is very much your reasoning skills that you will be judged on under the PBL model.



Read more at <http://www.en.aau.dk/education/problem-based-learning/project-work/>.

**For more information about the Aalborg model in general,** go to [www.pbl.aau.dk](http://www.pbl.aau.dk), where you can find information material that in more detail describes the intentions underlying problem-based learning, the framework within which it takes place, working with PBL in practice, and AAU's visions for problem-based learning in educational programmes. PBL Academy at AAU, who works to support

the Aalborg model, continually releases more materials.

Aalborg University also works on quality assurance in terms of our educational programmes, for instance on the basis of course and semester evaluations. If you find yourself at the end of a semester with some feedback on how well your group work went, and what AAU could have done better in terms of facilitating it, you can share your experiences with the councils and boards who work on the curricula and study environment.



### GOOD ADVICE FOR GROUP WORK

- Enter into a group contract with the others in your group where you determine, among other things, who is responsible for which parts and where, when and how often you will meet.
- Balance your expectations to the project. What do you want to achieve? What mark does each group member aim to get?
- Participate in social activities with your group members outside the scope of the project work: Meet for a cup of coffee or a beer, participate in sports or do other leisure activities together.

### DIFFERENCES FROM STUDY PROGRAMME TO STUDY PROGRAMME

- The Aalborg model is not used in the same way in every study programme. It is always a good idea to contact the course coordinator responsible for the use of PBL in your specific study programme to get a clear idea of how it is applied within your studies.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

BY Majken Ravnkilde

Studying a semester abroad is something which can help students both grow personally and academically, it is also a boost to your CV when applying for jobs. But going abroad for a semester is a long and sometimes unclear process that can be done in many different ways. For your convenience here is listed some of the options:

## Studying at a partner university:

Aalborg University has got a wide range of partner universities all over the world. At <http://exchangeagreements.aau.dk/iris/public/> you can type in your information and see which programs are offered at which universities.

If you find a partner university then you need to contact international office, located at Fibigerstræde 10 in Aalborg, they are open between 12PM-3PM where you can go in without an appointment and get counselling on how to proceed your application process or get more information about universities you might be interested in. Their job is to help you with the financing of your study, language tests, SU once abroad and culture shocks.

## Study abroad via EDU:

EDU is one of your options if you go abroad without an agreement and therefore are funding yourself. EDU offers free guidance counselling and represents more than 50 universities in Australia, Canada, China, England, Holland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, USA and Vietnam and has helped thousands of students abroad during the last 20 years.

A part of their guidance is helping you with course selection, links and tips for scholarships and funding, guidelines and help for applications and general paperwork and a contact person when you are abroad for questioning.

For more information go to: [www.edu-danmark.dk](http://www.edu-danmark.dk)

Or meet EDU and the universities at their EDU Days student fair or at one of their free info sessions in Aalborg.

**Study abroad:  
good advice  
for your  
application  
and stay**

## Study abroad via KILROY:

Another option for going abroad without an agreement is through the travel agency KILROY. KILROY helps you with your questions and guide you through your options to ensure that you have all the information required for you to decide on both your destination and university. When you've found a match, KILROY helps you with your application, how to finance your stay, getting a visa, with insurance and even booking your flight ticket. They also assist you with booking adventurous trips during your stay. And best of all, the guidance is 100% free.

If KILROY sounds like the right solution for you, you can find more information on: <https://education.kilroy.net/>

## Necessities and good advice for going abroad:

- Start early, the process takes a long time especially if you are also applying for scholarships. We recommend 1½ years in advance.
- To include the courses you take abroad in your study you must get them approved by the study board.
- Make sure the amount of credit points (ECTS-Points) is the same so you avoid additional courses.
- Get all your paperwork in order
- Know in advance that it is a hard and long process
- If you are really set on going abroad make sure to have a backup university if your first priority falls through.
- ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS make sure to have travel insurance when going abroad, better safe than sorry!

## Helpful pages for scholarships:

<http://www.legatnet.dk/>

<http://gribverden.dk/sadan-far-du-rad/legater-og-tilskudsordninger>

<https://studerendeonline.dk/legater>

<https://www.legatbogen.dk/saadan-soeger-du>

<http://www.aau.dk/uddannelser/su/legater/>

# IT HELP FOR YOUR START OF TERM

BY Alexander Kokkedal

**The purpose of this text** is to get you well on the way to getting a handle on using some of the basic IT systems that you will encounter as a student at Aalborg University.

You can read about how to access your AAUmail, get connected to the Wi-Fi, locate your timetable, use AAU's printers etc. AAU has many online guides with further information that we link to in the text.

In addition, you can get answers to most of your IT-related questions by contacting AAU IT Services at support@its.aau.dk or tel. (+45) 99 40 20 20.

## UniStart

**UniStart** is one of the first things you will encounter. At Unistart.aau.dk you will need to log in using your CPR number and the password that was included in the e-mail on UniStart that has been sent to your private e-mail address.

Here you will find:

- Link for indicating whether you wish to accept the study place offered to you
- Information on your AAUmail that you can use, among other things, for logging on to mail.aau.dk
- Link for ordering your AAUcard that, among other things, will function as your key to the buildings at AAU and as your library card at the University Library

Scan the individual QR-code to get redirected to the relevant website.



## Wi-Fi

There are two **Wi-Fi networks** at Aalborg University: AAU-1x and AAU-1-Day.

In order to get access to the AAU-1x network, which is better for student use, you will need to download some files. Go to the ITS website <http://www.en.its.aau.dk/instructions/wifi/aau-1x-and-eduroam> and follow the guidelines.

AAU-1-day is a network aimed at guests who will only be at the university for shorter periods of time. The password for AAU-1-Day is changed every day, and the current password can be found at the AAU-1-Day website <http://www.en.its.aau.dk/instructions/wifi/aau-1-day/>



## Moodle

**Moodle** is used at Aalborg University for easy, digital access to relevant materials such as lecture slides, hand-in assignments and links for reading materials as well as contact to your lecturers. The website is [www.moodle.aau.dk](http://www.moodle.aau.dk).

Your user name for Moodle is your AAU e-mail address, and the password is the same as for your AAUmail. You can find more information on Moodle at <http://www.en.its.aau.dk/instructions/Moodle>.

Note that the front page of Moodle may vary from study programme to study programme.



## Various apps

You can **download various apps** developed by Aalborg University to give yourself easier access to important information, including your timetable. A particularly useful app is AAU Student, which is available from Google Play and App Store. You can log in with your AAUmail, and the app will show your timetable with all your lectures indicated. In AAU Student, you can also subscribe to news about topics such as research, study environment and study service.

Other useful apps are AAU Map, which guides you around the AAU campus, and AAU Building Support, which you can use for reporting faults and deficiencies in buildings and on furniture and equipment. They are also available from both Google Play and App Store. Read more about the different apps at <http://www.en.its.aau.dk/app>.



## Digital exam

During your student years, you will be taking exams, and for the digital in-situ tests, you will need to use the system Digital Exam and the monitoring program ITX Flex.

On the website <http://www.en.de.aau.dk/students> you can read about how to use the programs.



## Printers

In order to use the university's printers, you will need to configure your computer.

On the website <http://www.en.its.aau.dk/instructions/printcopy> you can find guides on how to perform the configuration, depending on which type of unit you want to print from and to.

As a freshman, you will be allotted 100 print units, which equals around 500 A4 pages in black and white. When you pick up your prints from the printer, you will need to use your AAUcard.



## Problems with IT?

AAU IT Services  
[support@its.aau.dk](mailto:support@its.aau.dk)

or

tel. (+45) 99 40 20 20



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STUDY LIFE

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# Welcome, by the chairman of the Student Society

*Dear new fellow student,*

As chairman of the Student Society, I warmly congratulate you on your student place at Aalborg University.

On your first day of study, you will meet your new fellow students, and the day will start with an enormous joint breakfast event for all of you at Aalborg's beautiful waterfront, which we of course hope you will attend. At this event you will also meet your tutors, who are there to give you the best possible start of your studies.

The Student Society is the biggest student organization at Aalborg University, and our vision is to make Aalborg University the best imaginable place to study. Through student-political, academic and social activities as well as member benefits and discounts, we aim to make this come true. All of it to make life as a student a little bit easier for you.

Our line-up includes events such as AAULAN, various Friday afternoon social events, UniRun and university parties. One of these parties is the gigantic Start-of-Term Party in Gigantium, which offers really good opportunities for talking to your fellow students, but also to many other freshmen as well as older

students.

If you are a member of the Student Society, you can purchase the ticket for the Study-Start Party and future events at a discounted member price. But membership of the Student Society is much more than just discounted tickets for our events, as we have also done some ground work to ensure our members a number of benefits that they can make use of for their entire period of study.

These benefits include sports activities such as discounts at Aalborg Cable Park and for swimming in Gigantium, social events such as free draught beer on the last Friday of every month, and other awesome member benefits.

We have done this because we understand the significance of meeting new people in environments other than those found in lecture halls and group rooms. It is in the encounter with other people's academic competences that you get a chance to put your own into perspective and establish a professional and social network for life.

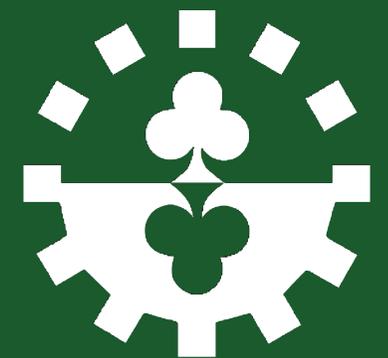
The Student Society is able to do all this because we have a lot of committed and skilled volunteers, who are all enthusiastic about making a difference

for students at Aalborg University. We help each other form the environment that we would like the students to have. So if you want to help us make a difference for your fellow students and at the same time become a part of the coolest community, don't hesitate to drop by, our doors are always open.

Finally, I just want to say, as one student to another, that even though your future years as a student will be both exciting and challenging, your life as a student is more than just books, and in addition offer you some wise words that have helped me countless times: "Always remember to have a good time."

Best regards,

Peter Fisker,  
Chairman of the Student Society,  
Aalborg University



**Studentersamfundet**  
Aalborg Universitet

# Students' politics – your chance for influence

**Stooooop!** You have just landed at one of the most important pages here in the Freshman Handbook. When I say students' politics, a lot of you are probably already about to flip the page, which is a pity if you are not aware of the level of influence and participation in decision making you can actually achieve – both at the university and at a national level.

Only very few of those who start at Aalborg University know that students can participate in deciding which courses and projects they will need to complete during their time here at the university. Also, very few know that students have a hand in deciding who will be allowed a fourth examination attempt, or who will be allowed to study abroad for a semester.

All this, and much more, you can get a hand in deciding by getting elected at AAU's university election, which takes place once a year during the fall semester. This election, and the bodies which you can be elected for, are described further on page 47.

If you are more interested in students' politics at a national level, such as the size of the student grants we can get from the State Education Fund, or whether we will be allowed to get more than one bachelor's degree, you can also get influence on that through the Student Society.

On the first Monday of every month, we organize what we call the Students' Forum. Here, all students at Aalborg University are welcome to show up and voice their opinions within any and every topic concerning students' politics. The Students' Forum is the highest political authority within the Student Society, which means that everything that is decided at a Students' Forum will become a policy that the Student Society must pursue.

At the Students' Forum, you can also get elected as the Student Society's representative in various committees and councils. Examples include the Educational Council at Aalborg Municipality, the Committee of Representatives at the local TV station TV 2 Nord, or our National Forum representative in the National Union of Students in Denmark.

Think any of this sounds interesting? Or do you have other problems/opinions concerning students? If you can answer "yes" to either of these questions, we would love to have you join our team of volunteers who fight every day to make Aalborg University the best place in the world to study. You will of course need to know how to get in contact with us. Contact us at [politik@studentsamfundet.aau.dk](mailto:politik@studentsamfundet.aau.dk), and then we can work together on figuring out what your main interest is!

Best regards,

Emil Njor,  
Student-political spokesman at the Student Society,  
Aalborg University

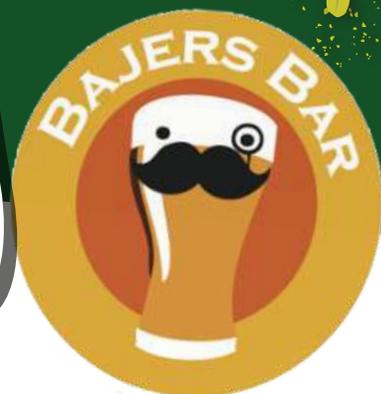


# The Student Society's BARS

BY Anders Risgård Tranholm



Like the DE-Klubben, the BasisBaren distinguishes itself from the rest of the bars in two ways. The fairly distant location in the canteen at Strandvejen 12-14 makes it a little hard for the majority of the students at Aalborg University's more central location in Aalborg East to visit this bar, but this does have a purpose: The bar is known for housing, among others, the newest Math students who are taking their first steps at university, and that's why the BasisBaren's prime task is to welcome these freshmen in the best possible way. Drop by during opening hours, every Friday from 2PM to 8PM.



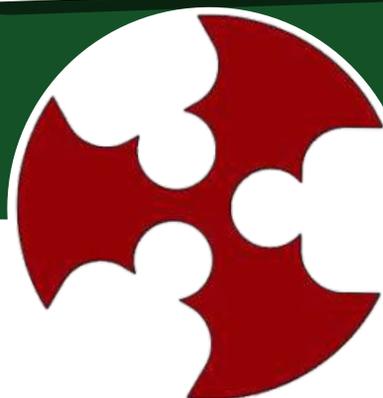
When healthcare and technology students have finished their last lectures on Fridays on Fredrik Bajers Vej, they set course for room E2-104 where they take a nice and well-deserved break from their busy studies by drinking a couple of cold beers in nice surroundings. In spite of this bar being one of the Student Society's smallest, they always welcome you with open arms, cold beer, table football, card games and a great atmosphere every Friday between 2PM and 8PM.



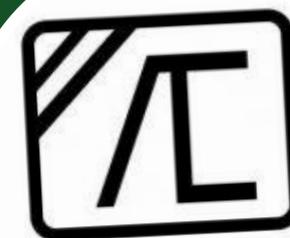
Barbaren carries the title as the only interdisciplinary Friday afternoon bar at Aalborg University. The bar has a prime location on the top floor of Fibigerstræde 15, right next to the big lake, which is highly popular in summer. This bar naturally also offers beer pong and table football. Feel free to drop by and enjoy a cold beer or two with your fellow students every Friday between 1PM and 8PM.



CREATE (Rendsburggade 14) houses the Student Society's lovely Aalbar, where the prettiest students hang out. All students are more than welcome during opening hours between 2PM and 8PM.



This club, whose primary target group is engineers and IT students, distinguishes itself from the other five AAU bars in this article by being open on Thursday afternoons. During the bar's opening hours between 3PM and 8PM, students can enjoy cold beer at sensible prices in a nice environment at Fredrik Bajers Vej 7, room A4-101. In addition, this bar offers beer pong, table football and various PlayStation 4 games for everyone's use.



**MÆRKBAR**

Students at the Faculty of Humanities (English, Danish, German, Understanding Culture, Psychology, History etc.) are the primary guests at Mærkbar, which is located at Kroghstræde 1. Mærkbar is known as the Student Society's coziest bar due to the snug room and adherent lounge where students drink their beer and enjoy themselves. The bar is open every Friday between 1PM and 8PM, and everyone is welcome.

BY Dianna Korshøj

# WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD FOR YOU TO LEARN?

*The shift from “just” going to school to being a student at a university where big lecture halls and extensive curricula often dominate your everyday life can be a radical change. Read this article and get a little better prepared for this different way to study.*

Showing up for lectures and handing in a couple of minor assignments over the course of the year is no longer enough. At Aalborg University, you will encounter many different teaching methods across the different study programmes, but the responsibility for YOUR learning is now to a higher degree YOURS. There are many different ways to approach each teaching method, and even though good intentions do not always equal reality from the start-of-study period until the exams at the end of the semester, it is important to know that your time at university is not necessarily a matter of either/or.

If you have already found out what the best method for you to learn is and know how to structure your time: Awesome! You should get a medal, because for most of us it takes a very long time to figure out, if we ever manage it. It may not always be possible to find the perfect solution, but it is possible to find a solution that is realistic and which

works for you.

A report filled with As, a study-related spare-time job which paves the way for your future career, and a busy social calendar may be the dream scenario, but in the real world prioritizing is crucial. No matter how much you wish you had more time, there will never be more than 24 hours a day. The question may not be what is most important, but rather how you can achieve what you want in a satisfactory way and accept that you cannot achieve perfection. Your friends will probably not disappear because you need to spend a little extra time on your studies, and you will probably not fail if you do not manage to read the whole curriculum; it will all be okay!

Assess what you have time to do. For instance, spend extra time reading up on those things that are hard for you and just skim-read those texts that are easy. You can also assess whether it is necessary to read everything before each lecture or whether it will be okay to just



read it all thoroughly right before your exam.

There are many different ways to do it, and it is important to find the method that works best for you. Some people go to extremes and opt out of everything that is not related to their studies, while others are only interested in Friday afternoon beer events and communities. But the question is whether these extremes are a choice or a lack of making a choice. On our behalf, we advise you to make an effort. A human being needs social contact and time off in order to work optimally, but if these two things are your main priority, you might want to ask yourself whether you are satisfied with your work effort during your studies, and whether you will be okay with having to repeat classes for a semester because you have failed your exams.

So when you can soon call yourself a university student, do it with pride. Try different methods and find the study

life that suits you. Make an effort, and remember that when you are at group work or even at your spare-time job, you are collaborating with other people, which means that it is no longer just you who can assess how much time and effort things will take; everyone needs to be satisfied.

Practice makes perfect, they say, but you cannot be perfect in every regard, so make sure to prioritize and reevaluate things along the way. It can be hard, but fortunately you can often talk with your fellow students or student counseling, and the student chaplains are also good for a talk about how you can make everything come together ... time-wisely! Any religious matters need only be found in your satisfied smile over a job well done.

I wish you all the best with your new status as a university student at Aalborg University.



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# My experiences as a freshman



**OPINION // BY** Malene Gadegaard, Psychology freshman

I have always had a notion that I was going to work with people in some way, and my interest in psychology really grew during my high-school years. However, when I had finished my university-entry examination, I did not feel ready to start my studies. I needed to recharge my batteries, experience entirely different things and figure out exactly what I wanted to do with my life. Psychology was not the only idea in play, but after a stay at a folk high school, I was certain, so I was very happy when I could look forward to studying Psychology at AAU.

I was excited and optimistic, but at the same time my heart was pounding at the thought of moving away from home – and to a “big” city like Aalborg, no less. Prior to being accepted, I had secured a nice room in a small flat share at a central location in Aalborg. It was nice to know that I would not be competing with the thousands of other freshmen in order to find a place to live, and to know that I would not be all alone in a new city.

I grew up on a small peninsula in Western Jutland, which is inhabited by around 3,500 people. There is no traf-

fic light here, and the teachers drive to school on tractors, so there has been a lot to get used to as a newcomer in Aalborg. In spite of now having lived here for six months, I still sometimes forget that at the “big-city grocer’s”, you must put your cash into a nice little coin machine instead of handing it to the shop assistant. My early days in Aalborg were hard, because I had to establish a new social network, while at the same time learn how to be a good student and experiencing all the despair and stress that can follow from being a freshman and establishing a new network. Fortunately, Aalborg as a city offers social opportunities for both freshmen and older students. The Agenda magazine is just one of the many things the city has to offer, and it was the first place I went to. In addition, I have started at different volunteer projects where I can gain study-relevant experience while also developing as a person and meeting new people.

Prior to my first day of study, the thought hit me whether someone like me would at all be able to conduct myself properly at a university. I have always had a notion that universities are for the smartest people. Those who

have everything under control! Fortunately, the university is home to many different people, and even equally different lecturers, so there really is a place for all of us, as long as you do not lose yourself in it all! You will need to learn how to manage the several hundred pages you need to read before each lecture, but I have also had to accept that I need to let myself eat Friday night’s candy on a Thursday as well! It has very much been an educational first semester with many challenges and new experiences.

I am excited to see what the next semester has to offer!

## 5 pieces of advice for freshmen

- 1 Make enquiries early in terms of accommodation applications. You almost cannot be too early, because accommodation is in great demand, especially after the acceptance letters have been sent out.
- 2 Find out what social activities are available around you. Each study programme contains many offers, but Aalborg as a city also offers a wealth of activities.
- 3 If your student grant runs out at the end of the month, different restaurants and grocery chains offer surplus food at a reduced price. Download apps such as 'TooGoodToGo' and 'YourLocal' for good offers.
- 4 When you are going home to visit your friends, a cheap and popular option is 'Go More'. You can create a user profile and keep track of when someone offers a cheap ride.
- 5 There is nothing shameful about needing someone to talk to. In this regard, the student chaplains come highly recommended as a useful and free option.

# UniRun'18

The university fun run, UniRun, once again takes place this year. In keeping with tradition, it takes place on the last Friday of September, which this year is on September 28. It all happens at Kroghstræde 3 at 2PM. This year, the event site opens as early as 12 noon for the handing out of goodie bags and general socializing so you can have a good time together before the race. In addition, there will be different activities

and a chance to buy food and drinks at the event site for both participants and spectators. You can sign up as a team or as an individual, and you can run a distance of 5 or 10 kilometers. If you are neither a competitive person nor the best sprinter at campus, that is quite okay. You can also walk or jog the route with one or more of your fellow students. It is all about having fun while participating and being active. A number of cool



and awesome prizes will be awarded in different ways, including to those who show a bit of extra energy to be first across the finish line, and along the way prizes will be drawn among the participants. Various sponsors have sponsored a lot of goodies and delicacies for the

goodie bags, which will be handed out to each participant in the days leading up to the race along with running shirt and race number. You can also participate as a volunteer and take part in the day in that manner. Registration is already open at Spurto, and more information can be found at the Facebook page UniRun.





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Vi står sammen. Hvor står du?

BY Alexander Kokkedal

# Volunteering - something for you?

Your student years differ in many ways from your high-school years. One of the clearest differences is that you have to organize your own learning. There are lectures, sure, but most are not mandatory, and there are not enough to fill out a workday from 8AM-4PM. As a student, you have a lot of "spare time", in the sense of time entirely at your disposal. As such, you can decide when you want to read things from your curriculum, solve test assignments, sleep on the couch and so on.

You can also write "volunteering" in your calendar if this catches your interest. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteering during your student years - both in Aalborg and at the university itself.

## Why become a volunteer?

Volunteering gives you many advantages. For career-driven types, volunteering provides a nice trimming on the CV. Others see the advantages of gaining new skills from organizing events, heading an association, being a bartender at the local student bar, being active within students' politics, performing in the annual student revue, being a party attendant and much more.

Yet others, who probably have the upper hand, see volunteering as a chance to enter into social communities with their fellow students. Loneliness is a frequent cause of dropout, and the best way to keep it at bay is to get to know the people with whom you share your semester, study programme or university.

## Volunteering is the key to friendships

One example of a volunteer is Lukas Bjørn. He started volunteering in the Student House's music department and booking team, and later he was co-founder of a local student association for Interaction Design. He is happy about the relationships that volunteering has given him. Volunteering gives him a special line of approach for meeting and understanding others.

"I think that when you spend time and work together, you get to know each other for better or for worse. I just read that it takes much longer for grown-ups to establish friendships. When you do volunteer work together, you spend hours in each other's company, and that way you establish some really good relationships," Lukas says.

## What does it take to volunteer?

One characteristic of many types of volunteering is that you are not duty-bound to accepting any of the heavy tasks or putting in more hours than you want. Everyone has a right to try out different things in order to figure out what kind of volunteering fits them best. Start out small: Volunteer at a single event. If you like it, you can try more of the same. As a volunteer, you also get a chance to carry out different tasks than in for instance a spare-time job. Skills such as creating brochures in InDesign, functioning as treasurer in a small association and organizing an event are all things that most students do not learn during their studies or in their spare-time jobs, but try their hand at under the auspices of volunteering.

Medical student Simon Mæng Tjørnehøj has tried many kinds of volunteering during his studies, including as bartender at Bajers Bar, chairman of the Medical Students' Council and active within students' politics. To him, volunteering has led to new skills, network and recommendations.

"It has given me everything. When I started at university, there was nothing that I was actually skilled at. I had never had any kind of involvement with association activities and didn't at all know how organizations worked, so I have learned a lot about how work places function, too, because we try to imitate work places in these volunteer organizations," Simon explains.



Simon Mæng Tjørnehøj

## Want to volunteer? Here are some suggestions

If you love beer and contributing to a nice atmosphere, you can volunteer as a bartender in your local study bar. The Student Society has six bars around campus, such as Barbaren at Fibigerstræde 15. Student associations related to specific study programmes also have bars where you can volunteer.

If you have an interest in technical stuff, such as sound and light at concerts and events, or if you dare venture into the world of WordPress, you can contact the Student Society's Sound & Light group, the IT council or AAULAN, who organize a huge LAN party every semester.

If you want to help organize awesome experiences for fellow students in your study programme, you can sign up at a local students' association, for instance the MedIS Council for students at Medicine with Industrial Specialisation or SoFiA – Sociological Association of Aalborg.

## What is the best reason for starting as a volunteer?

"'Responsibility' would be my answer. Some things you do on your own – I have taken part in establishing an association, and while doing that, you yourself set the entire course along with those you work with, and in other contexts you just get the responsibility for things. When we organize festivals or book music at the Students' House, you need to be able to defend your decisions."

- Lukas Bjørn, co-founder of the students' association FixD



## What have you achieved socially from volunteering?

"Every single time I encounter a problem, I know whether I should seek help from one of my friends at the TECH, HUM or SAMF faculty to get it sorted out. As an example, we tried to draw up a citizens' proposal some time ago, and we knew someone at Law whom we asked, "Can you explain this to us?", and then we were able to do it."

- Simon Mæng Tjørnehøj, active in students' politics in the Student Society



## STUDY BOARD

In the study board, you work on:

-  Approve study programmes
-  Ensure quality in education
-  Grant exemptions and merit
-  Improve teaching

**How much work?**  
Approx 5 meetings per semester

**How many study boards exists?**  
Really many!  
42, to be precise.

**Who are in it?**  
Up to 6 students  
Up to 6 researchers

## INSTITUTE COUNCIL

In the institute council, you work on:

-  Hiring researchers/instructors
-  Improve the physical conditions
-  E.g. tables, chairs, group rooms
-  Instruction and scientific work

**How much work?**  
2-3 meetings per semester

**How many institute councils exists?**  
19!  
One per institut.

**Who are in it?**  
Up to 3 students  
Up to 6 researchers  
Up to 3 technical personnel  
The leader of the institute

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL

In academic council, you work on:

-  Improve the faculty
-  Draw up the in-house budget
-  Improve work- and study environment
-  Set up strategies and plans for visions

**How much work?**  
2-3 meetings per semester

**How many academic councils exists?**  
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**Who are in it?**  
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10 researchers  
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Interested? Then drop us an email at [redaktor@agenda.aau.dk](mailto:redaktor@agenda.aau.dk) with a short description of yourself and your motivation for applying.

We hope you will want to contribute to AGENDA!

BY Alexander Kokkedal

# ACHIEVE PARTICIPATION through *students' politics*

Students do not have to accept what they think are bad conditions in their study programme. If you are dissatisfied with a course you have followed, for example because you felt the course did not provide any particular learning outcome, or if you did not feel the lecturer did a good job, there are different ways to handle it. As an example, at the end of every semester, all students receive links for course and semester evaluations through their AAUmail, in which they get a chance to offer their feedback on what worked well during that course or semester, and what could be improved.

The course and semester evaluations will be read by the local study board, who can then include them in the dis-

cussion of the content of future study programmes – that is, the plans for how an education is organized in terms of courses, exam forms, curriculum etc.

## Improve your study programme - run for election

Actually, you as a student can also sit on your study board if you run and get elected at the university election in November, and that way you can achieve a more direct influence. In addition to study boards, students can also run for department councils and academic councils, which among other things handle the physical environments of each study programme, including group rooms. All students can run, Emil Njor, student-political spokesman in the Student Society,

assures us.

“The only prerequisite is that you have an opinion on what it is like to be in your study programme, and what could be improved. So if you have an opinion on that and want to help your fellow students get a better education and time at university, I definitely think you should consider running at the university election,” he says.

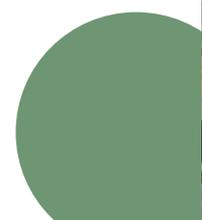
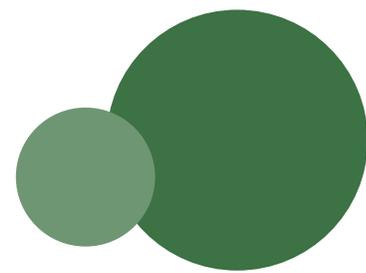
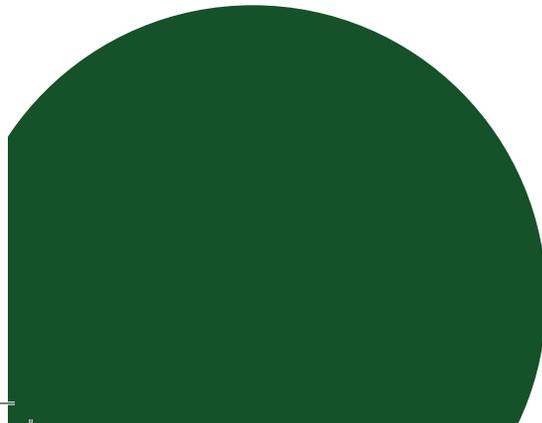
By being active in a student-political association like the Student Society, you can also contribute to influencing the opinions that are expressed through national organizations such as the umbrella organization National Council of Dan-

ish Students. All it takes is showing up at the monthly Students' Forum, which is the Student Society's highest political authority.

“It has surprised me how short the road is from showing up and stating your mind in the Students' Forum to it becoming an actual policy that is expressed by the National Council of Danish Students on national news,” Emil Njor says.

## Students' Forum - a meeting place with potential

If you are interested in students' politics and looking for a good place to start, both in terms of learning more about it



and of getting influence, we recommend that you try participating in the Students' Forum. Here, you are brought up-to-date on study-related topics and topics regarding educational policy from students elected in various councils and boards, both at AAU but also at Aalborg Municipality. Policy papers are drawn up and voted on, and delegations are formed for the National Council of Danish Students' political conferences.

"I feel that it is easy to get a say, and it is easy to get to talk about something that will eventually be subject for a decision," Pelle Andersen says. He has participated in the Students' Forum several times and, through it, been elected as the students' representative in Aalborg University's canteen committee.

There are actually a wide range of possibilities in the Students' Forum for getting nominated for different positions, for instance at the Educational Council in Aalborg Municipality or in Factum Books' and AKU Aalborg's committees, and you can also get a seat on one of the Student Society's ad-hoc councils or in the regular national, international and living-condition-related councils. Through these, you gain a lot of knowledge and establish some great relationships.

"I entered into it without any significant connections, and I have now gotten to know a lot of people, who know even more people than I do, and that is a great way to establish a network," Pelle Andersen explains.

### Do freshmen even get a say at the Students' Forum?

"When we sit here and talk about things and afterwards put them to a vote, no vote counts more than others. This means that you can walk in off the street without ever having participated in any political work, join us as a complete volunteer and still be listened to with the same importance as people who have been here for 5 years."

- Pelle Andersen, student representative in the academic council for the TECH faculty



### What is students' most direct way to influence?

"There are tons of ways in which students at AAU can get influence. The most direct one is probably through the university election once a year, where you can get elected for anything from study boards to department councils, academic councils and even the university board, which are the bodies at the university that handle the creation of your curricula and what your physical environment at the university is like."

- Emil Njor, student-political spokesman in the Student Society



# FOUND A COMPANY WHILE YOU STUDY

BY Alexander Kokkedal



**AAU Startup Program** is the name of a program that students can be accepted into upon application. Here, they get a chance to participate in workshops, get counseling from SEA's business developers, financial support for things like specialty consultancy and prototype development, as well as the chance to apply for a designated workspace in the AAU Inkubator. The AAU Startup Program has helped many students on their way to getting their companies to generate a turnover, including tech companies, socio-economic companies, VR and AR companies, game developers and companies within the food industry.

Read more about AAU Startup Program at:  
<http://www.sea.aau.dk/sea-for-students/startup-program/>

You have just started your studies and can look forward to studying intensively for the next 5 years. You are expected to actually be a full-time student and put 42-48 hours a week into your studies. That does not mean that your studies need to take up all your time. A spare-time job, voluntary work and leisure activities can be added in to earn some money or get some practical experience during your studies.

If you feel up to it, Aalborg University also provides the framework for starting your own company during your studies, in other words, become an entrepreneur by using the various offers under SEA – Supporting Entrepreneurship at AAU.

SEA is an organization under the auspices of AAU Innovation and is located at AAU Inkubator for young student entrepreneurs at Fibigerstræde 11. Here, students can make use of SEA's offers and get counseling and guidance from business developers and fellow students who have also chosen to walk the entrepreneurship path.

**Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs** is an exchange program for Danish students who are interested in trying their hand at working in an international startup company, as well as for international students who would like to be part of the team in a Danish startup company. This is an incredible chance to get an international network and learn about the trends within entrepreneurship and innovation that are stirring around the world. At some study programmes at Aalborg University, studies abroad are an integrated element of the educational programme, and if you are attending one of these study programmes, the Erasmus program will be particularly relevant.

Read more about Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs at  
[www.sea.aau.dk/erasmus-entrepreneurs/](http://www.sea.aau.dk/erasmus-entrepreneurs/).

**AAU Startup Supporters** is not a program, but the name of an open Facebook group administered by SEA that is open to all students. The Facebook group constitutes a forum for discussions and feedback among entrepreneurs and for recruiting new team members, as well as a place where you can get a first-hand impression of what is currently on student entrepreneurs' minds. Events and news related to entrepreneurship are also shared in the Facebook group, both by SEA and by the group's members.

Find the group on Facebook and keep track of what is afoot.

**These are just a few of SEA's offers**, which also include the Innovative Growth program for graduates, external business consulting through Business Booth and Entrepreneurial Talent workshops. If you have an idea for a company and would like to work focusedly on it, or if you have a set of skills that you think could benefit a startup company, you are always welcome to contact AAU Inkubator at [sea@sea.aau.dk](mailto:sea@sea.aau.dk) or by showing up at Fibigerstræde 11, room 35, Monday to Thursday at 9AM-2PM.

Read much more at [www.sea.aau.dk/sea-for-students/](http://www.sea.aau.dk/sea-for-students/).

## Hard work + a good environment = success

Within the AAU Startup Program, Thomas Holm Thomsen and two of his fellow students have developed the company e-Shoptimizer, which performs competitor monitoring for web shops. In April they were bestowed an entrepreneurship grant of DKK 250,000 from the NOVI science park. He describes the significance of having a workspace at AAU Inkubator with his company: "The cornerstone of our success is clearly hard work, but having an environment where we could make it real has definitely helped."

Thomas Holm Thomsen

e-Shoptimizer



## Support at all stages

Business Law student Mike Vestergaard approached SEA, and with two others he founded DIGURA, which uses software for telling people with a legal problem whether they have a solid case. The workspace and the feedback from business developers were a helping hand on the path towards launch of the company. "SEA is not just for those who have a company. They will also help if you have an idea that you want to transform into a company," Mike Vestergaard says.

Mike Vestergaard

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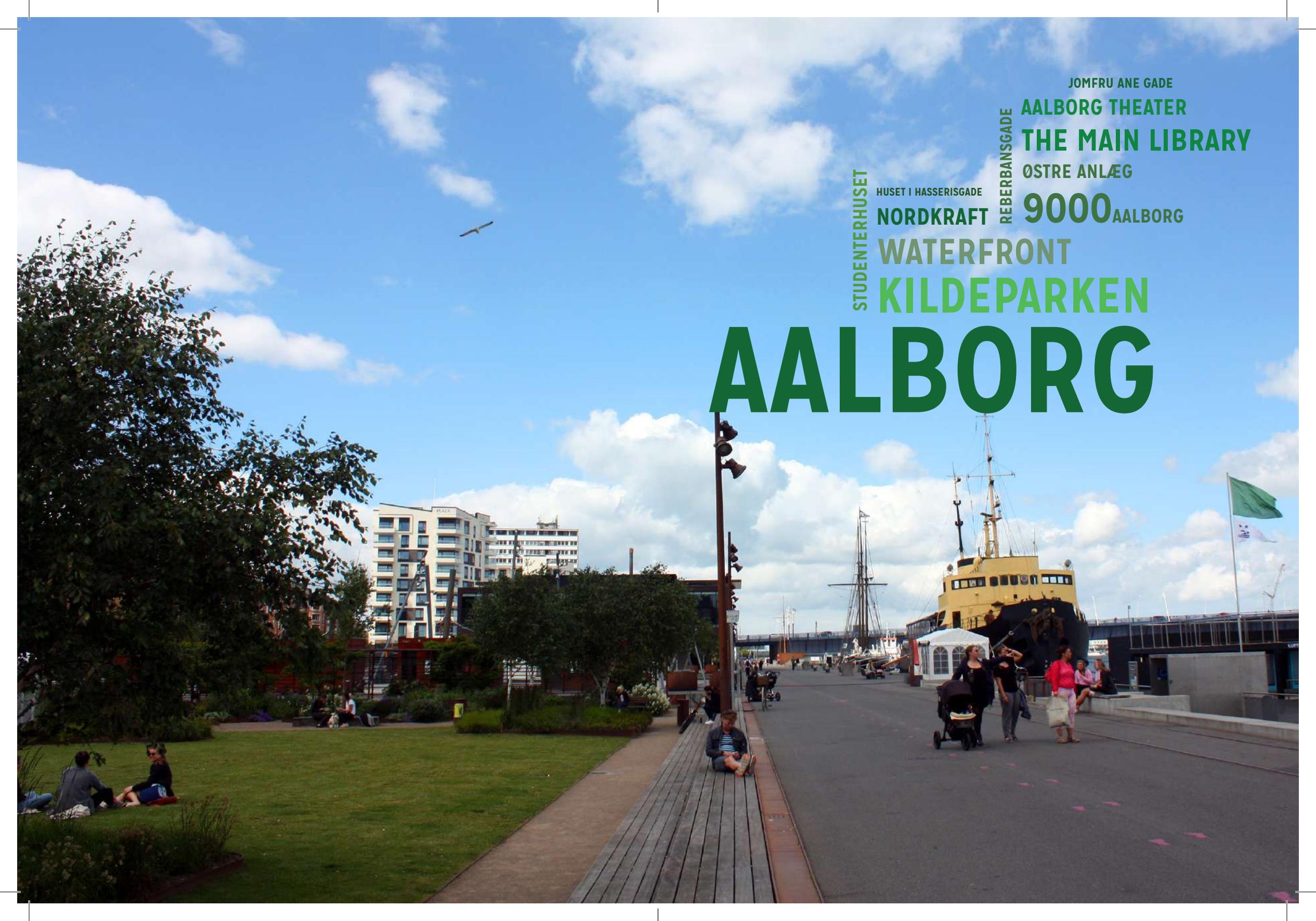
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In Aalborg, we value both freshmen and “old” students, because each and every one of you contribute to adding spice to our city and to turning Aalborg into an even better city teeming with life and good spirits.

In order to reciprocate our joy in the many students choosing our city, Aalborg does a lot to be an attractive place of education – and in recent years, our city has gone through an amazing development in exactly this regard.

We build youth residences like never before, and we continually expand our cultural and leisure-time offers to ensure we have something for every taste. I hope you will visit our many offers, experience them and use them!

In Aalborg, we have an amazing level of collaboration between our educational institutions, private businesses and industry, and public authorities – collaboration that among other things benefits the city’s students in the shape of spare-time jobs and internships.

I hope you will get some amazing years in Aalborg. We have created the framework – and I hope you are ready to fill it, ensuring that your years of study in Aalborg will forever be remembered as some of the best in your life!

If you want to know more about your municipality, I recommend visiting us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or at aalborg.dk

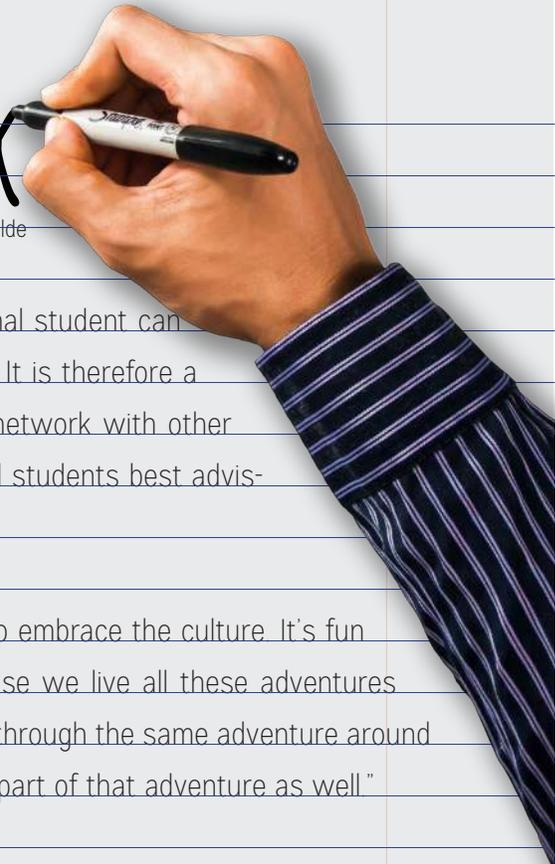
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# COMING TO DENMARK

BY Majken Ravnkilde



Coming to Denmark as an international student can be a challenging experience to many. It is therefore a good idea to socialize and create a network with other students. Here are three international students best advises:

**Daniela:** "My best advice would be to embrace the culture. It's fun being an international student because we live all these adventures together. Have people who are going through the same adventure around you and have Danes wanting to be a part of that adventure as well."

**Guilherme:** "What helped a lot for me was going out with my friends and possibly starting to eat bacon because then I feel like a real Dane."

**Anna:** "What helped me was the first buddy program. Any questions I had I could just ask my buddy, so I wouldn't get stressed of not knowing something."

## THE INTERCAMBIO PROGRAMME:

The Intercambio Programme celebrates languages, cultures and bringing people together from across borders. The people at Intercambio believes that mastering languages is an important skill when living in a modern global society. Therefore, they host culturally themed events to give you the opportunity to practice language and make connections. Anyone can join free of charge, join at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/theintercambio/about/>

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO WHERE TO GO IN ORDER TO MEET BOTH DANISH AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

## THE BUDDY PROGRAM:

Being in a foreign country can be overwhelming in the beginning. The buddy programme can help international students settle in by teaming them up with current AAU students. Your assigned buddy will introduce you to Danish culture, provide practical information about studying and living in Aalborg as well as being your first contact person and friend.

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If you want to experience Danish culture 'Dine with a Dane' is a great event. You will get the opportunity to visit Danes and enjoy a free dinner and company in their own homes. This has given many a unique experience of local Danish culture and lasting friendships. 'Dine with a Dane' is organized by The University Chaplains.

For more information see: [www.chaplains.aau.dk](http://www.chaplains.aau.dk) or mail: [praesten@adm.aau.dk](mailto:praesten@adm.aau.dk)

## INTERNATIONAL NIGHT:

International Night at Studenterhuset is your opportunity to meet new people, learn about different cultures, and connect with people from all over the world. At Studenterhuset they host events throughout the year, such as karaoke night. The events are hosted once a week on Wednesdays at 8PM and everyone is always welcome to join.

Stay tuned by checking out their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/studenterhuset.aalborg/>

## CONNECT INTL:

Connect Intl is the student lead association for Language and International Studies, English and Language and International Studies, Spanish. Connect Intl aims to provide LISE/SIS students with social and academic events, thus creating an environment that will inspire students, aid in their development and be a platform for networking. For more information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/connectingaustudents/>

## BEST:

BEST is an international organisation for all engineering students at AAU. BEST strives to help students to develop themselves and to become more internationally minded by reaching a better understanding of European cultures and creating a large international and interdisciplinary network. If you want to learn more go to: <https://best.aau.dk/>

## AIESEC:

AIESEC is a global platform for young people to develop their full potential. Their main focus is learning from practical experiences in challenging environment. By doing volunteer work you get the opportunity to experience cross-culture exchange and local as well as international networking. Join AIESEC as a member or get an internship abroad by going to: <https://www.aiesec.dk/>

## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE:

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They open for applications in September. For more information go to: [www.ihnd.dk/gga](http://www.ihnd.dk/gga)



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# Welcome to Denmark's best city for education

BY Mie Louise Nielsen

Are you a freshman in Aalborg? Then a huge WELCOME to you! You have now arrived in Denmark's best city for education, if we may say so ourselves. Aalborg is an old industrial city that has now developed into a city of culture and education. The city is located by the Limfjord with lovely surroundings. It is easy to get around in the city: Aalborg offers good bicycle areas, paths and good bus connections to, among other things, the university, where you will soon learn the difference between where line 2 and line 12 go on campus.

If you explore downtown Aalborg, you should know that Aalborg has two central pedestrian streets, and if grey clouds should gather over Aalborg, you can seek shelter in the Friis Shopping center downtown or go on an outing to City Syd, where you will find the mall Aalborg Storcenter with, among other things, the big grocery store Bilka.

Aalborg has grown into a very youthful city with a major focus on culture, art and diversity. For instance, take a walk around Vestbyen, where you will encounter a lot of huge gable paintings, or visit the Ø-gadekvarteret, where a lot of students live and hang out in the recreational areas. No matter whether you live close to the campus, in Ø-gaden, Vestbyen or downtown, this guide will give you some suggestions for places in Aalborg you should know.

Once again welcome to Denmark's best city for education!



## 1. Hovedbiblioteket - The Main Library

The Main Library is located in Rendsburggade. The Main Library provides a great setting for learning, which is why many students use it for studying or doing group work, but you need to be fast, because the library quickly fills up. The library contains more than just books; it also offers old arcade games, table football, a piano and a room allocated to gaming only!

## 2. Nordkraft

Nordkraft is located at Kjellerups Torv, and back in the day it provided electricity for the city. Now it houses a multitude of cultural offers. Visit the Skræn music venue, which presents a wide range of stand-up, concerts and lectures, or Biffen, Nordkraft's small cinema that shows many critically acclaimed movies. In addition to concerts and movies, Nordkraft also houses the DGI-huset sports center where you can play badminton or use the fitness center. On top of this, Nordkraft regularly hosts flea markets, food markets, free movie showings in summer and a wealth of other cool events.



## 3. Studentarhuset - The Student House

The Student House is located at Gammeltorv and is run by volunteers. It houses a bar, table football and an upstairs study room with space for 130 students. The Student House hosts a lot of concerts with Danish and international artists, as well as events for international students. The Student House also lends its premises to talks and presentations, and one of the University Chaplains' offices is in this building as well.

## 4. Reberbansgade (Reberbanen)

This street has a central location and offers a wealth of eating places where you can get anything from sandwiches to Thai food and falafel. Due to the nearby location of Aalborg University Hospital Section North, as well as the many restaurants, driving in the narrow street is quite difficult. We recommend that you park your car elsewhere and walk there on foot if you want to avoid the annoying traffic.



## 5. Kildeparken

On your first day of study, you will be going to Aalborg Congress & Culture Center (AKKC). This is located right next to the park Kildeparken (or "Kilden"), where you will find a small pond, beautiful iron sculptures and musical trees where loudspeakers play songs by the artists who have planted them. During the last weekend of May every year, the Aalborg Carnival takes place in Kildeparken and presents an amazing line-up of artists playing concerts in this lovely park. Also note that a large number of the citizens of Aalborg celebrate Labor Day in Kildeparken on May 1, where the agenda includes various talks by select politicians, musical entertainment from a series of skilled artists, as well as proper Danish "hygge" with beer in the (hopefully) lovely spring weather.



## 6. Østre Anlæg

This city park is located in Ø-gadekvarteret and consists of green lawns, pretty flowerbeds and a big lake. From Østre Anlæg you will have a nice view of the bell tower of the church Sankt Markus Kirke, and the park offers you a nice oasis from the busy city life where you can enjoy nature in quiet and peaceful surroundings. As a continuation of the description of Kildeparken, it should be noted that Østre Anlæg is also a highly popular destination for many students, who take advantage of the city parks' wonderful nature - during summer months, you will be lucky to find a vacant spot.





### 7. *Jomfru Ane Gade*

This street, also known as “the street”, branches off the pedestrian street and contains several pubs, bars and discotheques with widely different concepts in terms of décor, atmosphere and music. During week-end nights, the street is completely packed with people moving from one place to the next. It is a great place to get acquainted with your new fellow students, because it has something for everyone. Even if you just want to experience the atmosphere. Jomfru Ane Gade/“Gaden” (“The Street”)/ “Byen” (“The City”) (it goes by many names) is the most famous street in Aalborg, and if you are equipped with a slightly stronger heart for partying, this (in)famous street is the perfect spot.

### 8. *The waterfront*

Within recent years, the formerly unimpressive harbor front has received a facelift, and it is now teeming with cultural offers including playgrounds, an open-air harbor bath, restaurants and comfortable seats. When the summer sun is high in the sky, it is crowded with people fishing, enjoying the view over the Limfjord, eating ice cream and taking runs. The harbor front also hosts the annual Aalborg Regatta with a wealth of beautiful ships, various concerts and other activities on land as well as on water. Aalborg Regatta is by far one of the most popular summer events – and it is free!



### 11. *Vestre Fjordpark (Friluftsbadet) - Open air swimming pool*

Since the city is not covered in long wide beaches, it is quite amazing that Aalborg has invested in establishing a nice gathering point where you can get a nice tan, bathe or try your hand at some of the cool activities such as kayaking and wind surfing.

Upon the closure of the old open-air swimming pool in the fall of 2015, the amazing area has been renovated and expanded into a 165.000 m<sup>2</sup> summer paradise known as Vestre Fjordpark (locals will probably still call it “Friluftsbadet”). Vestre Fjordpark is open around the clock, and admittance is free. Be aware, though, that lifeguards are only present during summer months.



### 9. *Aalborg Theater*

The city’s old theater is located in Jernbanegade, where its beautiful facade faces the street and always shows ads for current plays. At Aalborg Theater you can experience plays based on Shakespeare, Hans Christian Andersen, Henrik Ibsen and many more – always with a modern twist that borders on the experimental. If you want a break from parties and studies and prefer a profoundly cultural experience, Aalborg Theater is the perfect choice. Aalborg Theater furthermore offers student discounts for all performances on weekdays.

### 12. *Aalborgtårnet - Aalborg Tower*

Aalborg Tower is Aalborg’s tallest landmark and was built in 1933. The tower offers a 360-degree panoramic view of the city that you will find nowhere else, and if you want to impress your date, this is a good choice. For just DKK 40, you can ride Northern Europe’s tallest outdoor elevator to the top, where you can enjoy the view for as long as you like, and should you grow a little peckish, you can finish the day in the tower’s bistro.

The Aalborg Tower is open from March until October.



# GOOD PLACES TO STUDY

BY Marianne Roed Abrahamsen

*Do you need a place to work on your studies?*

If you cannot find a place to sit down to work within your faculty, you can look around the city to find a good place to study.

Here is a list of places where you can sit down to study or do group work:

## Nordkraft

In the cultural center Nordkraft, you can study in the AAU university library. There are both big and small desks for group work, sofa set for relaxation or immersion and reading cubicles. At most workspaces there are power sockets, and there are a number of whiteboards for general use.

Address: TEGLGAARDS PLADS 1, 9000 AALBORG

## Hovedbiblioteket - The Main Library

At the Main Library, there are a lot of seats and chairs suitable for study work, fresh coffee from the vending machine, Wi-Fi, and table football for the breaks. In addition to the Main Library, there are 12 smaller libraries around Aalborg Municipality.

Address: RENDSBURGGADE 2, 9000 AALBORG

## The University Library - Langagervej

At Langagervej there are big and small desks for group work and for individual studying, quiet work places, reading cubicles, and a reading room – when a room is available for it – for immersion, as well as sofa sets for relaxation or work. There are power sockets at most workspaces and extension cords for loan. There are also a number of whiteboards for general use.

Address: LANGAGERVEJ 2, 9220 AALBORG EAST



## The University Library - Strandvejen

There are places for studying on the ground floor at Strandvejen. Outside service hours you will need an admission card to gain entry.

Address: STRANDVEJEN 12-14, 9000 AALBORG

## Read more about the different branches of the University Library - AUB at

<http://www.en.aub.aau.dk/branches/>

## The Student House - Studenterhuset

The Student House has a reading room on the top floor where you can study in a quiet place.

Address: GAMMELTORV 10, 9000 AALBORG

## Fibigerstræde 15

In the canteen at Fibigerstræde 15 you can study at one of the small tables.

Address: FIBIGERSTRÆDE 15, 9220 AALBORG EAST

## Historie Aalborg reading room - Aalborg City Archives

Here you will find peace and quiet for immersion. You can even sit in complete silence behind soundproof glass.

Address: ARKIVSTRÆDE 1 - 9000 AALBORG



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