Chinese Area Studies

CHINESE AREA STUDIES
FOR BACHELORS & MASTERS STUDENTS

Aalborg University
Denmark
China’s global influence is taking off – be a part of the journey! With a specialisation in Chinese Area Studies you open the door to a variety of professional career possibilities where China is a central component, such as international trade, regional & multilateral institutions, the public sector or NGOs.

The curriculum of Chinese Area Studies (CAS) is designed to provide a broad understanding of contemporary and historical issues in China’s development, as well as the scale of China’s impact on the world economy and global relations. The curriculum consists of a number of lectures at the bachelors and the masters levels aimed at introducing topics in a problem-based and interdisciplinary manner. Through this approach students will be capable of comprehending and analyzing China-related issues in a holistic and coherent combination.

If you choose to follow courses in CAS as a part of your bachelors degree you will be introduced to basic elements within Chinese history, philosophy, and the influence of culture on family and business relations. A basic language course in Chinese is also offered. Furthermore, there are a variety of electives related to the Chinese political system, such as Chinese Comparative Government.

CAS at the masters level enables students to focus on China as a particular field of specialisation within their two-degree programme. The masters curriculum consists of lectures designed to introduce you to China from an integrated and interdisciplinary approach, by focusing on the rise of China and its indispensable role in international development and the international political economy.

Direct Link with China

The CAS programmes are also partly integrated with the Confucius Institute for Innovation and Learning at Aalborg University. For students who have a particular interest in the Chinese language and culture can receive support from the Confucius Institute, which is linked with Hanban - the Chinese Ministry of Education. There are a number of Chinese scholarships regularly available and the Confucius Institute can assist and coordinate the application process. Students can also receive other relevant assistance in finding an internship, studying in China, and more.

International Connections through an Internship or Study Abroad

To enhance students’ international opportunities, Aalborg University has widespread linkages to a range of organisations - from various UN agencies to NGOs, and government embassies to private companies - we continue to increase our international relations with host organisations around the globe. In addition, Aalborg University has a number of bilateral agreements with universities in non-European countries including many Chinese universities.
Aalborg University - First in Learning Innovation

Established in 1974, Aalborg University (AAU) is an internationally recognized institution that offers first-rate academic programs. Our 14,000 students choose from over 60 different study programmes within three faculties. AAU is one of Denmark’s leading universities in innovative methods of cooperation with the surrounding world from the local to the international levels.

Students are surrounded by a concentration of top-quality research and study facilities. There are also a number of services to support you in your academic work - wireless networks, remote database access, a digital project library, and much more. Throughout the year there are many events and activities organized to help you get the most out of your Aalborg University and Danish experience.

Innovative Learning

Our learning model rests upon principles of interdisciplinarity, problem-based learning and project work. Today, we are one of the leading universities in this method - but what truly sets us apart is the close connection between students and faculty. It begins by students themselves identifying real-world problems, which they tackle through group projects in cooperation with their supervisor. In a recent OECD evaluation, our teaching model was applauded for being “optimal for learning”.

Examples of Lectures offered in CAS

- Basic Chinese
- The Chinese Political System
- Chinese ancient and modern history
- Face & connection – doing business in China
- Impact of globalisation on Chinese identity
- Rise of China & the existing world order
- Cultural Implications of East meeting West
- Origins of Chinese civilisation - myth & magic
Enrolling in CAS

CAS is an interdisciplinary specialisation. While a bachelors degree in a social sciences or humanities is directly relevant, other degrees such as history, human geography, law or anthropology are equally qualified for admission. Students from the following bachelors and masters programmes are most welcome:

**Bachelors programmes:**
Students enrolled in international programmes such as International Business Communication or Languages and International Studies can take CAS as a specialisation or an optional subject.

**Masters programmes:**
CAS can be chosen alongside the abovementioned programmes, or other existing programmes including: Development and International Relations; European Studies; Culture, Communication & Globalisation; Tourism; History; Sociology; Public Administration, etc. Faculties including engineering & technical sciences can also acquire ECTS points upon completion of undergraduate programme in CAS.

**Socializing & the City**

Aalborg is the ideal setting for generating solutions to global issues alongside a cultural vigor like nowhere else. Located near to Denmark’s stunning west coast, the city is known for its ‘cozy’ café life, cobble stone streets and charming harbour front.

Aalborg is a great place to meet students from around the globe. AAU’s Student House bar is crowded every Wednesday for International Night and at the end of the week the campus is bustling with the Friday Café. We look forward to seeing you in one of Denmark’s fastest growing cultural and academic hubs!

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Application forms/ Tuition fees  
http://studieguide.aau.dk/apply  
http://studieguide.aau.dk/Optagelse/Ansskemaer

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**English Language Competence**

Foreign students must successfully complete an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) test (native English speakers are exempt), while Danish students must have no less than a B-level in English. Also, students are given the opportunity to attend English language classes to further improve their skills during the semester.

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“Learning is like rowing upstream: not to advance is to drop back”

Chinese philosopher Confucius