



**BRANDBJERG**  
HØJSKOLE

**A Danish Folk High School**  
for international students

Brandbjerg Højskole is a modern folk high school, situated in the beautiful countryside of Denmark. We offer a vibrant and supportive community that can provide the environment to experience some of the most unforgettable months of your life. A stay at Brandbjerg Folk High School is a unique introduction to Denmark and Danish culture and, who knows, perhaps a stepping stone to further studying in Denmark.

You will meet teachers with an extraordinary passion for what they do, and a genuine interest in you and your fellow students. You will make close friends and develop yourself in many ways. We treasure diversity at Brandbjerg and you will experience a campus atmosphere where everyone connects across subjects, interests and backgrounds. We offer 4 main subjects and a wide range of elective subjects and you will have access to film, music, sports and art facilities all day and night.



### What is a folk high school?

The Folk High Schools belong to a school tradition in Denmark that dates back more than 150 years. They were founded on the ideas and writings of the Danish philosopher, poet, politician and educational thinker N.F.S. Grundtvig (1783-1872) as boarding schools for young adults. The aim was to enable ordinary people to become independent, enlightened citizens capable of participating in the forming of society.

A broad variety of subjects are taught in the Folk High Schools today. One key focus is to discover and strengthen the unique skills, courage and passion of each student in a challenging yet supportive atmosphere. Another key focus is to nourish the students' sense of being global citizens with the inherent responsibilities and critical perspective on present society this entails. The active involvement in the shared community is a core ingredient in a Folk High school stay. The schools offer a safe setting that encourages curiosity and creativity, building of relationships and participation in the development of society.

The students of today come with different backgrounds and are usually between 18 and 30 years, and the length of a typical stay is 4-10 months. By far, most of the folk high schools

today are boarding schools. You eat, sleep, study and spend your spare time at the school. The interaction with the teachers happen both within and outside taught subjects and the classes are based on reciprocity, dialogue and mutual learning between staff and students and between students. There are no academic requirements for admission and there are no exams. Motivation and engagement are the drivers.



*"I met amazing friends from almost every possible place in the world. I improved my English and learned some basic Danish. I also learned a lot about myself: Who am I and what do I want from life. Brandbjerg showed me that I shouldn't be afraid of dreaming and making my dreams come true. My stay at Brandbjerg was the most wonderful year in my life."*

**- Kasia, Poland**

*- now studying at University of  
Law and Administration in  
Lodz Poland*

## The subjects at Brandbjerg

There are four main subjects, electives and travels. A folk high school stay at Brandbjerg Højskole is an investment for life. Here you will learn about yourself, the world and your dreams. Whether you immerse yourself in a particular subject area or try a bit of everything, you will encounter time and space for development. You will be involved in debates on society and work with some of the challenges of the world. During your stay, you will be part of a diverse community and create life long friendships.



## Soundhouse

Create your own music and sound in a dynamic and ambitious music scene, where genre dogmas are dissolved and diversity in music meet and come together.



## Eventlab

Improve your skills in project management, team development, communication, leadership and innovation together with students from all over the world.



## Kompas

**Only for Danish-speaking students.**

Rediscover your particular core and qualify your choices in life. Develop better contact with your body, mind, your heart and other people.



## Outdoor

Plan and conduct expeditions with your team and develop your skills in kayaking, mountain biking, tree climbing and more.



# Main subjects

## Dates and prices

Below are the start dates and prices of the courses. The prices include food, lodgings, tuition and start fee. Travel costs are not included, as they depend on the chosen trips.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at +45 75 87 15 00 or bh@brandbjerg.dk

### Autumn 2018

#### 11. august – 21. december 2018

5 weeks: kr. 10.000,- (ends 14. september 2018)

19 weeks: kr. 27.075,-

31 weeks: kr. 44.175,- (ends 30. marts 2019)

43 weeks: kr. 61.275,- (ends 23. juni 2019)

#### 15. september – 21. december 2018

5 weeks: kr. 10.000,-

14 weeks: kr. 19.950,-

26 weeks: kr. 37.050,- (ends 30. marts 2019)

38 weeks: kr. 54.150,- (ends 23. juni 2019)

#### Travel – Autumn

##### All students:

Select one of the following 3 trips

Berlin & Lisbon: 6.800 DKK

South Africa: 11.500 DKK

Costa Rica: 15.500 DKK

### Spring 2019

#### 7. januar – 23. juni 2019

5 weeks: kr. 10.000,- (ends 10. february 2019)

12 weeks: kr. 17.100,- (ends 1. april 2019)

24 weeks: kr. 34.200,-

#### 1. april – 23. juni 2019

12 weeks: kr. 17.100,-

#### Travel – spring

##### All students:

Trip to Catalonia / Barcelona early June: 6.000 DKK

##### Outdoor students:

Trip to Norway in March: 2.400 DKK

You can extend your stay and take both Autumn and Spring semester together

## The language

Brandbjerg Højskole is a Danish school, but we speak both Danish and English. You will attend the school with mainly Danish-speaking students. This means that the main language on the school is Danish, but all major information and lectures are either in English or translated into English. Most group-work will be in English.

It is a requirement that you speak and understand English at a reasonable level.

If you speak some Danish, you can attend our Danish class, but if you have no knowledge of Danish before you come, you should not expect to learn Danish during your stay.



**The language**

Here you can see the weekly schedule at Brandbjerg Højskole. You should choose one of our main subjects before you arrive. The elective subjects will be presented and chosen when you arrive.

**All students will follow in each period:**

- 1 main subject
- 2 elective subjects
- The subject "Common subject" for everybody

The empty slots are free time for your own initiatives and projects.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.50-8.25 am	Breakfast				
8.30 - 9.00 am	Morning assembly				
9.15-10.45 am	Elective subject 1	Main subject	Common subject	Main subject	Elective subject 2
11.00 -12.15 am	Elective subject 1	Main subject	Common subject	Main subject	Elective subject 2
12.15-1.00 pm	Lunch				
1.30-2.30 pm	Cleaning		Main subject 1.30-4.30 pm	Meeting	Elective subject 2
2.45-3.45 pm	School meeting			Common subject 2.45-4.30 pm	2.45- 3.05 pm Weekend meeting
4.00-5.30 pm					
6.15-7.00 pm	Supper				
7.30-9.00 pm		Concert/talk/debate	Games/climbing	Activities -physical exercise	



**Students enjoying a jamming session**

Travelling with Brandbjerg Højskole provides a unique opportunity developing a sense of community whilst enjoying learning experiences. Travelling is a vital part of a stay at Brandbjerg Højskole.

### **Autumn Semester**

We offer 3 trips abroad with different destinations and at different prices. The trips take place at the same time and have a duration of 11-14 days. As a student, you choose one of the following trips: Berlin and Lisbon, South Africa or Costa Rica. All trips have a rich educational content with a focus on culture and society.

### **Spring Semester**

All students at Brandbjerg go on a study trip to Catalonia in June. As an elective subject in February you can choose alpine skiing in Austria. During March the Outdoor students have a skiing trip as part of their curriculum.

#### **Catalonia: Spring (9-10 days)**

We use both nature and culture as a framework in which to develop camaraderie and understanding. Sea kayaking, mountain biking, diving, trekking and guided reflection are a few of the activities you will enjoy. In addition, you can meet with our Catalan friends Pau and Marta, eat delicious Catalan specialties, tour the beautiful city Girona and visit the Salvador Dali Museum.

#### **Berlin/Lisbon: Autumn (11-14 days)**

In Berlin you will enjoy a variety of cultural activities ranging from a historic tour of the city to experiencing visual installation art, electronic music as well as visits to inspiring Danish entrepreneurs. Lisbon is surrounded by water and we will be exploring the coastline - swimming, sailing and surfing. We will experience the traditional culture and visit the old parts of town as well as meet Lisbon through the new cultural underground and enjoy the vibrant contemporary city life and meetings with the locals.

#### **South Africa: Autumn (11-14 days)**

We travel to South Africa with a focus on sustainability. South Africa is a country of great contrasts, where Africa and the West are merged into a truly unique culture. We guarantee that it is a trip where you can not avoid being moved as a human being. We will visit townships, attend a church service and work with local NGO's in active projects.

#### **Costa Rica: Autumn (11-14 days)**

Sustainability and adventurous nature are the key words for this trip. Costa Rica is one of the world's most beautiful countries. We will explore the rainforest with its colorful flora and fauna, experience mountains and volcanoes, swim and snorkel from tropical beaches, wander through rivers to roaring waterfalls and experience the country's culture and diversity from coast to coast. We will stay at the international Earth University near Limón some of the time and meet other young people from all over the world.



## **Travelling with Brandbjerg Højskole**

**A unique possibility for new experiences and for developing the sense of fellowship**

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