



ORIENTATION – DIS STUDENTS

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WELCOME TO YOUR STUDIES AT RDAM

The International Office welcomes you to your semester abroad at The Royal Danish Academy of Music (RDAM). Soon you will be part of the daily life in our academy to unfold your musical skills in excellent facilities and to join our international network of students.

Ever since 1867, RDAM has been specialised in the training of classical musicians in the very heart of Copenhagen. You will find perfect conditions to study both the Scandinavian and European music traditions, when you are accepted as a DIS- Study Abroad in Scandinavia Student.

Before enrollment, you will be invited to the official DIS Orientation Meeting that will introduce you to:

- *Your Head of Studies and the International Office*
- *Access/student card*
- *How to book practice rooms*
- *Schedules and lessons – including your personal learning plan and assigned teachers*
- *General student information*

During this meeting, we also provide you with a guided tour on campus. The building was once housed by the Danish Broadcasting Cooperation, and is today recognized an architectural landmark.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to a semester abroad!

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ORIENTATION

This folder and The Study Handbook will introduce you to all practical and academic matters related to your studies at RDAM (also available via our intranet). It is very important that you read through these handbooks to get a good understanding of formalities and practicalities.

If you have any enquiries about the information in the study handbook, you should contact the Study Administration (2.floor).

TRANSPORT TO RDM FROM DIS

DIS is centrally located with a very short distance to RDM.

Map of Copenhagen/Frederiksberg

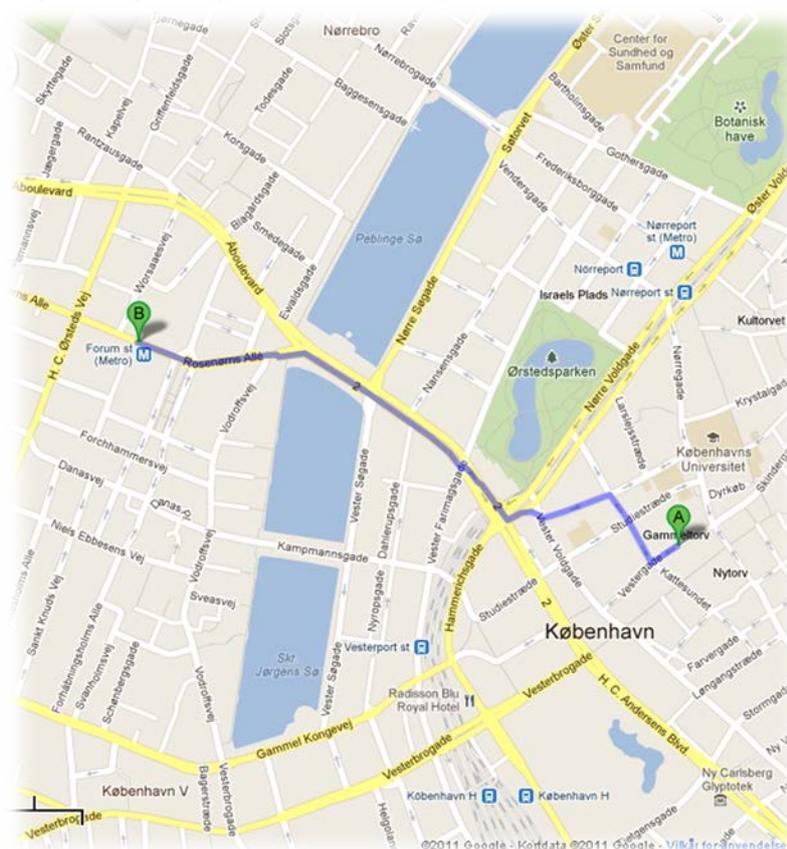


Illustration 1: A (DIS) & B (RDM) – walking or biking route

Walking or biking

We recommend you to either walk or bike to the academy from DIS as the distance is very short. Walking takes around 15 min. and even less time on your bike. Used bikes are for sale in bike shops around Copenhagen.

Public Transport

Option 1: Walk to “Rådhuspladsen” (main square in front of the Copenhagen City Hall) and take the bus 2A to Forum St. (towards Tingbjerg/Frederiksberg).

Option 2: Walk to Copenhagen Metro - Nørreport St. and get off at Forum St. (termination “Vanløse”)

BOOKING OF ROOMS

You are able to book practice rooms online via RDAM's intranet. Not all rooms are available for students, but remarks or restrictions will appear online in the booking system. Please see the Study handbook for guidance on how to book rooms.

Note: If you have difficulties with bookings, please contact the reception at RDAM.

SCHEDULING CONFLICT

Scheduling conflicts may occur during your studies due to individual planning with both DIS and RDAM.

How to prioritize?

You should prioritize:

- DIS Core Course - Long Study Tour

Other travelling with DIS **can be prioritized** according to your obligations with RDAM.

WHO TO CONTACT?

To study co-jointly at two institutions demands you to take full responsibility. Therefore we ask you to contact us immediately, if you are unable to attend your classes or assigned orchestra projects.

Please contact the Head of Studies relevant to your subject:



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STUDIES, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE IN A DANISH INSTITUTION

RDAM is a modern educational institution with a large number of international students who comes from Scandinavia, Europe and overseas destinations. This creates a highly diverse study environment that is both socially awarding, but also expands the student's musical horizon. The Scandinavian and European musical traditions are also in the center of learning and we have excellent facilities for both practicing and performing.

The Danish educational system is on a high degree founded on both personal responsibility and collaboration. The student will experience:

- Student-centered learning and open debate during classes
- Close collaboration between students and teachers
- Traditional lectures combined with project work with the teacher as a consultant
- Active participation and problem solving rather than passive listening
- Focus on turning new knowledge and learning into innovative solutions

Danish is the official spoken and written language at RDAM, but most teachers, staff members and students have a very good knowledge of English. The teaching language will always accommodate English-speaking students.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Your study program at the Academy is part time for one semester and is equal to 15 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System), or 6 American Credits for DIS students. One year full study equals 60 to ECTS Credits.

By the end of the semester, you will receive a Danish grade by RDAM that is reported to the DIS Office's Registry and translated to the American equivalent*:

- 12 Exceptional performance and/or improvement in the course of the semester (A)
- 10 Superior performance and/or improvement in the course of the semester (A-)
- 7 Good performance and/or improvement in the course of the semester (B)
- 4 Acceptable performance and/or improvement in the course of the semester (C)
- 2 Minimally acceptable performance and/or improvement in the course of the semester (C-)

The Danish grade 12 transfers to the American letter grade A

The Danish grade 10 transfers to the American letter grade A-

The Danish grade 7 transfers to the American letter grade B

The Danish grade 4 transfers to the American letter grade C

The Danish grade 2 transfers to the American letter grade C-

Anything lower than a score of 2 will not be considered to have reached passing standard.

** Translation by the DIS Office*

Students will be graded in their own right and not against the performance or abilities of others, as they are likely to be beginning on different levels of competency.

Any questions should be directed to Keith Gumery (kgu@dis.dk), Director of Academic Support and Registrar, DIS- Study Abroad in Scandinavia.

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