GLOBAL REFUGEE STUDIES
MASTER SPECIALIZATION
ABOUT GLOBAL REFUGEE STUDIES

GLOBAL REFUGEE STUDIES IS A TWO-YEAR FULLTIME INTERNATIONAL MASTER SPECIALIZATION PROGRAMME WHICH FOCUSES ON REFUGEES AND FORCED MIGRATION.

Today Western development aid is increasingly directed at initiatives related to refugees. The idea is that development aid should be directed to the countries and regions that ‘generate’ migrants and refugees in order to create new circumstances to ensure that refugees and forced migrants remain in the close neighbourhood either in the countries of origin or the surrounding countries. There is a serious lack of knowledge about the impact of this and many other initiatives on the actual situation of global, regional and local refugees. This study programme will add to bridge the gap of the missing knowledge about the status of forced migration.

The Danish and European debate regarding refugees has changed radically in the past few years. From an almost exclusive focus on assimilation and integration it has now turned into both a security and foreign policy issue and is regarded as a development problem.

Topics to be studied:
• Human rights
• Transnational communities/identities
• Displacement: Causes and effects
• Globalization, ethnicity and processes of social transformation
• Forced migration and internal population displacement
• Problems with rehabilitation
• Mal-development and climate change as a cause and consequence of displacement
• The roots of poverty and inequalities
• The role of international government organizations and non-governmental organizations at both the international and local levels and their work with refugees
• Criminality and trafficking
• Gender, women and children
• Culture and identity.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate you will have obtained a substantial knowledge about the refugee question, internally displaced people, migration, conflict, security, development and globalization. You will be capable of analyzing and handling complex and varied causes and implications of refugee and migration issues. You will be able to apply your knowledge and understanding of these issues to problem-solving strategies and policy-making in a local, national and global context.

Typical job opportunities are in international and national government organizations and non-governmental organizations where analytical work and strategies concerning refugee and migration issues are in the centre:
• Regulatory bodies at the local, regional, national and international level (for instance Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Municipalities and Regions)
• National or international organizations (for instance Red Cross, UN, international NGO's).
AALBORG UNIVERSITY IN COPENHAGEN

Aalborg University was inaugurated in 1974 and is thus a young and modern university which, over the years, has grown to become a large, well-established research and teaching institution. Aalborg University is situated in following Danish cities: Aalborg, Copenhagen and Esbjerg. You can only study Global Refugee Studies in Copenhagen.

A trademark of Aalborg University is its unique pedagogic model of teaching: the problem-based, project-organized model. With this method a great part of the semester teaching and student work revolves around complex real-life problems that the students wonder about and try to find answers to in scientific manners while working together in groups. This way students obtain a deeper understanding of subjects that they normally would have learned from just reading and listening.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply you need a Bachelor’s degree in for instance political science, sociology, history, international studies or anthropology.

Since the program is taught in English foreign students must have passed one of the following English proficiency tests: IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge ESOL. Further information: www.apply.aau.dk.

To apply for The Global Refugee Studies specialization go to the STADS-DANS application system: www.en.stadsdans.aau.dk and find Development and International Relation / Global Refugee Studies.

TUITION FEE

Please note that new students outside EU/EEA will have to pay tuition fee. Students from partner universities outside EU/EEA will not be charged tuition. The fee covers expenses for tuition and up to three attempts at passing the exam, per exam. For more information, please visit: www.apply.aau.dk

SEMESTER OVERVIEW

1ST SEMESTER: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, LAW AND DEVELOPMENT

- Course: International relations (5 ECTS)
- Course: International organizations and international law seen in a refugee perspective (5 ECTS)
- Course: Political change and development theories (5 ECTS)
- Course: Social Science Methodology (15 ECTS)
  - Project work (10 ECTS)

2ND SEMESTER: REFUGEE- AND DISPLACEMENT ISSUES

- Course: International political economy (5 ECTS)
- Course: Politics, culture, identity (6 ECTS)
- Course: Globalization, forced migration and refugees seen in a developmental, historical and political perspective (5 ECTS)
  - Project work (15 ECTS)

3RD SEMESTER: INDIVIDUAL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM OR INTERNSHIP

- Further studies at a foreign university (30 ECTS)
- or an internship in an institution or organization in Denmark or abroad (30 ECTS)

4TH SEMESTER: MASTER THESIS

- Project work (30 ECTS)
FURTHER INFORMATION

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GLOBAL REFUGEE STUDIES CAN BE FOUND HERE:
studyguide.aau.dk

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