

## **B.Sc. in European Studies (Europæiske studier)**

### **Where are we now and where are we heading?**

We strive to educate and train students to develop their knowledge and analytical skills in European, international, and cross-border challenges in contemporary societies. Following the evaluation of our study programme in December 2019, we have implemented multiple changes in our courses to make a stronger connection with the European dimension. We have also developed contacts to regional and European institutions. This includes the Erasmus exchange programme, which offers meaningful and useful learning experiences for our students. Our goal is to continue to develop a top-quality educational programme catering to excellent international students on topics of unique relevance for a broad range of Danish and international practitioners.

### **Aims**

- To consolidate EUS as a vibrant research-based programme bringing together unique expertise on border regions, European integration and policy-making and increase its international visibility for prospective students and employers.
- To offer a high-quality programme that contributes to building the academic education and the professional careers of our students. EUS is envisioned as a steppingstone for students to continue their studies at SDU and in top-range international (post)graduate programmes and obtain attractive jobs.
- To broaden the awareness of the substantive themes, theories, and methods pursued in EUS inside the Political Science study programmes in Odense, and to promote a better coherence between the Odense and Sønderborg campuses and strengthen the robustness of the regional campus of Sønderborg.
- To continue building a thriving study environment by putting students at the centre.

### **Actions**

- We will strengthen the interactive, participatory, and innovative teaching by supporting faculty to develop and institutionalize innovative pedagogical tools such as team- or case-based teaching, in collaboration with the practice community and with academic partners from prestigious international universities.
- We will increase our visibility with European institutions and stakeholders by promoting the participation of European practitioners in our teaching and encouraging students to do internships in European and regional institutions.
- We will invite our students to initiate a range of social and academic activities that are community-building; and organize annual student competitions for making the EUS programme an innovative programme. We will also, more systematically, invite students to participate in the scholarly conferences we organize and in projects in which we are leaders or partners (i.e. the Jean Monnet project).
- We will continue to organize special activities (Brussels trip, conferences with students, guest lectures, Erasmus exchange with our partners from different European universities).
- We will strive to do more field work with students. However, support from the department and other institutional bodies would be necessary for this task.
- We will strive to organize the policy-week twice in the coming 5 years and integrate a European focus in some of the core undergraduate courses at the department.
- We will develop new methods to identify the best-qualified students from quota 2 for our study programme.
- We will regularly follow-up on the data-based analyses to ensure that our student retention remains high.