

# Danish Language

Fall 2005

## Class Schedule and Field Study

The class meets twice a week (see the Schedules booklet for exact dates/times).

The class includes one field study event. Details to be announced.

## Objectives

The Danish Language course has a linguistic and a cultural purpose. The linguistic purpose is to obtain communicative competence. You will learn to understand and speak Danish in simple everyday situations; to read and understand Danish texts dealing with general issues based on a general vocabulary; to express yourself in written form at a basic level. You will also learn the grammatical system of the Danish language, sufficient to meet basic communicative needs.

The cultural purpose is to provide students with insight into Danish culture and the Danish way of life.

## Content/Teaching Methods

Based on the textbook and multimedia materials, a typical class will take you through the following:

- Vocabulary drills/exercises
- Grammar
- Reading
- Role playing
- Listening comprehension
- Discussions on everyday habits/manners and topics
- Discussions on current Danish cultural topics

## Homework: Oral and Written

There will be oral and written assignments for each class. In addition to this, several short essays will be assigned during the semester.

**The assignments are mandatory and must be turned in according to schedule.** Late homework will not be accepted except in the case of excused illness. Failure to complete homework assignments will affect the participation grade.

## Course Materials

Textbook - which you can keep at end of the semester

Binder - you must return the cover at the end of the semester, you can keep the contents

Danish-English and English-Danish Dictionary - to be returned at the end of the semester

Multimedia Aids - available on DIS computers

Various grammar books can also be checked out for home use at the DIS library.

## Attendance

**Attendance at all scheduled classes and related events is required.** Unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the course. Do not arrive late for class - frequent tardiness will affect your participation grade.

## Participation

The participation grade comprises attendance at all classes, preparation for class, active participation in class, quality of participation, proper completion of all assigned coursework as well as general effort.

## Exams

Written midterm exam: There will be a 60-minute midterm exam in class during the week before the three-week travel break (details to be announced). It will consist of an essay in Danish.

Written final exam: There will be a 100-minute final exam in the last Danish class of the semester. The exam includes different short exercises and an essay in Danish.

Oral exam: A 20-minute oral exam will be held sometime between the Danish written final exam and the Concluding Ceremony. Please note that most oral exams will take place in the evening.

***DO NOT make travel arrangements before you get the exam schedule after the three-week travel break!***

The exact time and place of your oral exam will be announced in class. Before the examination you will be given 15 minutes to prepare. During the examination you will be asked to converse in Danish on given topics. A censor will be present during the oral exam.

**You are allowed to bring dictionaries for all exams.**

## Evaluation

The final course grade will be based on the following:

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| Participation        | 15% |
| Written midterm exam | 25% |
| Written final exam   | 25% |
| Oral exam            | 35% |

**NOTE that failure to show up for any of the exams will result in an F for the whole course.**

The **only** acceptable excuse for not showing up for the midterm or final exams is illness which must be reported to Janis Granger, Academic Counselor, **prior** to the exam and subsequently documented by a doctor's statement of illness.