



Gender & Sexuality Studies Prostitution & the Sex Trade DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia



Overview

[DIS -Study Abroad in Scandinavia](#) offers gender and sexuality courses in Stockholm and Copenhagen during both the semester (spring and fall) and summer. The courses approach the academic content from a Scandinavian lens and are integrated with experiential learning concepts. Students find out what it is like to live in countries known for progressive norms and policies, and study the challenges and ideas within gender, equality, and sexuality.

- During the spring or fall, students enroll in **one core course**, with course-integrated study tours within Sweden and Denmark and in different locations throughout Europe, and **three or four elective courses** from many disciplines.
- Students in the summer enroll in one class at a time and can stay for one or up to three classes in either Copenhagen or Stockholm or a mix of both.

Semester Core Courses

[Gender, Equality, and Sexuality in Scandinavia \(Stockholm\)](#), 3 credits

Sweden is the most gender equal country in the world and paid parental leave for all parents, a high number of women in leadership positions, progressive sex education, and equal rights for homosexuals are among the hallmarks of all Scandinavian societies. However, Sweden also has the most gender-divided workplace in the world and gender equal policies do not automatically lead to gender equal behaviors. With a comparative look to neighboring countries in Europe, this course explores how concepts of gender, body, sexuality, and race intersect in current debates about changing family structures, children's rights, and new ethical dilemmas in a changing Scandinavia.

- Week-Long Study Tour: [Berlin](#)
- Core Course Week: A three-day study tour in [Sweden](#) alongside a two-day seminar in Stockholm.

[Prostitution and the Sex Trade in Europe \(Copenhagen\)](#), 3 credits

This course focuses on prostitution as a parallel or grey economy in Europe. Students gain insight into the historical, cultural, and political aspects of prostitution in Scandinavia and other European countries such as the Netherlands and Sweden. Students also examine prostitution from different perspectives ranging from sex workers, customers, and anti-trafficking advocacy groups, to law enforcement officials and politicians.

- Week-Long Study Tour: [Amsterdam-the Hague](#)

- Core Course Week: A three-day study tour in [Southern Sweden](#) or [Denmark](#)

Semester Elective Courses

- [Digital Fashion and the Body](#) (begins Fall 2024, Copenhagen)
- [Gender and Sexuality in Scandinavia](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Gender Perspectives on Human Rights](#) (Copenhagen)
- [History of Sexuality in Europe](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Human Trafficking in a Global Context](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Human Trafficking in a Global Context](#) (Stockholm)
- [Is the Future Feminine?](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Masculinities in Scandinavia](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Meaning of Style](#), (Copenhagen)
- [Muslims in the West](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Philosophy of Gender](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Psychology of Human Sexuality](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Queer and Subversive Writers in European Cities](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Research Assistant: Do Investment Behaviors and Outcomes Differ by Gender?](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Research Assistant: HIV and Reproductive Technology Access](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Sex Education and Sexual Reform in Europe](#) (Stockholm)
- [Sociology of the Family](#) (Copenhagen)
- [Transgender in Scandinavia](#) (Stockholm)
- [Women, Art, Identity](#) (Copenhagen)

2024 Summer Session

Session 1: May 21 – June 12, 3 weeks, 3 credits

- [Human Trafficking in a Global Context](#)
- [Transgender in Scandinavia](#)

Session 2: June 16 – July 5, 3 weeks, 3 credits

- [Gender, Equity, and Sexuality in Scandinavia](#)
 - Study Tour: Berlin
- [Prostitution and the Sex Trade](#)
 - Study Tour: Amsterdam
- [Psychology of Human Sexuality](#)
 - Study Tour: Amsterdam

Session 3: July 8 – July 27, 3 weeks, 3 credits

- [Food, Migration, and Belonging](#)
- [Power of Women in the Viking Age](#)

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Faculty

All DIS faculty have advanced degrees from renowned institutions, and real-life experience from working in a professional setting. They have a deep understanding of the topics they cover and can tailor their teaching to students' interests because of the small class size.