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**VIA University  
College**

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# Welcome to VIA

Denmark's largest and most international university of applied sciences



## INTRODUCTION

## WELCOME TO VIA

**About us**

Since 1889, when the first Danish school for social educators was established, VIA University College has educated candidates for public and private professions. The strength of our programmes continues to be the combination of research-based theoretical teaching with practice placements and clinical training.

As one of Denmark's largest institutions of higher education, we offer bachelor and master degree programmes, vocational training and continuing education.

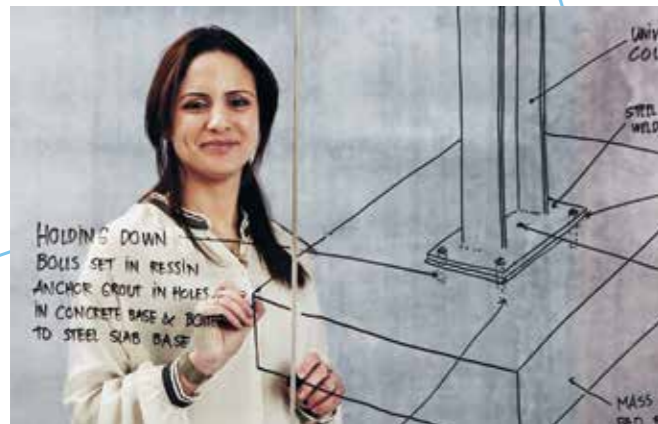
Our goal is to help develop professional practice in order to find solutions to the challenges facing society - in Denmark and internationally.

**Approach to higher education**

The Scandinavian approach to higher education is deeply rooted in the professions for which we train our graduates.

Students learn the latest theories and methods, participate in research and innovation activities and gain hands-on experience through practical training.

We encourage students to engage and exchange ideas with easy access to lecturers and staff. We offer small-size classes, simulation-based training and e-learning.

**Facts****Location**

8 campuses in the Central Denmark Region

**Faculties and schools**

VIA Faculty of Education & Social Studies  
VIA Faculty of Health Sciences  
VIA School of Business, Technology & Creative Industries  
VIA Faculty of Continuing Education

**Programmes**

41 degree programmes  
(17 taught in English)

**Students**

18,500  
(of which 2,500 international)

**Continuing education**

20,000 participants

**Faculty and staff**

2,100

**Research and development**

21 R&D centers

**Internationalisation**

World wide academic, research and business partnerships

**Entrepreneurship**

7 student innovation centers

**Accreditation**

VIA is a certified holder of an ERASMUS+ charter. We are a member of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and hold a Qualification Certificate from the People's Republic of China.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Danes are the **happiest** people in the world

Source: 2014 World Happiness Report

**About Denmark**

Danes are the happiest people in the world (2014 World Happiness Report)

Denmark is one of the world's safest, least corrupt countries (Transparency International)

Denmark has the most climate-friendly policies in the world

9 of 10 Danes own bicycles. 36% of adults bike to work, while 45 % of children bike to school (Cycling Embassy of Denmark)

Denmark consists of 1419 islands and 7314 kilometers of coast line

**VIA highlights**

VIA is Denmark's most entrepreneurial university institution - 25% of students receive entrepreneurship training

VIA is a 2014 winner of the Student Experience Exchange survey (SEE) 'Excellent International Student Satisfaction'.

Academy Award-winning guest lecturers at The Animation Workshop, one of the world's leading schools of animation (animwork.dk/en)

VIA Design is a member of Cumulus - a leading international organisation for art, design and media

VIA educates 1 in 4 Danish teachers, social educators and nurses.

**A global outlook**

Denmark is a small country. Engaging in the world around us is important - for students and staff as well as to the future of professional practice.

VIA's international activities include:

- Summer schools
- Staff mobility on all levels - including PhD
- Student mobility - ingoing and outgoing
- Joint international master- and bachelor degree programmes
- Research and development
- Export of know-how and educational consultancy (eldercare, preschool and elementary school education)
- Offices in Romania and China

**R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship**

Research, development and entrepreneurship are integrated parts of our programmes. For several years, VIA has been named the most entrepreneurial university institution in Denmark with 25 % of students participating in innovation activities.

Our 21 research centers carry out projects that are practice-led, multidisciplinary and increasingly international in scope. We participate and lead national and international research projects and strive to be a preferred partner in our field.



## WELCOME TO VIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



### Summer schools

Each year, students from all over the world attend one of our summer schools for credits or inspiration. Our summer schools programmes are offered at a bachelor degree level in the fields of health, creative industries, technology, business, social work and education.

Find this year's summer schools here:

[viauc.com/programmes/summer-schools](https://viauc.com/programmes/summer-schools)

### Tailor-made courses

VIA is a preferred partner for continuing education, with more than 20,000 annual participants. We offer tailor-made courses of varying lengths to meet the needs of partners' students and staff. For international participants, we offer complete packages with accommodation, social events and guided excursions around Denmark and Europe.

#### Danish university system

3 years – 180 ECTS	PhD
1-2 years – 120 ECTS	Master's degree
3-4,5 years – 180-240 ECTS	Bachelor's degree
1,5 years – 90 ECTS	Top-up degree
2 years – 120 ECTS	Academy Profession (AP) degree*

\* The Academy Profession Degree (AP) corresponds to the first two years of a bachelor's degree.

## OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMES

### VIA Faculty of Education & Social Studies:

## EDUCATION

#### Master's degree collaborations

Master in Outdoor Environmental Education and Outdoor Life (VIA and the University of Linköping, Sweden)

#### Double degrees

Bachelor in Pre-school Education (VIA and Changzhou Institute of Technology, China)

Bachelor in Pedagogics (VIA and the University of Bucharest, Romania)

#### Exchange programmes

The International Class in Teacher Education

Danish Education, Culture & Teaching

Global and Intercultural Perspectives in Teacher Education

Teaching – Learning – Communication

Resource Person in Outdoor Education

Heart – Head – Hands

Nature, Health & Democracy

#### Bachelor's degrees in Danish

[Social Education](#)

[Social Education Assistant](#)

[Teacher](#)

### VIA Faculty of Education & Social Studies:

## SOCIAL STUDIES

#### Exchange programmes

Social Entrepreneurship

Working in Contexts of Disaster or Conflict

Nature, Health & Democracy

#### Bachelor's degrees in Danish

[Christianity, Culture & Communication](#)

[Diakonia & Social Pedagogy](#)

[Public Administration](#)

[Social Work](#)

### VIA Faculty of Health Sciences:

## HEALTH

#### Master's degree collaborations

Master of Health Sciences (VIA and Deakin University, Australia)

Master in Advanced Geriatric Nursing (VIA and Høgskolen Buskerud, Norway)

#### Bachelor's degrees

[Global Nutrition & Health](#)

#### Exchange programmes

[Nursing](#)

[Biomedical Laboratory Science](#)

[Nutrition & Health](#)

[Occupational Therapy](#)

[Physiotherapy](#)

[Relaxation & Psychomotor Therapy](#)

#### Summer schools

[International Health Summer School](#)

#### Bachelor's degrees in Danish

[Biomedical Laboratory Science](#)

[Nursing](#)

[Nutrition and Health](#)

[Occupational Therapy](#)

[Physiotherapy](#)

[Prosthetics & Orthotics](#)

[Relaxation & Psychomotor Therapy](#)

## OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMES

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VIA School of Business, Technology & Creative Industries:

## TECHNOLOGY AND CONSTRUCTION

### Master's degree collaborations

Master in European Construction Engineering (VIA and 7 partners: Universidad de Cantabria, Politecnico di Bari, THM University of Applied Sciences, Universidade do Porto, Universitat Politècnica de València, ESITC Caen, Universitat Jaume)

### Bachelor's degrees

Architectural Technology & Construction Management  
Civil Engineering  
Global Business Engineering  
Supply Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Value Chain Management  
Engineering in Information & Communication Technology

### Double degrees

Bachelor of Architectural Technology & Construction Management (VIA and HAMK University of Applied Sciences, Finland)  
(VIA and Sichuan University, China)  
(VIA and Chengdu University, China)  
(VIA and Silesian University of Technology, Poland)  
(VIA and Universidad Politecnica de Valencia, Spain)

Bachelor of Building Engineering, Architectural Technology & Construction Management (VIA and Riga Building College, Latvia)

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (VIA and Changzhou Institute of Technology, China)

### Academy Profession (AP) degrees

Building Technology

### Exchange programmes

Architectural Technology & Construction Management  
Civil Engineering  
ICT Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering

### Summer schools

IT & Programming  
Engineering

VIA School of Business, Technology & Creative Industries:

## DESIGN

### Bachelor's degrees

Design & Business\*  
(Branding & Marketing Management)  
(Design Fashion)  
(Entrepreneurship)  
(Pattern Design)  
(Purchasing Management)  
(Retail Design)  
(Retail Management)  
(Communication & Media Strategy)  
Engineering in Material Science & Product Design

### Academy Profession (AP) degrees

Branding & Marketing Management - Fashion  
Marketing Management  
Design Fashion  
Pattern Design  
Purchasing Management - Fashion  
Retail Design & Management - Fashion

### Exchange programmes

Branding & Marketing Management  
Design Fashion  
Entrepreneurship  
Pattern Design  
Purchasing Management  
Retail Design  
Retail Management  
Entrepreneurship  
Communication & Media Strategy  
Materials Science & Product Design

### Summer schools

Strategic Design Practice

\*requires an AP degree

## OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMES

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VIA School of Business, Technology & Creative Industries:

## BUSINESS

### Bachelor's degrees

International Sales & Marketing Management\*  
Value Chain Management  
Global Business Engineering

### Exchange programmes

Business & Communication

### Summer schools

Marketing  
Management  
Languages & Personal Development

\*requires an AP degree

VIA School of Business, Technology & Creative Industries:

## FILM AND ANIMATION

### Bachelor's degrees

Graphic Storytelling  
Character Animation  
Computer Graphics Arts

### Bachelor's degree in Danish

Multiplatform Storytelling & Production



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