



Cooperating with UCN

In Education and Research



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
OF NORTHERN DENMARK

Our Profile



University College of Northern Denmark – UCN – is a large, Danish institution of higher education and knowledge in the fields of health care, education, business and technology. UCN is an independent, self-governing institution.

UCN is a member of University Colleges Denmark* and is based in the North Denmark Region. This is why UCN has a duty to educate graduates in close collaboration with the business community across our region.

UCN was established in 2007 and has many years of experience in higher education. UCN is a merger between a number of education institutions, some of which date back more than 200 years.

UCN's overall strategic management is performed by a board of directors. The Board has 14 members representing both private and public businesses and internal members representing students and lecturers.

The Rectorate carries the overall responsibility for the day-to-day management of UCN with the support of heads of schools and programme directors. Our culture builds on the four values of courage, resolve, visibility and coherence.

UCN is proud to deliver real-life education, because in real life, theory and practice are closely intertwined. Being practice-related is at the core of our DNA as well as our learning approach. What motivates and drives us is generating knowledge and learning that will yield positive results and bring about change.

* University Colleges Denmark is an association that serves as the administrative and policy-making body for the Danish University College sector.



UCN in numbers:

- Full-time students: 9,300
- Course participants: 6,000
- International full-degree students: 950
- Employees: 930
- Annual revenue: DKK 710 million

Our Ambition

Each year University College of Northern Denmark educates skilled graduates in health care, education, business and technology, and we generate high-quality, practice-related knowledge and research.

It is our ambition to develop practice-related study programmes and research environments to make UCN an even stronger powerhouse locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

International collaboration is at the core of our ambition.

We want to provide our staff and students with a global mindset, and we want to reach out to the world to invite mutual, value-generating cooperation in. Only by creating and exchanging knowledge across borders can we achieve the results we are dreaming about.

It is our ambition to be represented in as many parts of the world as possible by our lecturers, researchers and students, and to always be open to new opportunities for cooperation that will help us grow and allow us to contribute to the growth of others.

International cooperation with UCN can assume many forms: education or training, projects, exchanges, research, conferences, networking and knowledge alliances.

In our international efforts, we are mainly seeking the development of relations with partners who share our strong focus on practice and who can enter into strategic, focused and committing cooperation. This is where we see the greatest potential for mutual value.

UCN strives to stand out as one of Denmark's leading international university colleges with an international student environment, international cooperation that generates value, as well as relevant study programmes at the regional and global levels.



Lene Augusta Jørgensen
Rector

Our Approach to Education

University College of Northern Denmark is one of the most wide-ranging university colleges in Denmark in terms of study programmes that qualify students for occupation in the private as well as the public sector.

UCN offers three types of degree programmes: a 3½-year bachelor's degree programme; a 2-year academy profession degree programme; and a top-up degree programme that turns an academy profession degree into a bachelor's degree with only 1½ years of additional study.

Roughly 10% of UCN's programmes are fully taught in English and belong to the fields of business and technology. Approximately 10% of our body of students are international students studying in our 14 English programmes.

The development of skills for the global labour market are an important factor in all of UCN's programmes.

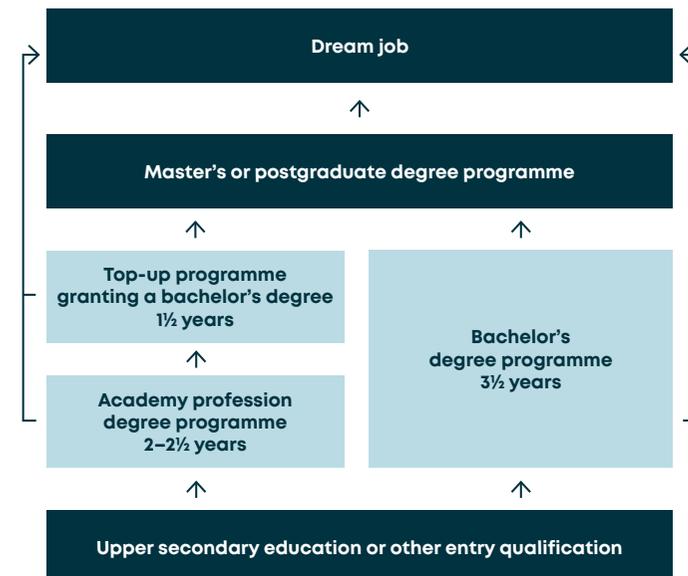
All of our study programmes feature a compulsory internship period, and we offer all our students to do their internships abroad or to study abroad through various exchange programmes. Likewise, UCN also receives lecturers and students on exchange from many of our partners.

All of UCN's undergraduate programmes are based on our common learning approach "Reflective Practice-based Learning".

The approach focuses on the interrelationships between theory and practice combined with personal reflections.

UCN wants to stand out in a positive way by providing graduates who are prepared for the labour market of the future. We want to be ahead of labour market competency requirements and educate people who are able to acquire new knowledge, skills and competencies that will qualify and develop real-world practices.

The professional, personal and social competencies that our students achieve in our programmes should be directly applicable in the labour market. This idea was the starting point for the development of UCN's learning approach: Reflective Practice-based Learning.





9,300
Students



35

study programmes within the fields of:

- Construction and automation
- Sales, exports and marketing
- Industry and production
- IT and design
- Health care
- Social education, teaching and learning
- Sport, services and hospitality
- Finance and society



950
International
students

Our Research and Development

UCN produces practice-related knowledge in the fields of health care, education, business and technology. The purpose of our research is to enhance our study programmes and to generate knowledge that will benefit professionals and the business community.

International collaboration is a defining factor for our research activities, and UCN joins in a number of international research programmes and projects either as a contributor or project coordinator.

UCN's national research activities are organised into four research programmes:

- Professional development and educational research
- Technologies closely connected to citizens' health
- Children and youth at risk and inequalities in life opportunities
- Sustainable Growth

We have wide-spanning scientific competencies, and we continuously develop our scientific and academic environments by hiring senior associate lecturers, associate lecturers, assistant lecturers and Ph.D.s.

These scientific environments are situated close to all of our study programmes to provide the best and most practice-related research. Nationally, UCN has a wide array of partners whose skills and knowledge we can draw on in our research and for international collaborative efforts.

UCN's research department has strong competencies in fundraising, research support and administration of international projects. UCN is also active in several international networks where we nurture our partnerships through joint Horizon 2020 projects and strategic Erasmus+ projects e.g. in Industry 4.0.

Our continuing education programmes

UCN act2learn is UCN's department for continuing education. Through act2learn, we offer qualifying special and continuing education programmes for the private and public sectors. In addition to part-time continuing professional education at academy profession and bachelor level, we also offer courses, theme days and tailored development courses for lifelong learning.



- 37** Post-doctoral researchers
- 137** Researchers in total
- 28** Ph.D. students
- 6** Senior associate lecturers

Our Approach to Cooperation

UCN's international collaborative efforts are mutually beneficial partnerships that are flexibly adapted to our own as well as our partners' needs.

The starting point may be a project, a staff or student exchange, or it could be a joint wish to develop something new together such as a conference, a new study programme, a summer school or something else entirely. UCN has many activities and cooperative efforts within the Erasmus+ programme. Both projects and student and staff mobilities. For this reason, UCN has had an Erasmus+ Charter since 2003.

Similarly, UCN has many close partners in Scandinavia through the Nordplus programme. We have many mobilities but also projects with other Nordic countries, particularly within the health care programmes.

UCN also collaborates with partners outside Europe: e.g. Asia, Africa, USA, Canada and Australia. An example of how we do this is through the University Consortium International: <http://www.ucinternational.org/>.

Facts:

- Erasmus Charter since 2003
- Number of partnerships: 150

Cooperation with UCN can take place at many different levels. Cooperation may be established through formal agreements at the managerial level, between scientific environments, between educational environments or we may even see collaborative efforts that are not formalised in specific documents of agreement.

Irrespective of the type of cooperation, we always strive to be clear and professional. We balance formal expectations in advance to provide the best starting point for the development of committed cooperation efforts. We usually prefer to start the pragmatic way by getting to know each other, e.g. by exchanging staff who can apply their skills to create a mutual relationship that is needed to create the strongest foundation for new cooperative efforts to grow. At the same time, you will be met with international curiosity, commitment, professionalism, sincerity and decency on the part of UCN.

UCN in Vietnam

UCN has an office based in Vietnam where we provide a fully accredited construction management programme, which is taught in English. Furthermore, UCN is working to develop different types of collaboration with Vietnam within the fields of education and research.

Our Points of Contact

UCN is based at six campuses around North Denmark.

UCN has a strong internal organisation that supports the internationalisation of UCN's study programmes and research in Denmark as well as internationally.

To contact UCN for international cooperation or project work, you could either turn to our education departments, you could get in touch with our research and development department or you could get in touch with our International Office.

You can find our contact information and email addresses at www.ucn.dk/english. This is also where you can learn more about UCN's study programmes, research, history, mission and cooperation efforts.



HJØRRING

Skolevangen Campus

- 4 study programmes within the fields of social education and education, health care and business



AALBORG

Selma Lagerløfs Vej Campus

- 5 study programmes within the field of health care
- UCN administrative functions
- UCN International



Mylius Erichsens Vej Campus

- 2 study programmes within the fields of social education and education
- UCN act2learn
- Educational Resources Centre



Hobrovej Campus

- 12 study programmes within the field of business
- UCN Innovation



Sofiendalsvej Campus

- 16 study programmes within the field of technology



THISTED

Lerpyttervej Campus

- 5 study programmes within the fields of social education, health care and business

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UCN is the largest university college in Northern Denmark with campuses in three of the region's major cities – Aalborg, Hjørring and Thisted. We offer more than 30 study programmes at academy profession or bachelor's level within the fields of business, technology, health care and education, as well as numerous continuing education courses and degrees. We collaborate closely with surrounding industries and focus on applied research, lifelong learning, employability and local impact. We have 9,300 students, 6,000 course participants and 930 dedicated members of staff.