Life after LISE

336 LISE Graduates’ Move to the Masters & Career:
Across Denmark, Europe, and the World

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Introduction

The Language and International Studies, English (LISE) education at Aalborg University (AAU) is a diverse program with a focus on global politics, international culture, and English language. It takes its point of departure in international studies, a field primarily involving international relations but also intercultural relations and adds high-level competences in English language and the use of English as the global scientific language and diplomatic language. LISE addresses classic issues in international history, international relations, and international organizations, as well as areas in cultural globalization and intercultural communication, and then providing high-quality competence in English language. All LISE courses, exams, and interaction with instructors takes place in English.

Both current and prospective LISE students can wonder what students do after LISE. Most know they need to move to an MA or MSc as their next step. However, which degree? And what is your job market? And, as an international, the answers are extensive: LISE students take a range of excellent masters at AAU, like the Master of International Relations and Culture, Communication and Globalization. However, LISE grads study throughout Europe and the world in areas covering international politics and culture. And their jobs have an international character, involving applying knowledge of international affairs, cultural relations, and use of English as a global language.

Below is information generated from the profiles of 336 LISE graduates between 2012 and 2022 – roughly half of LISE grads in that period. This information should you get a picture of “Life after LISE.”

**Question 1**

DO LISE GRADUATES STAY AT AAU, DO THEY GO ELSEWHERE, OR DO THEY GO STRAIGHT TO THE JOB MARKET?

- 29% of LISE Students Have Studied at Other Institutions for their MA or MSc
- 62% of LISE Students Have Studied at AAU for their MA or MSc
- 9% of Students Have Gone Straight to Work

**LISE students move on**
**Question 2**

LISE students have much flexibility as to where they study their masters degrees

Where have LISE Students Studied? Denmark? Scandinavia? Elsewhere in Europe? Elsewhere in the World?

- At AAU (62%)
- Elsewhere in DK (16%)
- In Europe, But Not Scandinavia (7%)
- Outside Europe (3%)
- In Another Scandinavian Country (3%)
- Straight to Work (9%)

**Question 3**

WHAT AREAS DO LISE STUDENTS STUDY AT THE MASTERS LEVEL?

- 55% Study International Politics
- 41% Study Culture, Communications or Media
- 4% Go on For a Business Degree

LISE orients you towards work with politics, culture, or communications in international settings
**Question 4**

LISE graduates at AAU study a variety of international programs. While International Relations and Communication and Globalization are popular, other options are also available.

**Question 5**

LISE students generally take International Relations or Communication and Globalization at AAU, but there are many other options.

LISE students get into a range of internationally-oriented masters in Denmark.
Question 6

What Masters Have LISE Students Taken Abroad? These are But Some. (Highlighted Programs Have Been Taken by More Than One LISE Student)

- Diplomacy & International Law, LLM/MA, Lancaster University (GB)
- International Relations and Global Political Economy, MSc, University of Leiden (NL)
- Global Affairs, MSc, University of Toronto (CA)
- Peace & Conflict Studies, MA, University of Manchester (GB)
- European Studies, MA, King’s College (GB)
- International Development and Management, MSc, Lund University (SE)
- International Security & Development, MSc, Tel Aviv University (IL)
- European Political Governance, MA, College of Europe (BE)
- Understanding and Securing Human Rights, MA, University of London (GB)
- International Relations, Global Political Economy, MSc, Leiden University (NL)
- International Law, Human Rights, LLM, University of Edinburgh (GB)
- International Relations, MA, Bond University (ZA)
- International and Security Politics, MA, Catholic University of Lille (FR)
- Peace and Conflict Transformation, MA, University of Tromsø (NO)
- Political Science, MSc, Vrije University Amsterdam (NL)
- Mass Communication/Media Studies, MA, University of California, North Ridge (USA)
- European Heritage Studies, MA, University of Turku (FI)
- European Affairs, MSc, Lund University (SE)
- Development Studies, Lund University (SE)
- International Conflict and Cooperation, MSc, University of Stirling (GB)
- Development Studies, MSc, University of Cape Town (ZA)
- Security & Intelligence Studies, University of Buckingham (GB)
- International Relations, MA, Shanghai International Studies University (CN)
- Branding & Integrated Communication, City University New York City (USA)
- International Relations, MA, University of Melbourne (AU)
- Journalism, Media & Globalization, MA, University of London (GB)
- Cross-Cultural Communication, MA, University of Sydney (AU)
- Business Administration, MBA, University of San Antonio de Murcia (ES)
- International Relations, MSc, University of Plymouth (GB)
- International Human Resource Management, MSc, Henley Business School (GB)
- Business, International Trade & Diplomatic Studies, MSc, London Academy of Diplomacy (GB)
- European Studies, MA, University of Maastricht (NL)
- International Migration and Ethnic Relations, MA, Malmö University (SE)
- Sociology, MSc, University of Cape Town (SA)
- Transnational Legal Studies, MSc, Vrije University (NL)
- International Relations and European Studies, MSc, Linköping University (SE)

A LISE degree gets you places
Question 7

What about Jobs? What Sectors Do LISE Grads Work In?¹

LISE Students Get Jobs in the Areas They Study

Question 8

What Are Some Examples of Where LISE Students Work?
(These are Just Some...)

- Project Officer, Oxfam, Québec (CA)
- Case Office, Danish Immigration Service, Copenhagen (DK)
- Special Assistant, United Nations/Language Officer, Danish Armed Forces, Copenhagen (DK)/Amman (JO)
- Consultant, Radikale Venstre, Copenhagen (DK)
- Learning and Development Officer, Azadi (Development Organization), Nairobi (KE)
- Commercial Advisor, Danish Embassy in Saudi Arabia, Riyadh (SA)
- EU Advisor, Fortum (Solar Power Company), Brussels (BE)
- Political and Consular Officer, Danish Embassy in Belgium, Brussels (BE)
- Public Affairs Consultant, Lundbeck (Pharmaceutical), Copenhagen (DK)
- Compliance Manager, Human Risks (Security Consultancy), Aalborg (DK)
- Officer, Royal Danish Airforce, Copenhagen (DK)
- Project Associate, Alliance of Democracies Foundation, Copenhagen (DK)
- Political Manager, Political Festival of Europe (NGO), Aalborg (DK)
- Journalist, Nordjyske, Aalborg (DK)
- Project Officer, Nordic Council of Ministers and the Nordic Council, Copenhagen (DK)

¹ Percentage among those in full-time jobs.
• Consultant, Quintop HR Consultants, Utrecht (NL)
• Special Advisor, Danish Ministry of Defence Acquisition and Logistics, Copenhagen (DK)
• Public Relations Consultant, Encounter (International Affairs Consultancy), Copenhagen (DK)
• Visa Clerk, U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen, Copenhagen (DK)
• Head of Section, Danish Ministry of Immigration and Integration, Copenhagen (DK)
• Public Affairs Advisor, Ecommerce Europe, Brussels (BE)
• Head of Section, Danish Ministry of Defense, Copenhagen (DK)
• Commercial Advisor, Trade Council of Denmark in Germany, Hamburg (DE)
• Communications Officer, EU Office, Copenhagen (DK)
• People Partner, WeTravel, Amsterdam (NL)
• Trade Policy Assistant, European Commission, Brussels (BE)
• Senior Change Partner, Novo Nordisk, Copenhagen (DK)
• Head of Section, Danish Ministry of Environment, Copenhagen (DK)
• Field Coordination and Data Analysis Consultant, Altai Consulting, Nairobi (KE)
• EU Consultant, EU Office, Copenhagen (DK)
• Online Learning Specialist, Save the Children, London (GB)
• People Business Partner, SentinelOne (Network Security), Amsterdam (NL)

...and many, many more; come to LISE and join our LinkedIn network with nearly 500 former and current students and hear about their career paths and ambitions