

STUDENT RIGHTS CHARTER

"We, the students, have the right to participate in the decisions that shape our education"

This Charter highlights the general principles and guarantees related to the students' participation in all its dimensions. The purpose is to promote the empowerment of students in the exercise of their rights.

Universities, Denmark

Government and
Management

You have the right to

What: elections are conducted where student representatives are elected for representative positions at the institution level for the university board, at an institution or faculty level for the academic council (depends on the size of the HEI) and at the local level for study boards.

University board is the highest authority at an HEI consisting of two students, representatives from the academic staff, from the technical staff and an external majority – all individual seats have the same voting power each.. Deal with economic, strategical and pan-institutional decisions. Furthermore, the board hires and fires the rector. Academic council counsels the dean or rector on decisions of strategical and research matters. It also awards p.hd and doctoral degrees. Consists of both students, academic and technical staff, but with no decision-making votes.

Where: all Universities in Denmark

When/How often: annually

How: online election among student population encompassed in the seat (eg. all students for university board potentially students from a specific faculty for academic councils)

Regulation:

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| | 10-12. (University Board | University act - https://www.retsinformation.dk/eli/lta/2019/778 |

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What: 2 students are elected for the accreditation council and partake in deciding on accreditation of educations and HEIs.

Study boards elected at same elections as described above.

- Study board consist of same amount of student and academic staff and make decisions of academic and didactical character (eg. study plans), give dispensations for students. Has deciding power.

Where :Nationally for accreditation council.

Locally at a field of study for study board

When/How often: the mandate for Accred. Council is for 2 years

Annual elections for study boards

How:

The students in the university boards propose candidates to be included in the Accred. Council, which the minister appoints.

Students from the specific study subject covered by a seat in study boards elect their representative in the annual election.

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| | 4.3 (Accreditation council) | Accreditation of HEIs act - https://www.retsinformation.dk/eli/lta/2018/173 |
| | 18. (Study Board) | University act - Student Rights Charter This Charter is part of the project entitled |

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