

# COURSE DETAIL

## ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE WELFARE STATE

**Country**

Denmark

**Host Institution**

University of Copenhagen

**Program(s)**

University of Copenhagen

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science Economics

**UCEAP Course Number**

119

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE WELFARE STATE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ECON PLCY & WELFARE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course focuses on economic policy and the welfare state in Denmark through international comparison and examples from other developed countries. It covers classic welfare state topics as well as more recent themes and challenges to modern welfare states, focusing especially on the expenditure side of government. The course has an emphasis on recent empirical research on policy issues, and a focus on how to take theory to the data, critically evaluate the validity of empirical designs, and account for policy implications of research results. Each topic looks at economic facts and status quo policies in Denmark and elsewhere, works with the theoretical framework and economic reasoning behind these policies, discusses empirical evidence and evaluations of “what works” in terms of policy in that area, and covers views from the public debate. The course provides an academic foundation for thinking about different policy questions; an understanding of policy in an applied context and as part of the political system and the public debate; an overview of contemporary economic issues related to the welfare state and public sector in Denmark and other developed countries; and an opportunity for students to think as economists about these issues and account for potential challenges, trade-offs, and solutions in an academic way.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

AØKA08240U

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<https://kurser.ku.dk/course/aØka08240u/>

### Host Institution Campus

**Host Institution Faculty**

Faculty of Social Sciences

**Host Institution Degree**

Bachelor

**Host Institution Department**

Department of Economics

**Course Last Reviewed**

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