

Registering as a KISS Student:

To follow our normal courses, you will need a solid school background (10-12 years) and a good understanding of English - for example so that you can understand the text below.

Please read it through carefully – including the three texts about WHY KISS - and let me know if you have any questions.

I know that this is a lot of texts, but it is really important for each individual to choose the school which is right for him or her. This is a decision which may strongly influence your whole life in Denmark.

Learning Danish with KISS is for people to whom it is important to learn a very good Danish, and who are willing and able to make an effort to get it. The KISS course is not for everyone. Our course is generally considered the toughest in the country - but also the one with the best results. We will be demanding a lot of you, but we also deliver the results. Do ask other well-educated foreigners - some of the about 36000 students we have had through the years - about our reputation.

Some schools are, understandably, trying to copy our methods and teaching materials. They are, however, missing the essentials.

Exams: The grades of KISS students at the official exams (PD3 and Studieprøven) are always far (2-3 grades) above the country average - in spite of our relatively short programme. In June/July 2020 the average grade of KISS students was **9,7**. In November/December 2020 **9,6**.

Number of students in a group: Usually 4-10. In corona times we sometimes split a class, using two adjacent rooms.

Why does the course have to be so **intensive**? - Because a good Danish must be learned quickly, before you start acquiring wrong language habits. And if you do not learn a really good Danish people will prefer to speak English to you. Danes love to speak English!

As to Danish pronunciation, we are perfectionists from the very first day - to avoid the development of wrong pronunciation habits. Our very different pronunciation principles, models and techniques were developed at KISS (by me) many years ago and have been honed and refined almost to perfection through the years. This is why people say that when they meet an expat with a really good Danish pronunciation, they have almost always been to KISS.

We basically follow the programme as set up by the Ministry of Education for DU3 (Danish Education 3 - for students with a certain educational background, min. 10-12 years). We just do it faster and - we believe - better, especially with pronunciation. Our whole approach to teaching and learning is quite different from that of other schools. Each lesson is highly structured and you will always know exactly what is expected of you in the following meeting. And you will keep up your motivation because of your feeling of progress.

Duration:

There are 5 modules - divided into **10 KISS levels** - leading up to the official Danish Test 3 (Prøve i Dansk 3, PD3), arranged by the Ministry of Education. In our morning classes this takes **8-9 months**.

A 6th module leads to Studieprøven, which is required for admittance to universities etc.

Each module (18 meetings) is divided into two KISS levels of 9 meetings each.

In a morning class (3 meetings a week) one KISS level (= ½ module) takes 3 weeks.

In an evening class (2 meetings a week) one KISS level (= ½ module) takes 4½ weeks.

There are about 3 hours of homework before each meeting, followed up by spoken and written tests each meeting. Please note that if you are not following the planned progression, you will be asked to repeat the level.

Payment:

For private persons who have to pay out of their own pocket (without refund from their employer) we offer **a big discount**. Prices with the discount:

Levels 1 and 2 cost 3000 kr. each.

Levels 3 to 10 cost 4500 kr. each.

You register and pay for one KISS Level (kr. 3000 or 4500) at a time.

Companies and municipalities pay the normal price per module: kr. 15000 (= kr. 7500 per level).

Please note that the discount implies that if you have to repeat a class (a level), you'll have to pay again. This is not the case if a kommune or a company is paying, as the normal price includes the right to repeat parts of the programme for free.

Maybe, however, your municipality/kommune will pay for you at KISS. That will depend on the municipality (*kommune*) in which you are staying. For example, Københavns Kommune and Frederiksberg Kommune will not pay for students at KISS because KISS is (since 2007) a private school and they have contracts with some of the official *sprogcentre*.

Registration:

Having gone through one or more modules at another school does not necessarily qualify you to start at a higher level at KISS. Students from other schools have rarely learnt what we think they should learn in the modules they have been through, especially in terms of pronunciation. We simply have different standards and results.

However, if you think your pronunciation is already very good, you are welcome to make an appointment. Then we will find out what is the right thing to do.

Our next beginners classes in May/June:

From May 21 morning times: Mondays - Wednesdays - Fridays 9:30 - 12:45.

From June 14 evening times: Mondays and Wednesdays 17:15 - 20:30.

However, in these corona times there may be changes or postponements. We usually have waiting lists so I recommend early registration/payment for the classes.

To get on a list for a beginners' class, please register and pay. New students are admitted in the order of their registration dates.

About the very special KISS Pronunciation Course (**KISS Udtalekursus**) which I am teaching myself - only twice a year and with max 6 participants - please see course description in www.kiss.dk.

If you have any questions about our courses or about learning Danish in general I will be happy to answer them. This investment of time and money will be the best and most important investment you can possibly make if you are going to settle in this country. Naturally, **Danish is your way into Denmark!**

Kind regards,

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