

SRM Study Board

**MINUTES**

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**Forum** SRM Study Board**Campus Administration South  
Education****Meeting held** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 14:30-16:00**Place** SAMF-IFS-Room\_4-2-50-Kristiania and TeamsKAREN BLIXENS PLADS 16  
KØBENHAVN S**Minute taker** Louise Lund Liebmann

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**Present**

Jonathan Luke Austin (Head of Studies, Chairperson), Kevin Jon Heller (Professor), Anne Sofie Vendelbo Kristiansen (student, deputy Chairperson), Aimee Bolt (student), Matilde Galioto-Lecker (student and alternate), Troels Claus Baagland (study programme advisor), Nina Stenvang Holmsgaard (student guidance - online) and Louise Lund Liebmann (educational partner)

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**Appendices**Appendix 1 - meeting minutes from November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**Agenda****Ad 1) Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Ad 2) Approval of meeting minutes from November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (app. 1)**

The meeting minutes were approved.

**Ad 3) Constitution of the new Study Board**a) **Welcome to new members of the Study Board.**

All attendants introduced themselves.

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**b) Approval of Forretningsordenen (Standard rules of procedure) and Fælles delegationsskrivelse for studienævnene på SAMF (Joint delegation letter for the study boards).**

The Standard rules of procedure and the Joint delegation letter for the study boards were approved.

**c) Election of a Vice Chairperson amongst the student representatives.**

Anne Sofie Vendelbo Kristiansen was elected as Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson assists the Chairperson in organizing the board's work.

**d) Election of credit transfer sub-committee members.**

Aimee Bolt was elected as the student representative in the credit transfer sub-committee. Kevin Jon heller continues as Faculty staff representative.

**Ad 4) Status on the process of approval regarding the course catalogue for 2026/Jonathan & Troels**

Security Studies	Autunm 26	Devon Kyla Cantwell-Chavez (expected)
Risk Analysis	Autunm 26	Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen (confirmed)
Organisation and Risk	Autunm 26	To be decided. Karl Schütze has declined.
Knowledge and Methods	Autunm 26	Jonathan Luke Austin (confirmed)
Risk and Uncertainty in a connected World	Spring 27	Jonathan Luke Austin (expected)
Risk Regulation and Governance	Spring 27	Anders Esmark (expected)
Intelligence	Spring 27	Søren Sjøgren (expected)
Risk of Civilisational Collapse	Spring 27	Hin-Yan Liu (expected)

**Ad 5) Preparation of the Study Board's work during the spring 2026**  
(please refer to [Annual cycle for study boards at Social Sciences](#))

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- a. Study Board meetings are scheduled to take place on the following dates:  
March: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> during the afternoon  
April: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> during afternoon  
May: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> during the afternoon/after 2 pm.
- b. List of items that the Study Board wants to work on in the spring semester:
  - Reform of the SRM programme – we need more details
    - How do we keep people committed to the programme when it becomes a one-year programme
    - Which classes/courses do we need to reduce (due to the reform)?
  - Admission requirements
    - How to keep the SRM programme as an international programme considering the adjustments in admission criteria
  - International students – how to best welcome them to the programme and to UCPH
    - Study guidance
    - When transitioning everything needs to be in English and not only in Danish (e.g. info on the KU election is in Danish, but info on various sports activities are also in Danish, etc.)
    - Suggestion of setting up a "buddy-system" pairing a second year/Danish SRM student with a first-year/non-Danish SRM-student on a voluntary basis – e.g. via the welcome letter from the Study Guidance
  - Change of the exam format in Organization and Risk-course. The exam format is currently a five-day written home assignment.

**Ad 6) Discussion: SRM Study Board consultation regarding thesis length/Jonathan & Louise**

Context: the Political Science study board has decided that as of 2026, the page numbers on MA theses are to be considered maximums (that is, the minimums are no longer stated in the

curricula). The study board was to consider whether they wanted to align with the Political Science Study Board on this matter.

It was mentioned that it is a problem that some students write too short to write a good, thorough thesis. From that perspective, omitting a minimum word count/thesis length can constitute a problem for the weakest students, not the strongest. It was also mentioned that lecturers may face problems in assessing theses if a minimum word count is omitted from the curricula.

The administration representatives mentioned that keeping the minimum word count when Political Science has omitted theirs might be a cause of confusion for supervisors (and, in turn, students) as some supervisors supervise students from Political Science as well as SRM.

By vote, a proposal to keep the minimum word count was adopted with the following distribution of votes:

- Keeping the minimum word count: three votes
- Omitting the minimum word count: one vote

#### **Ad 7) Briefing from Head of Studies /Jonathan**

Head of Studies stated that he intends to meet with the student representatives from the Study Board ahead of each Study Board meeting to discuss various issues that may arise and that can be out the meeting agenda. Head of Studies will schedule the meetings with the students separate from the Study Board meeting.

#### **Ad 8) Info from the administration/Troels & Louise**

The Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science has issued a directive concerning the admission requirements for the MSc in Security Risk Management. The Agency's assessment required that the current admission framework be adjusted as soon as possible. The Agency noted that, under §30(2) of the Admission Order, UCPH must specify requirements for particular subjects or subject areas, expressed in ECTS credits, for bachelor's programmes that are to be assessed individually when the applicant's bachelor's degree is not included on the list of programmes granting direct admission. At that stage, it was necessary to clarify what SRM defines as a "BA degree in social sciences" (and the criteria themselves cannot be changed). To do so, the most relevant academic disciplines as well as examples of sub disciplines have been specified.

The specification has now been approved by the legal advisors in the Admission's office and incorporated into the curricula.

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**Clarified admission criteria:**

“Other applicants from universities in Denmark and abroad may be admitted on the basis of a specific, individual, academic assessment. To be admitted into the Master's programme in Security Risk Management, applicants must hold a qualifying bachelor's degree in social sciences. A qualifying Bachelor degree in social sciences is defined as comprising a minimum of 90 ECTS credits within one or more of the following subject areas:

- **Political Science and International Relations**
  - Examples include: international or global politics, European politics, public administration, international relations, comparative politics, international security, geopolitics, defense and security studies, intelligence studies, conflict studies, institutional theory, international political economy, international political theory, international human rights law, international governance (EU and global organizations).
  
- **Sociology**
  - Examples include: organization and politics, political sociology, risk and social structures, globalization, political violence, criminology, social theory, defense and security studies, peace and conflict studies.
  
- **Anthropology**
  - Examples include: organizational analysis and politically or risk-related subjects, globalization and global flows, applied anthropology, human rights, violations and post-conflict situations, post-colonial struggles, climate risks, global crises, security studies, conflicts studies, criminology.
  
- **Public administration, Organization and Governance**
  - Examples include: organization theory, governance theory, public administration and management, crisis management, globalization, and international relations.

The qualifying bachelor degree must also contain a minimum of 15 ECTS in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods within the social sciences. Applicants are required to document that they fulfil the language requirement English B, unless they have a legal right of admission to the programme applied for.”

#### **Ad 14) Briefings from the students**

The student representatives raised the following concerns:

- Some students have had communication issues with a particular instructor. It was decided that the student representatives will have a separate meeting with Head of Studies to address the issue and discuss it in detail.
- International students – how to best welcome them to the programme and to UCPH including lack of info in English (please refer to item 5b for a list of items that the study board intends to work in the spring semester)
  - Visas, getting approved
  - A possible loophole between Admission’s office and Student Guidance
- Students have faced problems in getting pre-approval of course credits – the process is slow and confusing.

#### **Ad 15) Any Other Business/Jonathan**

Nothing was added.