

Cand.soc./MSc in
**Social Entrepreneurship and
Management**

**THE WORLD
IS CHANGING
— AND SO IS
EDUCATION.**

**RUC has launched new
master's programmes
– Social Entrepreneurship
and Management is
one of them.**

Social Entrepreneurship and Management

Would you like to manage and drive innovative social and sustainable change processes?

The programme is one of very few fulltime two-years master's degree programmes in Europe, which focuses exclusively on social entrepreneurship, social innovation and management. These are areas that call for specialised professionals. SEM offers a full focus on the societal context, and its combination of the social science and organisational-leadership makes it unique. The programme features a truly international profile that attracts students from all over the world.

The Social Entrepreneurship and Management programme teaches you to manage social innovation and entrepreneurship processes in organisations within the third sector, as well as public and private organisations that aim to address social and sustainability related challenges nationally and internationally.

Social Entrepreneur Management – continued

As a graduate you become specialized in analysing and developing solutions to the societal issues and challenges that arise in step with globalization and changes in established welfare systems that require new thinking and new solutions. Such challenges can be related to for example unemployment, social inequality, as well as various social and sustainability issues, which call for new democratic and socially responsible forms of organizing.

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You will become qualified to plan and manage processes and strategies with in social and solidarity economy, new forms of economic organizing, Corporate Social Responsibility, co-production processes and democratic forms of organizing and sustainability related initiatives.

Through the programme, you obtain in-depth knowledge of the relevant social entrepreneurial and management theories and methods as well as skills to apply these in analysing a number of topics of your own choice that are relevant to social entrepreneurship.

Content



Note, that this is an example of a recommended course of study. Individual students' courses, projects, internships and accredited study abroad may vary in relation to the above. You can see the range of courses currently offered by Roskilde University at study.ruc.dk.

1. year		2. year	
1. SEMESTER	2. SEMESTER	3. SEMESTER	4. SEMESTER
[Course] Entering the field: Relevant methods and philosophy of science 5 ECTS	[Course] Track E-students*: Financial Accounting or Track S-students*: Social accounting 5 ECTS	Choose A or B A [Course] Business understanding and doing social entrepreneurship 5 ECTS [Course] Management and leadership of social entrepreneurship in a multi-stakeholder context 10 ECTS [Project/internship] Project or Project-oriented Internship 15 ECTS or B [Internship] Project-oriented Internship 30 ECTS	Master thesis 30 ECTS
[Course] Theory and cases of social enterprise in the context of social transformation 10 ECTS	[Course] Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition 10 ECTS		
[Project] Social transformation, social entrepreneurship and social enterprise' 15 ECTS	[Project] Social innovation, social change and sustainable transition 15 ECTS		
<p>* The course in the top row of the 2. semester column is determined by which track you are admitted to. Track E is for students with a background in broad social science bachelor's programmes. Track S is for students with a background in business economics bachelor's programmes.</p>			

1.

SEMESTER

The first semester, “Social transformation, social entrepreneurship and social enterprise” provides insight into the key social scientific concepts of social change and transformation in political, economic, and institutional environments. It introduces the main lines of the field of social enterprise, social entrepreneurship and social and solidarity economy. Students also engage with philosophy of science and different epistemologies relevant to the field to enable you to do and reflect on their own research conducted in the project work.

2.

SEMESTER

The second semester, “Social Innovation, social change, sustainable transition and accounting” provides insight into social innovation, social change and sustainable transition in social enterprises. It focuses on the interconnection between innovation and organizational practices and allows you to work with cases to combine theory and contextual knowledge and to develop solutions to real-life practical challenges. The semester also introduces concepts of financial and social accounting as a basis for understanding accounting techniques and models relevant to social entrepreneurship and enterprise.

3.

SEMESTER

The third semester, “Leadership, management and organizing in social entrepreneurship in a multi-stakeholder context” introduces theories and practices of leadership, management and organizing that allow you to operate and navigate in social enterprises and other types of organizations with social aims. The semester’s courses also introduce business plans and resource analysis under social as well as financial conditions. There is also a possibility to do an internship in an organisation on the third semester.

4.

SEMESTER

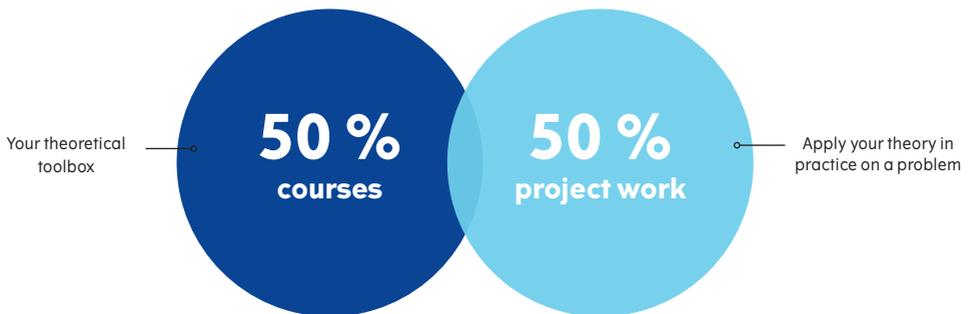
The fourth and final semester consists of the master’s thesis where you combine the theoretical and empirical knowledge and skills they have acquired in the previous semesters by writing a thesis, which displays mature and advanced knowledge of social entrepreneurship, social enterprises, social innovation, CSR, sustainability, social economy organization and/or management. The master’s thesis is an independent study project that is problem-oriented, exemplary, and participant-managed.

Form of Study

Through your education, you get the opportunity to create your own individual education profile and your own independent specialization in accordance with the idea of the problem-oriented, interdisciplinary and project-oriented teaching method at Roskilde University.

THE STUDY FORM IS A COMBINATION OF

- Problem-oriented project group work
- Courses that are organized as teaching in small groups, where the focus is on theories, methods, and problems in an interaction between teacher and student



The project work and supervision are prioritized at Roskilde University. We also prioritize that you gain experience with the production and processing of empirical data as well as the practical application of theories and methods.

All master's programmes offer project-oriented internships and / or studies at other universities at home and abroad with credit transfer.

Project Examples

The problem-oriented project work (including the final thesis) gives you unique opportunities to shape your academic profile and investigate problems of your specific interest. Through the project work you acquire practical experience of applying theories and learning about their explanatory power. You practice your methodological skills as well as analytical capacities and become versed in communicating your results. Here are examples of problems you could study in the project work:

- A case study of Pura Utz - How does the founder balance its dual mission?
- Collaboration between social entrepreneurs and Indigenous communities: A case study of the community-based tourism of the Guna Yala community
- Designing Integration: For Whom and by Whom? A Discourse Analysis of the Positioning of Non-Western Immigrant Women by the Municipality of Copenhagen and the NGO, Indvandrer Kvindecenret
- From Waste Chain to Value Chain
- Leadership in the Danish Society for Patient Safety
- Leading Collectively: An Investigation into the Embeddedness of Collective Leadership Within FairBnB
- Organizational sustainability in social enterprises: A case study of Oceans of Hope UK
- Social Entrepreneurship in Africa: The Case of Social Foodies
- The case of Dare to Take Your Chance Association
- The challenges of social innovation in a non-profit organization: HackYour-Future Copenhagen
- The Interplay Between Employees and Volunteers in a Hybrid Organization
- The Role of Networks for Circular Economy
- The Urban Honey Producer Bybi as a Driver of Transformative Social Innovation
- The Workers in Charge: Emancipation and Workers Self-Management
- Volunteer Management Practices: A Case Study of Globalhagen Hostel
- Youth Engagement for Climate Action as a force for Transformative Social Innovation in the race against Climate Change

Competences

Candidates will be qualified to work as managers, specialists and consultants addressing a variety of societal and sustainability challenges that call for new and innovative solutions.

They are specialized in managing social innovation and entrepreneurship processes in private companies, social enterprises, the public sector and civil society organisations. The programme also develops the student's proficiency in project-based work and skills in presentation, argumentation and problem solving and in the use of complex analytical tools.

Career

Project Manager | Den Sociale Kapitalfond

Project Consultant | The Danish Refugee Council

Managing Director | Impact Hub Munich

Community and Office Manager | Underbroen/Maker

CSR and Compliance Consultant

Head of Innovation

Sustainability Consultant

PdD student

Further information



You can find admission requirements, application deadlines and other information about Social Entrepreneurship and Management at Roskilde University here:

ruc.dk/en/master/social-entrepreneurship-and-management

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