



Aarhus University Educational Work-Study Programme

"AMO was able to provide very innovative ways of engaging students in real-life projects and supporting our students' learning. I am so satisfied with the outcome of last year's effort that I am looking forward to continuing our engagement with AMO during 2020."

~ Program Partner Associate
Professor in Governance

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Unaware of the reality that is project complexity, students would be unprepared if they were not able to test their learnings. In 2019, Agile Management Office (AMO) launched a selective work-study program, Project Empire, with the Department of Global Studies at Aarhus University, Denmark. Program participants were given hands-on learning opportunities in working with an AMO client. They also got real-world experience in AMO's unique governance and project management model, the AMO Way, a flexible framework that helps to coordinate governance and change and implement it.

THE SOLUTION

Three years in the making, we launched a selective work study programme. Programme participants across the Internal Masters of Internal Studies at Aarhus University were given hands-on learning opportunities and real-world experience using our unique AMO Way, a flexible framework that helps you to coordinate change and implement it. Together with Aarhus University in Denmark, we launched "Project Empire," a semester-long program in three parts:



Team & Role Selection

Working on different project aspects for a real AMO client, beginning with planning.



Research & Development

Phase two built upon those plans with research and development.



Delivery & Written Overview

Producing deliverables and a written project overview, culminating in an oral exam.

THE OUTPUTS

- Established tool guidelines with agreements on most effective use of the tools
- Live lectures, including progress and challenge showcases
- Real-time feedback and encouragement to support students with regular guidance

THE RESULT

As a result of this engagement the academic approach to exams was changed by the education board to adopt our recommended way of testing students who were applying their learnings. We were able to develop an innovative framework that they were able to leverage moving forward. It led to exceptional outcomes with all students passing the course and several applying for internships with AMO thereafter.

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Increased Collaboration

Students collaborated in an effective and enjoyable way through problem solving.

2

Real-Life Experience

Students experienced real projects before starting their careers, guided by experts.

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Academic Endorsement

Practical and theoretical knowledge combined to deliver an excellent course.