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Making memories in Norway

English study offers 2024-2025



Education

At USN, we provide students with knowledge that enables them to make a significant impact in the world. Our four faculties provide academic programmes that emphasise real world problems and experience. In brief, we provide skills and knowledge for the future.

USN provides excellent conditions for professional and personal development. The lecturers and researchers are exceptional professionals and experts in their respective fiels. USN emphasizes effective communication between students and teachers with the aim of creating an optimal learning environment.

17 200 Students

1 900 Employees

4 Faculties

40
Bachelor
Programmes

43
Master
Programmes

PhD Programmes







Student focused

We offer an informal and studentfriendly environment. Our campuses are small with an open-door policy where our staff dedicates time and attention to each student.

Tuition-free education EU/EEA

As for all public Norwegian higher education institutions, USN offers tuition-free education for EU/EEA.

- → Exchange students do not pay a study fee.
- → Full-degree students from outside of EU/EEA, must pay study fee.

A safe environment

In a global context, Norway is located in a peaceful corner of the world, offering some of the most spectacular nature of Northern Europe. Our environments are quiet and safe. Our surroundings inspire you to enjoy the beauty of the Nordic nature - the mountains, the coastal line and the fjords!

Dynamic study methods

Our programmes are focused on practical study methods with a problem-based approach that should help students to prepare for real-life situations.

Research and faculties

University of South-Eastern Norway has strong regional ties and is present in one of the most exciting and dynamic regions in Norway. Problems, ideas and solutions are developed locally, but always in collaboration with the international community and in line with the leading research in the field.

These are USN's five strategic research areas

- → Energy, climate and environment.
- → Regional value creation
- → Upbringing, belonging and life skills
- → Health and welfare services of the future
- → Democracy, community organization and governance



Faculty of Humanities, Sports and Educational Science



The faculty of Humanities, Sports, and Educational Science has a broad program portfolio operating on virtually every college campus. We offer both studies in major professional education as a teacher and kindergarten teacher as well as studies in disciplines such as art, culture, folk music, and sports.

Faculty of Health and Social Sciences



The faculty of Health and Social Sciences offers studies in nursing, social education, child welfare and radiography. In addition, we have the country's only education in optometry.

Faculty of Technology, Natural Sciences and Maritime Sciences



The faculty of Technology, Natural Sciences and Maritime Sciences offers bachelor's and master's degrees in a variety of disciplines, including engineering, science, and maritime studies. In addition, we offer several one year - and continuing education programs.

USN School of Business



USN School of Business offers undergraduate and graduate programs in a variety of disciplines, as well as a PhD programme in Management. In addition, we have several one year study programmes and postgraduate programmes.

Exchange programmes in English

Arts and Music

At USN we offer English-taught exchange programmes to students from our partner universities. Each programme listed below (except the Health and Social Work-programmes) normally consists of 3-4-courses and a minimum of 30 ECTS.

Arts and Music	Level	Autumn	Spring	Campus
Blues	Bachelo	r •	•	Notodden
Crafts and Design	Bachelo	r •		Notodden
Norwegian Folk Music / Norwegian Folk Art	Bachelo	r •	•	Rauland
Business, Management and Information Sy	stems			
Business Administration	Bachelo	r •	•	Bø
Business Administration	Bachelo	r •	•	Kongsberg
Business Administration	Bachelo	r •		Ringerike
Business Administration	Bachelo	r	•	Vestfold
International Tourism and Sustainable				
Development	Bachelo	r •	•	Bø
Business Law and Economics	Bachelo	r •		Ringerike
Information Technology	Bachelo	r •		Ringerike
Innovation and Technology Management	Master	•	•	Kongsberg
Digital Transformation	Master	•	•	Ringerike
Business Administration	Master	•		Ringerike
Sustainability Management	Master	•	•	Bø
Health and Social Work (15 ECTS)				
Social work in a global world	Bachelo	r •		Porsgrunn
Social entrepreneurship practice	Bachelo	r •		Porsgrunn
placement				
Childhood, Welfare and Culture	Master	•		Porsgrunn
3 months clinical nursing	Bachelo	r •	•	Several
Cross-cultural Nursing course with	Bachelo	r	•	Several
Clinical Placement				

	Level A	Autumn Sp	ring	Campus
Global Health course with Clinical	Bachelor			Several
Placement and Cross-cultural Nursing				
Health and Social Work (30 ECTS)				
Optometry exchange programmes	Bachelor	•		Kongsberg
Optometry exchange programmes	Master	•		Kongsberg
Radiography exchange course	Bachelor	•		Drammen
Law and Social Science				
Human Rights and Multiculturalism	Master	•	•	Drammen
Language, Culture and History				
Scandinavian Studies	Bachelor	•	•	Bø
English Studies	Bachelor	•	•	Vestfold
Norwegian Studies	Bachelor	•	•	Vestfold
Viking History and Old Norse Literature	Bachelor	•		Vestfold

HOW TO APPLY

All exchange students must be nominated by their home institution before applying.

Nomination must be done through our online system at www.usn.no/how-to-apply

Nomination/Application deadlines:

- → April 15 (autumn semester)
- → October 15 (spring semester)

Please note that you cannot select cross-campus courses or programmes.

For more information about the admission procedures for exchange students, contact: nomination@usn.no

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- → Autumn semester: early August-mid December
- → Spring semester: mid-January-mid June (please ote that some of the programmes might have a later start-up date in spring)

Orientation: early-August and early to mid-January (the first weeks of semester start for new international students).

More information about practical details can be found at

www.usn.no/newstudents

Engineering and Maritime Sciences	Level	Autu	mn	Spring	Campus
Computer Science	Bachelo	r			Kongsberg or Vestfold
Electronic Engineering	Bachelo	r			Kongsberg or Vestfold
Mechanical Engineering	Bachelo	r			Kongsberg, Porsgrunn
					or Vestfold
Chemical Engineering	Bachelo	r			Porsgrunn
Civil Engineering	Bachelo	r			Porsgrunn
Electrical Engineering	Bachelo	r			Porsgrunn or Vestfold
Information & Automation	Bachelo	r			Porsgrunn
Maritime studies	Bachelo	r			Vestfold
Engineering Courses	Master			•	Kongsberg, Porsgrunn
					or Vestfold
Maritime Management	Master				Vestfold
Natural Science, Nature and the Environme	nt				
Alpine Ecology and Environmental	Bachelo	r		•	Bø
Management					
Ecology and Environmental	Master			•	Bø
Management					
Sports and Outdoor Life					
Nordic Backcountry Skiing	Bachelo	r		•	Bø
and Outdoor Leadership					
Outdoor Leadership, Culture	Bachelo	r			Bø
and Ecophilosophy					
Sport and Kinesiology Studies	Bachelo	r			Bø
Physical Education, Sport and	Bachelo	r		•	Notodden
Outdoor Learning					
Exercise and Health Management	Bachelo	r			Vestfold
Outdoor Education and Experimental	Bachelo	r		•	Vestfold
Learning					
Summer school					
	Bachelo			S*	Dingoriko
Summer school - Intl. Marketing/	bachelo)		5^	Ringerike
Intl. Management					

"This exchange semester is one of the best experiences in my life and I would love to stay longer if I could!"

Mihailo from Serbia
 Studying Clay, Art and Design at campus Notodden











Degree programmes in English

USN offers a wide range of English taught programmes and courses for international students within different fields – at Master as well as PhD level. Below you can find an overview of the different degree programmes in English at USN.

How to apply

Students applying to study for a full degree at USN should apply through the applicants portal:





Application deadline for full degree programmes is

- → 15th of January for non-EU/EEA citizens
- → 1st of March for EU/EEA citizens

For information about admission to our degree programmes, please contact admissions@usn.no

Please note that each programme has a selected number of courses available for exchange students.

One- and half-year-programmes	Campus
Blues	Notodden
Norwegian Folk Music / Norwegian Folk Art	Rauland
Master	
Ecology and Environmental Management	Bø
Sustainability Management	Bø
Human Rights and Multiculturalism	Drammen
Computer Science	Kongsberg
Innovation and Technology Management	Kongsberg
Energy and Environmental Technology	Porsgrunn
Electrical Power Engineering	Porsgrunn
IT and Automation	Porsgrunn
Process Technology	Porsgrunn
Digital Transformation	Ringerike
Maritime Management	Vestfold
Erasmus Mundus: Smart Systems Integrated Solutions	Vestfold
Micro and Nano Systems Technology	Vestfold
Ph.D.	
Culture Studies	Bø
Ecology	Bø
Person-Centered Healthcare	Drammen
Management	Drammen
Nautical Operations	Vestfold
Pedagogical Resources and Learning Processes	Vestfold
in Kindergarten and School	
Technology	Several

Our Campuses

We have eight campuses located in the heart of Norway, from snowy mountain peaks to sunny coastal areas.

Our eight campuses have great diversity, from city centers to more rural areas. The campuses brings you closer to other students and your lecturers. In addition, student accommodation is usually more reasonable in these areas.

The campuses are strategically located near businesses, industry, hospitals, schools and kindergartens. A close collaboration with the business world ensures that many of our students can get a foothold in working life during their studies.







Campus Bø is located in Bø, Telemark. Bø is a small town known for its great outdoors, yet has an intimate, urban feel, with small cafes and the legendary student club "Kroa". At campus Bø, you will be one of the 2,400 students who study here.

Campus Kongsberg is located in the number one technological hub with several of Norway's most advanced companies. The brand new campus Krona has become a gathering place with a library, cinemas and concert & theatre hall. 1,255 students has campus Kongsberg as their place of study.

Campus Porsgrunn is located in a harbor town, with a river running through the city centre. In Porsgrunn, there are 2,885 students. The town has a vibrant atmosphere with restaurants and cafes by the waterfront. Porsgrunn also hosts one of the largest industrial parks in Norway.

Campus Ringerike is located in Hønefoss town. It is known for its pleasant learning environment and close contact with teachers. A brand new campus building hosting the School of business opened in autumn 2019. A great sports complex just off campus is available, and there are 1,320 students studying here.

Campus Drammen has an urban and bright campus, beautifully located by the river in a spectacular building. A lively town surrounded by nature, just half an hour from Oslo. There are 3,640 students studying at this campus.

Campus Notodden is beautifully situated, with stunning views over lake Heddalsvannet and the surrounding mountains. Notodden is on UNESCO's World Heritage List, and today many of the historic industrial buildings hosts art centres and cafes, as well as the largest blues festival in northern Europe. There are 1,300 students studying at this campus.

Campus Rauland is the cornerstone of Norwegian folk art and folk music, hosting the annual International Winter Festival. The mountain village of Rauland is a popular skiing destination for tourists. There are 135 students studying at this campus.

Campus Vestfold is our largest campus with a wide range of programmes and great facilities. Sporting hall and swimming pool on campus. It is located in the countryside by the Oslo fjord, between the two mid-sized towns Tønsberg and Horten. A total of 4,315 students study at the Vestfold campus.





ACCOMMODATION in student housing is offered to international students in all 8 campuses. The dormitories are close to campus, modern and newly furbished.
Students need to apply through the Student Welfare Organization (SSN) to register for housing.

Exchange students have housing guarantee!

2 400

dormitories/apartments

Check out the QR-code for more information about housing









