

Congratulations on getting admitted to Master in human rights and multiculturalism

Welcome to USN!

In this letter you will find important information related to your study programme.

We look forward to meet you!



Congratulations...

Welcome to the MA in Human Rights and Multiculturalism, cohort 2026. We are looking forward to welcoming you all in August.

The MA in Human Rights and Multiculturalism examines various interpretations of human rights, and how human rights are perceived in the context of cultural diversities. The program pursues an interdisciplinary approach to human rights and multiculturalism and problem-based learning on real world global challenges. Our students are enthusiastic about their studies. The curriculum of the degree program is based on strengths in research and development and the expertise of staff within the crosscutting areas of education, international law, philosophy, political science, social anthropology, sociology, cultural and religious studies. In the third semester, you may undertake an internship to gain work experience at an academic level, either by finding a placement yourself or by applying for internships offered through our partners, such as NAV, Drammen Municipality, the Norwegian Refugee Council, or the Scholars at Risk network, enabling you to put theory into practice and analyse your work experiences in light of your studies of human rights and multiculturalism.

Below you will find some practical information relating to your studies in the upcoming semester.

Important Dates

- Online Information meeting is Tuesday 16th of June at 14.00
- First day at USN is Monday 10th of August



Time schedule

The time schedule is published on [TimeEdit](#) from 15. June. (Search for the courses MHRMC610 and MHRMC620). Studying for a master's degree is a full time endeavour, and you should plan accordingly.

How to prepare

As you know, our program is an interdisciplinary, international program, and you will be studying with students from many parts of the world, and from various backgrounds. Please find program description and the individual course descriptions on our webpages: [Master in Human Rights and Multiculturalism - Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge \(usn.no\)](#)

Get to know USN

You should make yourself acquainted with our [library](#) collection on campus and digitally, as well as our databases and [the academic writing center](#). The [student welfare organisation](#) (SSN) is there to support you in your everyday life as a student, from housing, to benefits, sports and health.

Housing

All students who would like to stay in SSN student dormitories must apply for student housing directly with [SSN](#). Please note that this is a separate process from the student application process. International students should submit their applications through SSN within April 15th for the autumn semester and October 15th for the spring semester.

- [Apply for SSN housing here.](#)

The SSN - student welfare services - has only a limited number of apartments in accommodated for spouses or small families (1-2-rooms). These are in high demand. Please contact the [SSN](#) directly for more questions. If you are coming with a family or spouses, it is your own responsibility to find suitable accommodation.

Please note that there are also private housing providers off campus, where it is possible to rent a room or a small apartment. Check out [hybel.no](#) or [Finn.no](#) for private housing.

Canvas

Canvas is the learning platform we use at USN. Each course has its own Canvas room. The relevant Canvas rooms open at the start of each semester. You can contact the course coordinator directly if you have any questions.

Exam

Exam dates are published the 1st of October. Please find questions and answers related to exams here: [Exams - Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge](#)

General information

- Here is an overview of relevant information for new students and frequently asked questions [Semester start - Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge](#)
- Checklist for new students: [New students' checklist - Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge](#)

Special needs?

You can ask for support related to special needs after the 1st of August: [Special needs - Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge.](#)

At the University of South-Eastern Norway, we strive to create an inclusive learning environment. Therefore, we aim to accommodate, as far as possible, all students with disabilities or special needs to help them succeed in their studies. Please contact your academic advisor or visit our website for more information about accommodations and the application process.

The deadline to apply for exam accommodations is **September 15th** for the fall semester and **February 15th** for the spring semester.

Please note that there are two different application forms: one for exams and one for study situations.

Do you have any questions?

For questions related to your study program, contact your Program Coordinator Åsne Håndlykken-Luz (asne.handlykken-luz@usn.no).

For practical matters, contact your student advisor Anne-Kari Ruud (anne-kari.ruud@usn.no).

Information before semester start: **We would like to invite you to a digital meeting June 16 2026 at 14.00 Norwegian time.** Here you will meet the program coordinator Åsne Håndlykken-Luz and the student advisor Anne-Kari Ruud. We will inform you about the study program and you will have the possibility to ask question. Get in touch with the student advisor for a link to the meeting.



The USN MA in Human Rights and Multiculturalism is a fantastic program. It has really enlightened the way I think and reflect about the world, and continues to provide me the knowledge and language to be eloquently aware of human rights, justice and inclusive systems. What sets the program apart is also its critical and decolonial lens, despite being based in Europe and Scandinavia. (Piyumani Ranasinghe, cohort 2021-2023)
