



Study Abroad and Exchange Norway

Welcome to UiA

The University of Agder (UiA) is a young and dynamic university situated on the southern tip of Norway. We are one of the most modern universities in Norway and offer high-quality study programmes with an international focus. We prepare our students for a lifetime of learning and of

responsible leadership through faculties dedicated to teaching and co-creation of knowledge. UiA seeks to be an open and inclusive university that is characterized by a culture of cooperation, and aims to be on the cutting edge of innovation, education and research.



The School of Business and Law at UiA is accredited by the AACSB, one of only two accredited business schools in Norway.

Campuses

UiA is located on two campuses that are within walking distance of the city centres, yet only meters away from both beaches and forests for running, climbing, biking, hiking, swimming and other activities. UiA campuses are meeting places which stimulate to dialogue and mutual cultural development.

- > Kristiansand
- > Grimstad

Faculties

UiA's seven faculties/units are:

- > Faculty of Humanities and Education
- > Faculty of Health and Sport Science
- > Faculty of Engineering and Science
- > Faculty of Social Science
- > Faculty of Fine Arts
- > Faculty of Business and Law
- > Teacher Education Unit

Research and Collaboration

UiA has extensive collaboration with a range of establishments and businesses. We have partners at regional, national, and international levels from both private and public sectors. The university participates in several types of research collaborations. Some of the collaborations involve students.

More information about research at UiA can be found at: uia.no/en/research

Why choose UiA?

- > **NO tuition fees**
- > **Courses in English at all faculties**
- > **Guaranteed Accommodation**
- > **Buddy Programme offered by ESN**
- > **Modern Facilities**
- > **Safe Environment**
- > **Warm summers and snowy winters**
- > **Norway is the happiest country in the world!**

I love that we are surrounded by beautiful nature and water within walking distance because that is one of the reasons I chose Norway for studying abroad!

Cecilie Lund Wiese
from Denmark.
Interview: uia.no/en/studies

Norway and 'Sørlandet'

Norway is one of the safest countries in the world and known for its high standard of living, oil and fish exports, advanced technology and its natural beauty.

In Norway you will enjoy:

- > Spectacular mountain landscapes
- > Sunny coastlines in the South with secluded beaches and archipelago
- > Breathtaking sceneries
- > Fresh air and clear water
- > Fjords
- > Northern lights

Southern Norway – or 'Sørlandet' as we call it, is well known for having the mildest weather and being the sunniest part of the country. Surrounded by picturesque scenery, from tiny rocky islands in the fjords to snow-covered mountains inland, the region can offer a rich variety of recreational activities.

Whilst living in Southern Norway, you have easy access to experience the beautiful Norwegian landscapes. Make the most of your time here!

Bergen is Norway's second largest city and famous for the seven mountains surrounding the city, the fish market and the Hanseatic Wharf.
> 55 min flight / 10 hour train ride.



Preikestolen/Norwegian fjords:
Preikestolen (the Pulpit Rock) is one of the most spectacular photo objects in the country and has been named the world's most spectacular viewing points by both CNN and Lonely Planet. It is also accessible from the fjord which gives you a superb experience of the Norwegian fjords.
> 4 hour drive



Lindesnes Lighthouse, the southernmost point of Norway. Spectacular views, small café and exhibitions by local artists.
> 1.5 hour drive.



Lofoten will give you an unforgettable nature experience. In the areas diverse landscape, you can go hiking, skiing, fishing, ocean rafting or scuba diving. Lofoten is also one of the world's northernmost sites for surfing.
> 4.5 hour flight.



Tromsø is a modern city in the Arctic and ideal for seeing the northern light.
> 5 hour flight.



Trondheim is a vibrant city with plenty of cosy shopping streets and restaurants. It is the third largest in Norway and home to the famous cathedral Nidarosdomen.
> >1.5 hour flight.



Oslo, the capital and largest city in Norway know as a cosmopolitan hub, home to many of the country's cultural institutions and world-class architecture. Nestled between the Oslofjord and forested hills, Oslo was named the Green Capital in 2019. Here you can visit landmarks like the Opera House, Holmenkollen Ski Jump, the Royal Palace.
> 4 hour drive / 5 hour by train / 45min flight.



Hovden is the largest ski destination in the southern part of Norway. The area also offers hiking and bicycle trails, and fishing lakes.
> 3 hour drive.

Grimstad

Kristiansand





Kristiansand

Kristiansand is a fast growing, modern city and is the biggest city in Southern Norway. It is the regional capital of business, administration and culture, and has 92 000 inhabitants. With an innovative industry, good infrastructure, top-notch sports venues and an active festival and fine arts community, few places in Norway can compare to Kristiansand.

Campus Kristiansand has 9 500 students and the buildings are surrounded by greenery and have a sleek, contemporary design. The campus is close to recreational areas and in walking distance of the city centre. The sporting facilities are very good, with a fitness centre on campus and a lot of outdoor options.

Explore Kristiansand

- > Go for a walk on the idyllic island of Odderøya and enjoy the excellent views of the eastern harbour, Christiansholm Fortress and the leisure boat marinas.
- > Visit Baneheia – a nature park that extends right up to the Kvadraturen (city centre) in Kristiansand, and is a much used walking, keep-fit and recreational area.
- > Go for a hike in Jegersberg in your lunchbreak or after class. Go for a swim in the lakes if weather allows or ride your bike along the fantastic bike trails.
- > The city beach is popular for swimming and water activities in the summer.
- > Sample fresh seafood at the local seafood market (Fiskebrygga).
- > Enjoy an ice cream from the local and famous ice cream maker 'Hennig Olsen'
- > Take a ferry ride to Hirtshals, Denmark for the day.
- > Visit the Asian/International supermarkets.
- > Go to music festivals or watch a play at Kilden Performing Arts Centre.

Kristiansand has the advantages of a big city – without the big city stress.

www.kristiansand.no
www.visitkrs.com
www.kristiansand.kommune.no

Grimstad

Grimstad is an idyllic city with small, white wooden houses, narrow cobbled streets, tiny cafes and bakeries scattered around the city centre. Ask any one of the 20 000 inhabitants in Grimstad to describe their city, and they will probably tell you about the beautiful coastline covered with islands, skerries and small tucked away beaches. Grimstad is located only 40 minutes by car from Kristiansand.

Campus Grimstad has 3 500 students and is co-located with Grimstad's Technology Park which is home to many innovative small businesses, particularly telecommunication and technology companies. The campus was established in 2010 and the view is breath-taking. The facilities are excellent and include a simulated hospital and smart house where the Centre for eHealth is developing ways to use technology to help care for the elderly and disabled.

Explore Grimstad

- > Enjoy lazy days on the beach.
- > Explore the skerries.
- > Take a morning paddle between the islands – kayak hire is free.
- > Walk in the footsteps of Henrik Ibsen and Knut Hamsun.
- > Cycle Thor Hushovd's training route. Here you can cycle as far as you like, as quickly as you like, and where you like – on forest lanes or along the coast – the choice is yours.
- > Taste the traditional 'porke' from one of the local bakeries.
- > Take time to enjoy some local food and drinks at the food festivals hosted every autumn.
- > Admire the beautiful flowers in Dømmesmoen park.
- > Take a walk in the forest and be rewarded with spectacular views.

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www.grimstad.kommune.no

Studying at UiA

Courses

The University of Agder offers a broad range of single courses for exchange students that are taught in English at both Bachelor and Master level. You may choose courses across faculties, but please note that you must fulfill the prerequisites for each course. At Campus Kristiansand we offer Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Business, Health, Sports, Natural Sciences and Fine Arts. At Campus Grimstad we offer Engineering, ICT and placements for nursing students.

The courses listed below are a selection of what is offered at UiA. The courses may change each year or semester, so we recommend looking at the complete list on our website at www.uia.no/en/studies/exchange-students/choosing-courses

Faculty of Humanities and Education

- > "Games of History": Games and gaming as historical sources
- > Academic Writing in English
- > American and British Literature and Culture, Part 1 - 2
- > Applied Ethics
- > Applied Philosophy: Human beings vs. Technology
- > Beat Culture: Literature and Art
- > Bilingualism: Second language production and perception
- > British and American Civilization
- > Business English
- > Cultural Myths and American National Identity
- > Developments in Contemporary American and British Politics
- > Education in Norway and Comparative Education
- > English Grammar
- > English Language and Didactics
- > English Phonetics and Phonology
- > Film Narrative in a Historical Perspective
- > French Literature and Culture 1
- > Game Theory and Philosophy
- > German Language 1
- > German Language 2 German Literature, History and Culture 2
- > German Literature, History and Culture 1
- > Intercultural communication
- > International Issues in Special Education and Inclusion
- > Introduction to Latin-American Studies: History, Development and Society
- > Introduction to Psycholinguistics
- > Language, Culture and Society
- > Linguistic Theory for Non-Norwegian Students
- > Linguistic Theory, Core Course
- > Literary Theory for Non-Norwegian Students

- > Literary Theory, Core Course
- > Literature and political trauma
- > Migration: A Global History
- > Norway: Society and Culture
- > Norwegian for International Students
- > Philosophy and Psychology
- > Phonology - Theoretical and Experimental Topics
- > Practical English (5 ects, English)
- > Religious Radicalization, Extremism and Violence
- > Spanish Language
- > Spanish speaking literature and culture.
- > Specialisation in Nordic 1: Language - for Non-Norwegian Students
- > Theory and Method
- > Theory of Science, ethics, Linguistics and Translation Theory
- > U.S. Literature and the Twenty-First Century Migration Novel
- > Understanding historical time and the use of history
- > Uses and Abuses of History

Faculty of Health and Sport Science

- > Clinical studies in home nursing care
- > Clinical studies in mental health care
- > Fieldwork of Habilitation/ Rehabilitation

Faculty of Social Science

- > Advanced Database Systems
- > Communication, Media and Planning
- > Comparative Regional Analysis
- > Culture and Development
- > Current Development Issues: Poverty, Inequality and Power
- > Data Modelling and Database Systems
- > Data Science Applications
- > Digital Innovation
- > Digitalization of Public Sector

- > Enterprise Systems I
- > EU External Relations
- > Examen Facultatum within Social Sciences
- > Global Environment Issues: a Political Ecology Perspective
- > Global Political Economy
- > Hands-on e-Business for Entrepreneurs
- > Information Resource Management
- > Informations Systems Security
- > Institutionalism and Transnational Governance
- > Introduction to Development Studies
- > Introduction to Latin-American Studies: History, Development and Society
- > IT and Management
- > Leadership in public organisations
- > Management in Sustainable Development - Theories and Concepts
- > Organisational Changes and Change Management
- > Planning for Local and Regional Development Introduction to development studies
- > Political Systems and Governance
- > Power, Resistance and Development
- > Public Administration and Management
- > Research Methods within Social Sciences
- > Sociology of Welfare and Equality
- > Systems Analysis and Design
- > Systems Development Process and Methods
- > The European Union - Institutions and Politics
- > The European Union and Domestic Public Administration
- > The Nordic Welfare State in Comparative Perspective
- > The Political Ecology of Global Environmental Challenges

Faculty of Engineering and Science

- > 3D Visualization
- > 3D-Modelling and Animation
- > Access in Wireless Networks
- > Advanced Finite Element MethodPower Systems Dynamics
- > Advanced Internet and Service Protocols
- > Analog and Digital Electro Technologies
- > Application Development
- > Applied Fish Ecology
- > Combined Heat and Power Systems
- > Communication, Cooperation and Research Methods
- > Concepts of Programming Languages
- > Contract Management
- > Control Theory
- > Corporate Economic Analysis
- > Data Analysis and Modelling Techniques in Renewable Energy,
- > Design and Fatigue
- > Design of Mechanical Systems
- > Design of Naval Constructions 1
- > Distributed and Big Data Systems
- > E-learning and Games
- > Electric Motor Drives
- > Electrotechnical fundamentals
- > Finite Element Method
- > Fisheries Oceanography
- > Generative programming
- > High performance materials
- > Hydraulics Components and Systems
- > Hydrogen Battery and Thermoelectric Technologies
- > ICT Seminar
- > Indoor Climate Technique and Applied Fluid Mechanics
- > Industrial IT
- > Industrial IT and Robot Technology
- > Instrumentation
- > Interaction Design
- > Knowledge Engineering and Representation
- > Life-cycle assessment of constructions
- > Machine Elements and Hydraulics
- > Mathematics for Mechatronics
- > Mechanical Material Technolog
- > Mechanical Systems
- > Mobile Communication Networks
- > Mobile Learning for Education
- > Modelling and Simulation
- > Optimization of Load-Bearing Structures in Steel and Aluminium
- > Pollution of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
- > Power Electronics for Renewable Energy
- > Principles of Artificial Intelligence
- > Probability Theory and Stochastic

- Processes
- > Product Development and Project Management
- > Renewable Energy in the Power Grid
- > Risk Management
- > Scripting and Hacking
- > Smartgrid System
- > Software Architecture and Design
- > Soil mechanics and foundation
- > Statistics in Ecological Studies
- > Structural design 3 - Steel and wood
- > Structural Design of Prestressed Concrete
- > WIFI and Ad Hoc Networking
- > Wind and Hydro Power
- > Wind Energy
- > Wireless Embedded Systems and Sensor Networks

Faculty of Business and law

- > Accounting Theory
- > Advanced Econometrics for
- > Brand Management and Advertising
- > Business English
- > Computational Finance and Portfolio Management
- > Consumer Behaviour
- > Corporate Finance
- > Crowdfunding Lab
- > Culture and Ethics
- > Econometrics for Finance
- > Emerging Markets
- > Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- > Finance Theory
- > Financial Statement Analysis and Equity Valuation
- > Game Theory and Philosophy
- > Gründer Lab and Entrepreneurship
- > Hands-on e-Business for Entrepreneurs
- > Human Resources Economics
- > Industrial Buying Behaviour
- > Industrial Organisation
- > Intermediate Microeconomics
- > International Business
- > International eMarketing
- > International Laboratory
- > International Management
- > International Marketing
- > International Political Economy
- > Judgement and Decision Making
- > Management Accounting
- > Management Control Systems
- > Marketing Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- > Multimedia Marketing and Communications
- > Quantitative Financial Economics
- > Real Estate Economics
- > Research Methods in Business

- > Revenue Management
- > Strategy
- > Supply Chain Management
- > Valuation

Faculty of Fine Arts

- > Aesthetics Workshop
- > Composing and Arranging Specialisation
- > Electronic Music Specialisation
- > Individual Performance and Ensemble
- > Individual performance and Interpretation
- > Main Instrument
- > Major Instrument and Chamber Music
- > Major Instrument and Ensemble
- > Music Business
- > Music Technology Specialisation
- > Musicological theory and Method
- > Physical Theatre
- > Scientific and Artistic practice
- > Sitespecific Art
- > Stagecraft and Stage Design
- > Visual Culture

In addition to our selection of free-standing courses, we also offer several semester programmes and collision-free course packages:

One-semester programmes (30 ECTS)

- > NORSEC – Norwegian Society, Education and Culture (autumn)
- > Comparative Educational Studies (spring)
- > Outdoor Education (spring)

Course packages Bachelor level (30 ECTS)

- > Humanities (autumn)
- > English (autumn and/or spring)
- > German (autumn and/or spring)
- > Spanish (autumn and/or spring)
- > Development Studies (autumn)
- > Information Systems (autumn and/or spring)

Course packages Master level (30 ECTS)

- > Development Studies (autumn)
- > Financial Economics (autumn and/or spring)
- > International Management (autumn and/or spring)

European Integration Summer School (EISS)

The summer school is especially valuable for students who are eager to acquire a specialisation in EU studies. The summer school has received national and international recognition for being a place that provides an exceptional learning environment for its students.

European Integration Summer School (EISS) will allow you to:

- > Deepen your knowledge on a wide range of issues pertaining to European integration.
- > Add an international dimension to your specific field of training (e.g. in law, public administration or economics).
- > Engage with top scholars and experts in a very personal way.
- > Students will have the opportunity to engage with top scholars and experts in thought-provoking way.

"The EISS is an academically rigorous and intellectually rewarding experience. Student and staff – both locally based and visitors from abroad – combine to provide a stimulating environment in a wonderful setting"
Desmond Dinan, George Mason University, USA

Courses:

- > History, Institutions and Policies of European Integration
- > Current Issues: The European Union in the World

More information on EISS is available at:
www.uia.no/en/studies

Full Degree Programmes

In Norway there is NO tuition fees, also for international students. UiA offers full-degree programmes taught in English at both Bachelor, Master and PhD levels.

You can choose between the following at UiA:

- > Bachelor in Developments Studies
- > Bachelor in Music Performance - Western Classical Music
- > Bachelor in English
- > 15 different Master programmes
- > 14 PhD specialisations

International degree seeking students must only pay the same semester registration fee as Norwegian students of approximately 800 NOK per semester.

The application deadline is **1st December** and more information on how to apply for full-degree programmes is available at: www.uia.no/en/studies/admissions



Student life

Student life is much more than reading and exams. As a student at UiA you have loads of possibilities. Regardless of what interests you have, there is always something you can do. If you like the forest, relax by the sea, love culture and the urban life, the cities of Southern Norway have it all. By engaging in student activities, you will meet students from all study programmes. Some student organisations organise social activities and trips, while others organise academic events.

Teams, clubs and organisations

STA

(The Student Organisation in Agder)

is the association for all students at UiA. There are over 60 student activities affiliated by STA.

Here is a selection:

- > Basket, cheerleading, climbing, croquet, cycling, dodgeball, Fjell og Fjære (trips for people who enjoy the outdoors), football, lacrosse, scuba diving, soccer
- > Choir, Student orchestra/brass band
- > ESN Agder
- > Motor UiA
- > Religious associations
- > Organisations for specific study programmes and many, many more

SiA

(Student Welfare Organisation in Agder)

is responsible for the

infrastructure surrounding ones studies, running student housing, the student cafeteria, the bookshop Sørbok, health services and the student venues in cooperation with students.

Student venues

Students have their own meeting places on campus and these are home to concerts, student evenings, quizzes and many other fun events.

- > Østria in Kristiansand
- > Bluebox in Grimstad.

Cafeteria - SiA Food & Beverage

The cafeteria has been voted Norway's best student canteen several years in a row, and is an important meeting place at UiA, both in Kristiansand and Grimstad.

Fitness centre (Kristiansand)

Spicheren is the largest and most well-equipped fitness center in Southern

Norway. It has a large gym, swimming pool and climbing walls, as well as various studios for group training. Spicheren offers student discounts on memberships.

Health Services

UiA has several resources available if you have special requirements or if you need someone to talk to. The University Resource Centre for Health is a low threshold and confidential service for students who needs counselling or disability support.

Bookstore

SiA Bookstore offers a large variety of textbooks with stores at the campus in both Kristiansand and Grimstad.

Hokus Pokus Campus Kindergarten

SiA runs a kindergarten for students and staff next to the Campus in Kristiansand and Grimstad.

Student support services

UiA offers a wide range of student support services dedicated to helping you get your study off to the best start possible and supporting you over the journey with us.

International Education Office

The staff at the International Education Office provides information, support and advice to future and current international students and to students wishing to study abroad on exchange programmes.

Global Lounge

Global Lounge is a meeting place for international and Norwegian students, employees, as well as guests. Our international interns are there to help you with any questions you may have.

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe, and was founded for supporting and developing student exchange. ESN Agder is the local section at UiA and they are actively represented at both campuses. ESN Agder welcomes international students and provides a buddy program.

Orientation Day

Having a good start is important to having a good time at the university. UiA has a compulsory Orientation Day for all new international exchange students. During Orientation Day you will receive a lot of useful information and you will also meet

the other international students and your Buddy.

Career Services

UiA Career Services support the students in connecting with opportunities to explore their co-curricular and professional interest, gain relevant experience and achieve their personal and professional goals.

UiA Help

UiA Help is the university's first point of contact if you need help with anything related to IT-services, library and general information.



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Living in Southern Norway

Both Kristiansand and Grimstad are safe and comfortable places to be a student. It is easy to get around by bike and public transport and nature is always close by.

Getting around

The cities are well connected with a train station, coach station, international airport and a ferry terminal. Grimstad is located only 40 min by car from Kristiansand and is easy to reach by public transport.

Bike - Most Norwegians use their bike to get around. Both Kristiansand and Grimstad have great bike paths around the city and campus. Bikes are cheap and you can get a secondhand bike for 100 NOK and up.

Bus - You can catch a bus to just about anything and anywhere. A local bus ticket cost 31 NOK and cheapest purchased through the App (AKT Billetter).

Walk - The location of campus and the student accommodation will allow you to walk to the city, shops and the surrounding nature.

Accommodation

As an international student at UiA you are guaranteed a single or shared room in one of the student houses located on or near campus. They are all within walking distance to the city centre, as well as to nature and to the sea. The rooms are fully furnished and are offered at student friendly prices. Internet, electricity and operating services are included in the rent. Student accommodation bring together people from all over the world and combines a rich cultural and social experience with a welcoming, inclusive community life. It is also a great opportunity to get to know Norwegian students!

Living costs

The million dollar question is... Is Norway expensive? It doesn't have to be! Here are some tips that students on a budget recommend:

- > Norway has a big selection of supermarkets with great weekly specials.
- > Buy the shop's own brand.
- > Shop at International supermarkets.
- > Cook with friends.
- > Make the most of Norway's natural resources. Pick your own berries or go fishing.
- > Drink tap water - it's the best!

Some typical prices you will find here are the following:
 Bread 25 NOK
 Milk (1 liter) 16 NOK
 Egg (1 dozen) 26 NOK
 Cheese (285 g) 28 NOK
 Pasta (1 kg) 13 NOK
 Minced Meat (400 g) 45 NOK

Regardless of whatever your budget might be, don't forget to enjoy the most beautiful scenery in the world - it's free!



Application process

1

Nomination

- > Check with the international office at your university that they have a formal agreement for exchange studies with UiA.
- > Make sure that the subject areas matches the requirements of your home university course selection.

2

Application

- Your home university representatives will nominate you. You will then receive an e-mail from UiA with instructions on how to apply. Complete the online application and make sure you upload all the required documents before the deadline:
- > Transcript of records for all completed higher education courses/units (official, valid document).
 - > List of ongoing courses that you will be finishing the semester before arriving at UiA.
 - > For Erasmus+ students only: Erasmus + Learning Agreement, signed by you and your home institution.

Some courses will have additional papers to upload, please see the webpage for more information. uia.no/en/studies

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Acceptance

If your application is successful, you will receive your Letter of Acceptance approximately three weeks after the application deadline.

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Accommodation

Student accommodation is offered by SiA Housing at both campuses. Students who spend a minimum of one semester at UiA is guaranteed student accommodation in shared or single rooms if you apply within the deadline. You will receive more information on how to apply once you have been accepted.

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Prepare to go

- > Check if you have to apply for a visa/residence permit.
- > Make sure you have insurance.
- > Pack your bags and get ready for an amazing adventure!

Tuition fees, visas/residence permit and insurance

Tuition Fees

There are no tuition fees at UiA and Exchange Students who are here for one or two semesters are also exempt from the semester fee.

Visas/Residence permit

EU/EEA students do not have to apply for a visa/residence permit, but have to register with the police on arrival if staying in Norway for more than 3 months.

Non-EU/EEA students need a visa/residence permit. Some nationalities must apply before entering Norway and some can apply after arrival. Make sure you contact the Norwegian Embassy/Consulate General in your home country for information. There is a fee connected to the visa application.

Insurance

All students are required to have insurance from their home country. It is the student's responsibility to make insurance arrangements for any accident, illness, injury, loss or damage to persons or property during the study period in Norway.

EU/EEA students must bring a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This must be obtained in your home country and entitles you to medical care under the Norwegian National Health Scheme (dental care and illnesses contracted before arrival in Norway are not covered).

www.uia.no/en/studies

Important dates

	Autumn semester	Spring semester
Nomination period	15 March - 20 April	15 March - 5 October
Application period	15 March - 1 May	15 March - 15 October
Semester begins	August	January
Exams	November/December	May/June
Semester ends	December	June



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