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In this brochure you will find a broad range of useful information about finding the right field of study, getting financial assistance and preparing for your stay at foreign university. There are many links to interesting websites. Please check them in order to get a detailed information about study, conditions of admission and enrollment and about student life.

Concerning the various pieces of information, please be careful:

- the most recent piece of information is always available on the website of the universities!
- please contact CEDIES to make sure that your studies will be recognized and allow you to get financial assistance!
- make more applications and don't stick to one single institution!

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CHOOSING YOUR STUDIES

Source: www.studyindenmark.de

Why Denmark?

Danish higher education features innovative teaching methods and an informal learning environment designed to promote creativity, self-expression, analytical and critical thinking.

Teaching style - characteristics

- Student-centered learning and open debate during class
- Close collaboration between students and teachers
- Traditional lectures combined with project work with the teacher as a consultant
- Active participation and problem solving rather than passive listening
- Focus on turning new knowledge and learning into innovative solutions

Institutions of higher education

More than 500 programmes are taught in English - all internationally recognised and of high quality. You can choose between three types of institutions of higher education:

- **Universities**
- **University Colleges**
- **Academies of Professional Higher Education**

Universities

Most universities are multi-faculty institutions covering a wide range of disciplines with a few specializing in science and technology, IT, business, architecture, fine arts and music. The universities are located in the larger cities and many of them have close partnerships with business, industry and other research institutions.

University colleges

The university colleges combine theoretical studies with practical application in a range of subject areas. Work placements are always

included in the programmes, which prepare you to enter specific professions. Courses are offered in areas such as business, education, engineering, IT, nursing, social work, etc.

Academies of professional higher education

The programmes offered at the academies of professional higher education combine theory with practice. They are available in a range of disciplines, including business, technology, IT, multimedia, food industry, tourism, etc.

University level institutions of fine and performing arts, design and architecture

University level institutions of fine and performing arts, design and architecture offer research-based programs starting from Bachelor's and continuing with Master's and PhD programmes.

Further information

www.studyindenmark.dk

FINDING THE RIGHT COURSE

Whether you are interested in a research-oriented programme or more hands-on vocational training you will have plenty of options in Denmark. You can choose between several programmes taught entirely in English. See a complete list of study programmes taught in English at Danish higher education institutions on this website:

www.studyindenmark.de

Undergraduate degree programmes

■ ***Academy Profession degree (AP)***

Facilitating close contact between students and local companies, Academies of Professional of Higher Education offer a niche set of programmes and tend to be smaller than universities. Some examples of AP programmes taught in English are: communications, computer science, design and technology, hospitality and tourism management, marketing management and multimedia design.

- 2 years (120 ECTS credits)
- Applied learning and professional skills
- Collaboration with business and industry
- Work placements

■ **Bachelors degree**

There are two kinds of Bachelors degrees offered by Danish higher education institutions: a Professional Bachelors degree and a University Bachelors degree.

A **Professional Bachelors degree** qualifies you to enter a specific profession. It is awarded after three to four and a half years of study.

Subject areas: engineering, IT management, nursing, health and nutrition, teacher training, journalism and social education. Most programmes give access to further study at the postgraduate level.

- 3 to 4½ years (180-270 ECTS credits)
- Oriented towards specific professions
- Theory and practice in one programme

The **University Bachelors degree** is awarded after the completion of a three-year undergraduate programme, normally undertaken within one or two subject areas. Teaching is research-based. It provides students with a broad academic foundation, as well as specialised knowledge. Towards the end of the programme you are

required to submit a final project. The programme qualifies you to either enter the labour market or to pursue postgraduate studies.

- 3 years (180 ECTS credits)
- Research-based education
- Predominantly theoretical
- Preparation for postgraduate study

Postgraduate degree programmes

■ **Candidatus/Masters degree**

A Candidatus/Masters degree is an advanced, research-based course that takes two years. It includes a final dissertation (normally 30-60 ECTS credits) or, in certain subjects, a more practical project. Upon completion of the programme, you will be able to enter the labour market or undertake further studies (e.g. a PhD).

- 2 years (120 ECTS credits)
- Research-based
- Career oriented

■ **PhD studies**

A Danish PhD degree usually takes three years to achieve. They are offered at research institutions and universities that have established a PhD school. These educational establishments all offer excellent research, library and laboratory facilities. You will be able to conduct in-depth research under expert supervision and with access to the latest equipment and information.

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

- 3 years (180 ECTS credits)
- Research
- Teaching required
- Opportunities for financial support

Accreditation and quality assurance

Higher education in Denmark is regulated by the state, and all public institutions are subject to continuous approval and evaluation processes.



GETTING IN...

Admission requirements

Undergraduate programmes

You are eligible if you hold a qualification comparable to a Danish qualifying examination (i.e. diplôme de fin d'études secondaires or equivalent).

All programmes require a high proficiency in English. For admission to programmes in Danish, you are also required to prove that you have a sufficiently high level of Danish by taking the Study test of Danish as a Foreign Language or The Danish Test 2 or 3.

In Denmark, each institution is responsible for its own admissions. Requirements vary from course to course.

Postgraduate programmes

Admission requirements for Masters programmes (candidatus programmes) are:

- an internationally recognized Bachelors degree of good standard or equivalent
- proof of proficiency in English
- proof of proficiency in Danish if the programme is taught in Danish

The general admission requirements for PhD studies include a Candidatus/Master's degree or equivalent .

Language skills

All higher education programmes in Denmark require a high standard of English. Applicants to English-taught undergraduate and postgraduate programmes must, as a minimum, prove English proficiency comparable to 'English B' in the Danish upper secondary school (gymnasium). Some programmes require 'English A', which is one level higher than 'English B'. To prove a satisfactory proficiency in English, the language tests TOEFL, IELTS and Cambridge ESOL examinations (CAE) are often used. The score equivalents are determined by the individual institution.

Further information

Each institution is responsible for their own admission, and further information about entrance qualifications, additional tests and potential credit transfers can be obtained at the institutions' admissions offices.



APPLYING FOR STUDIES

Application procedure

For **undergraduate studies**, the admission deadline is **15th March** for courses starting in August or September. A few institutions have additional intakes in January or February. For those courses, the deadline is **1st September**. The application forms are available from the institutions approximately two months prior to the deadline.

Online application forms can also be found at www.optagelse.dk

For **postgraduate studies**, deadlines vary. We recommend that you contact the institution directly for details.

Useful links

Recognition of foreign qualifications
<http://en.iu.dk/recognition/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications>

Online application forms -
undergraduate studies only
www.optagelse.dk/

Tuition fees

Higher education in Denmark is normally free of charge for EU/EEA students and all students participating in an exchange programme. All other students have to pay tuition fees.



LIVING & STUDYING

Living Costs

Denmark is an expensive country – but the standard of living is among the highest in the world. However, if you are sensible and follow local habits and economise – such as cycling to university and eating at home – life in Denmark shouldn't blow your budget.

To give you an idea of average monthly expenses here is a rough budget:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Food | 1,500 - 2,000 DKK |
| Transport | 300 DKK |
| Other personal expenses | 1,000 DKK |

The Danish currency is called kroner (DKK): 1 euro = 7.5 kroner

| TYPE | APPROXIMATE COST OF LIVING PER MONTH |
|--------------------|--|
| Rent | varies from 2,500 - 4,000 DKK (utilities are usually included) |
| Insurance | approximately 200 DKK |
| TV licence | 100 DKK |
| Books and supplies | 150 DKK |
| Mobile phone | 150 DKK (internet, around 250 DKK, may be included in your rent) |

Financial assistance for studying

CEDIES grants scholarships and loans (at a 2% interest rate per year) for studying in higher education (Aide financière de l'Etat pour études supérieures).

The application for this support has to be completed for the winter term, online between

1st August and 30th November
aides.etudes.lu

Student housing

Danish universities do not have a tradition for on-campus housing. Most students live in student halls of residences situated some distance from campus. An efficient public transport system also makes it easy to travel between your residence, campus and the city centre.

The institutions of higher education are able to assist you in finding a place to live

- some may even guarantee to find a place for you.

Types of accommodation

- room in a hall of residence (Kollegier), price: 240-400.- € per month.
- privately rented room in a house or a flat, price: 200-500.- € per month.
- privately rented flat - either alone or shared with other students, prices vary considerably.

Further information

Links to student-housing across Denmark
ungdomsboliger.dk
(‘youthhousing.dk’)

Links to student housing across Denmark www.studenterguiden.dk

Copenhagen administers application procedures and distribution of rooms for 18 different student residence halls in and around Copenhagen
<https://www.kollegierneskontor.dk/>

International Housing Network
www.casaswap.com

Registration certificate

If you are a EU/EEA citizen, you need a registration certificate if you intend to stay in Denmark for more than three months. You should apply within three months upon your arrival in Denmark.

The residence permit or card may be obtained from the Regional State Administration (Statsforvaltningen).

www.newtodenmark.dk

Social security and health

As an international student and resident in Denmark you will have access to free medical treatments with some exceptions, such as dental care and physiotherapy.

If you are an EU/EEA citizen or a Swiss national and plan to stay in Denmark for more than 3 months, and provided you are covered by the statutory health insurance service in your home country, you enjoy full access to the Danish national healthcare system once you have registered with the Civil Registration System. To register you must present an E106 form or a valid EHIC card issued by your statutory health insurance.

Travel and transport

As an international student in Denmark, you will find it easy to get around. Public transport is highly efficient and Denmark’s location makes it a gateway between Scandinavia and the rest of Europe.

Getting around on your bike...

Almost all Danes own a bicycle. In small towns and cities alike, cycling is the most common means of transport. Easy, cheap and eco-friendly, cycling makes an excellent alternative to driving.

Working and studying

Finding a student job in Denmark is not always easy if you don't speak

Danish. However, bars, restaurants and workplaces that require special foreign language skills are good places to look for one. Some academic institutions have online job banks or career centres that can assist you in finding a student job.

The Danish Employment Services provide information on living and working conditions and job opportunities for foreigners.

www.eures.dk

www.workindenmark.dk



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The official website of Denmark

www.denmark.dk

<http://studyindenmark.dk/>

Tourist information for visitors to Denmark

www.visitdenmark.com

Embassy of Denmark in Luxembourg

<http://luxembourg.um.dk/>

Information about the Danish capital

www.visitcopenhagen.com

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Source: www.studyinfinland.fi

WHY FINLAND?

...one of the most advanced educational systems in the world! Finnish expertise is celebrated worldwide in the fields of ICT, bio-technology, forestry and environmental sciences, architecture, design and art.

Institutions of higher education

There are currently 14 universities and 25 polytechnic institutions (also known as Universities of Applied Sciences or UAS) operating under the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture. Finnish higher education institutions provide over 390 degree programmes at Bachelors, Masters and Doctors level. All these programmes lead to an official Finnish higher education degree.

Universities

The "academic" universities only provide a small selection of Bachelor-level degree options in English. English-language programmes are mainly available on Masters level (close to 200) and beyond (23 Doctoral programmes). The mission of academic universities is to promote free research, promote scientific and artistic education, provide higher education based on research, and educate students to serve their country and people in general.

Universities of applied sciences (UAS)

Polytechnic education emphasises close contacts with business, industry and the service sector, especially at the regional level. In English they provide some 100 Bachelors degree programmes and over 20 Masters degree programmes.

Finding the right course

Degree education in English is available in various fields of study.

The following website may help you in your search:

www.studyinfinland.fi

Universities

- **Bachelors degrees:**
3 years = 180 credits
(only a small number in English)
- **Masters degrees:**
2 years " 120 credits
- **Doctorate:**
3-4 years

Licentiate

The first degree in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine is a Master-level degree called Licentiate. The extent of these degrees varies from 200 to 250 credits and the programmes require approx. 6 years of full-time studies. These degrees should not be confused with the licentiate in the other fields of study, i.e. the licentiate as a pre-doctoral degree (2 years).

Polytechnics/UAS

- **Bachelors degrees in various fields of study:**
3.5 to 4 years.
- **Masters degrees:**
1.5 to 2 years.
Mainly targeted for those already in the working life. The eligibility requirement is a Bachelors level polytechnic degree followed by at least three years of relevant work experience.



GETTING IN...

There will be **changes** in the application routes to Finnish universities and polytechnics from autumn 2014 onwards. Please check this website to be informed!
www.studyinfinland.fi

Admission requirements

International applicants must first meet the minimum requirements of their own country for entry into higher education.

Entrance examination

Depending on the programme, applicants may need to successfully pass an entrance examination.

It is an essential part of the student selection process - especially when applying to Bachelors level programmes at Finnish polytechnics (universities of applied sciences, UAS).

On-line admission system

Most Finnish higher education institutions use an on-line electronic admissions system for their Bachelors and Masters level student intake. You will also need to send in copies of your earlier educational certificates and other required documents.

Language skills

■ **Finnish:**

At universities, there are only a small number of Bachelors level programmes available in English.

■ **English:**

For the degree programmes, a good command of English must usually be certified.

Learning Finnish

In Finland eight universities offer degree studies in Finnish and most universities offer Finnish courses at their language centers. There are several organisers of Finnish summer courses.



APPLYING FOR STUDIES

Application procedure

Applying to universities

■ Bachelors level programmes

- Note that at universities, there are only a small number of Bachelors level programmes available in English.
- Application period: between late November and January
- Applications to Bachelors programmes provided by the universities are usually made using the institutions' own admission routes.

■ Masters level programmes

- Detailed application advice on the Admissions pages of the university.
- Application period: between November and February/March; check all the application-related details with the Admissions Office of the university you're applying to.

■ Doctoral studies and research

- Applications are made directly to the university in question.
- Application period:
Some universities may have fixed application periods for Doctoral studies, some may accept applications on a continuous basis.

Applying to polytechnics/ universities of applied sciences (UAS)

■ Bachelors level UAS programmes

- Use the application system at www.admissions.fi
- Application period:
January for Autumn admission / September for Spring admission
- Entrance examinations required; written tests mostly held in Finland
- For detailed information, contact the Admissions Office of the UAS you're applying to.

■ Masters level UAS programmes

- Applications are made directly to the polytechnic (UAS)
 - To be eligible you need a Bachelors followed by at least three years of relevant work experience.
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- Application period may vary. An entrance examination or interview may be required.

Tuition fees

Students enrolled in regular degree studies pay no tuition fees except for some English-language Master's programmes. The student

unions, however, charge an annual membership fee of about € 40–85. Student health services are included in this fee.

Membership is compulsory for those who are studying for their Bachelor's or Master's degree.

Polytechnics do not charge tuition fees either, but a few institutions currently charge fees for tuition materials etc.



LIVING & STUDYING

Living Costs

The cost of living includes things like accommodation, food, public transport, study materials, clothing, and leisure activities. The average monthly living cost for students is estimated to be about € 700 to 900.

Financial assistance for studying

Aide financière de l'Etat

CEDIES grants financial assistance for higher education studies (*Aide financière de l'Etat pour études supérieures*).

The application for this support has to be completed for the winter term, online between

1st August and 30th November

aides.etudes.lu

Student housing

Student housing is generally organized by established student housing foundations. In some university towns accommodation can also be arranged through the student unions themselves, or through regional student clubs or faculty organizations.

Further information:

www.soa.fi/en/

Residence permit

EU/EEA citizens do not usually need a residence permit. They should, however, register their residence in Finland at a police station if their stay in Finland exceeds three months.

Social security and health

Health services for university students are provided by the Finnish Student Health Service FSHS which provides students with preventive health care, medical care and dental health care. All student union members have automatic access to these services.

It is recommended that you take your insurance policy (carte européenne d'assurance maladie) that covers

you during your stay in Finland and also during your travel to and from Finland.

Travel and transport

The European Commission indicates that, as there is a mutual recognition of national driving licence, the foreign student has no obligation to exchange his national driving licence in order to get a foreign one. There is also no need to get the car matriculated.

Working and studying

As a general rule, you do not need a work permit if you are a citizen of an EU/EEA country,

Foreign students get a work permit automatically as part of their residence permit which allows them to work up to twenty hours per week during terms and full time during holidays.

Note that a part-time employment may be hard to find if you do not speak any Finnish or Swedish!

More information:

www.mol.fi



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Study in Finland

www.studyinfinland.fi

Visit Finland

www.visitfinland.com

Online application website to polytechnics in Finland

www.admissions.fi

Ambassade de Finlande à Luxembourg

www.finlande.lu/public/

Finnish Student Housing Ltd

<http://www.soa.fi/en/>

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CHOOSING YOUR STUDIES

Source: www.studyiniceland.is

WHY ICELAND?

Located between America and Europe, Iceland is a modern country. Fisheries, geothermal energy resources are just a few things making this country a good place to visit. Currently there are approximately 18000 students enrolled in the higher education system, of which about 5% are international students.

Institutions of higher education

Presently, there are seven universities in the country:

- Agricultural University of Iceland
<http://lbhi.is/>
- Bifröst University
(bachelor of business in English)
<http://bifrost.is/>
- Hólar University College
(equine science, aquaculture and tourism)
<http://holar.is/>

- Iceland Academy of Arts
<http://lhi.is/>
- Reykjavik University
(Business, Law, Computer Science, and Science and Engineering)
www.ru.is/
- University of Akureyri
(Master's programme in Polar Law)
www.unak.is/
- University of Iceland
(various programmes taught in English; Icelandic Studies for International Students)
www.hi.is/

There are also institutions of higher education in specialized area (in cooperation with other accredited institutions):

- Iceland School of Energy international (MSc program focusing on sustainable energy resources)
<http://en.ru.is/ise/>
- The Reykjavik Academy of Singing and Vocal Arts (accredited by the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music in the UK)
<http://en.ru.is/ise/>
- University Centre of the Westfjords
(Master's degree in Coastal and Marine Management)
<http://uwestfjords.is/>

Finding the right course

Undergraduate degree programmes

■ **Bachelors degree**

(B.A., B.S., B.Ed.):

- 3 to 4 years of studies (180-240 credits)
- in the fields of humanities, theology, social sciences, education, economics, business administration, natural sciences, health subjects, fishery studies, agricultural science and engineering, teacher training courses

Postgraduate degree programmes

■ **Candidatus degree** **(kandidatsgráða)**

- 4 to 6 years of studies
- academic/professional degree
- in the fields of theology, medicine, pharmacy, midwifery, law, business administration, engineering and dentistry

■ **Postgraduate certificates**

- 1 year studies (after the Bachelors degree)
- in upper secondary teacher training, social work, student counselling, journalism and mass communication

■ **Masters degree** **(M.A., M.S. – meistaragráða)**

- 2 years of studies
(after the Bachelors degree)
 - in the fields of theology, humanities, law, economics, business administration, social sciences, education, natural sciences, engineering, medicine, dentistry, nursing, fishery studies and environmental studies
 - a major thesis or research project is a substantial part of the programme
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■ **Doctorate degrees**

(Dr.phil./Ph.D.- doktorsgráða)

- awarded by the University of Iceland to those having successfully completed a doctorate programme and defended a doctoral thesis

Assessment, grades, and credit system

- Student assessment is generally based on written, oral or practical examinations, semester papers and assignments carried out throughout the whole course of study. Examinations are generally held at the end of each semester.
 - Grades are expressed on a scale of 0-10, where the passing grade is 5 and above, or with a pass/fail assessment.
 - In most institutions, studies are divided into study credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).
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GETTING IN...

Admission requirements

The «stúdentspróf» (upper secondary school leaving examination) is required for admission to university undergraduate studies in Iceland.

Admission requirements can differ between universities and faculties. Please contact the university in question for further information.

Specific admission tests

For some study programs, such as those related to Arts or Health, you are required to pass a competitive examination. Therefore, we recommend you contact the higher education institution you are interested in to learn whether you must pass the specific admission test to be eligible to apply for the study program of your choice.

Language skills

Icelandic

Icelandic is the main language of instruction at higher education institutions in Iceland.

English

If your study program or course is taught in English, you will be required to prove your level of fluency in English by presenting the results you received in English courses. Always check with your university whether your English skills are sufficient for you to meet this requirement.



APPLYING FOR STUDIES

Application procedure

Applications for undergraduate (first cycle) and graduate studies (second and third cycle) in Iceland are sent directly to the higher education institution you are interested in. The institution will examine the submitted documentation, will check whether you are eligible for the study program or course you applied for and will issue a letter of acceptance in case you are finally admitted.

Deadlines

Application deadlines for studies at universities in Iceland vary depending on the higher education institution and the study program. However, most institutions in Iceland have application deadlines from March to June for studies beginning in the fall semester (September). Usually, foreign undergraduate and graduate students must apply **before 15th March**,

except Nordic students, who can apply before April or the beginning of June.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees at higher educational institutions differ between institution, and the amount can depend on whether the institution is state or privately owned.

Academic Year

In most institutions of higher education, the academic year lasts from September to May and is divided into two semesters, autumn and spring. The autumn semester generally starts at the beginning of September and lasts until late December. The spring semester lasts from early January until the end of May.



LIVING & STUDYING

Living Costs

The estimated cost of living in Iceland, calculations made by the Icelandic Student Loan Fund, is about ISK 140,600* per month for one person. You can expect the rent for a single room will be at least ISK 50,000* per month.

*1 Euro = 164 ISK

The following is a rough estimate of expenses for a single person living in Reykjavík, all in Icelandic Kronas

- Bus fare from Keflavík Airport to Reykjavík: 1,950
 - Overnight stay at a hostel: 3,100
 - Rent for a single room: 40,000-60,000+ depending on location
 - Access to a swimming pool: 500
 - Movie ticket: 1,200
 - Theatre: 3,000+
 - Daily newspaper: 290+
 - Public bus ticket: 350
 - Bus card valid for a month in Reykjavík: 7,700
 - Loaf of bread: 400
 - Litre of milk: 120
 - Half a litre of beer at a café: 800
 - Bottle of wine: 1,500+
 - Lunch at a restaurant: 1,500+
 - Dinner at a restaurant: 2,500+
 - Litre of petrol: 250
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aides.etudes.lu

Student housing

For accommodation during your first days in Iceland, a guesthouse or youth hostel is a good short-term solution while you are searching for permanent accommodation. Please go to www.gisting.is or www.visitreykjavik.is for a list of hotels and guesthouses in Iceland.

The rental market in Iceland can be quite limited, because most housing is privately owned. Therefore, you should try to search for accommodation as soon as possible.

The student rental agency

www.studentamidun.is

Residence permit

All foreign citizens (except Nordic) coming to Iceland to study need a residence permit if staying longer than three months in Iceland. In order to apply for the resident permit, you must be registered as a full time student.

Apply after your arrival at:

www.skra.is/english/forms

Directorate of Immigration

Skógarhlíð 6

105 Reykjavik

Tel.: +354 510 5400

Social security and health

European students must bring a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with them. The EHIC card proves that you are entitled to health insurance at home. If you have to see a doctor, you must present the EHIC and your passport.

Travel and transport

The European Commission indicates that, as there is a mutual recognition of national driving licences, the foreign student has no obligation to exchange his national driving licence in order to get a foreign one. There is also no need to get the car matriculated.

The most economical way to travel around is by bus (strætó). If you use coins, you must have the exact fare because the driver is not permitted to give change.

Working and studying

Individuals with a student residence permit do not automatically have the right to work in Iceland, although there are certain situations where an individual may be able to apply for a work permit.

Please contact the Directorate of Labour for further information:

<http://english.vinnumalastofnun.is/home/>



USEFUL ADDRESSES

Study in Iceland

www.studyiniceland.is

Ambassade d'Islande à Bruxelles

Rond-Point Schuman 11

B-1040 Bruxelles

www.iceland.is

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CHOOSING YOUR STUDIES

www.studyinnorway.no/

WHY NORWAY?

Internationalisation is a priority within all sectors of the Norwegian education system. Around 15 000 foreign nationals are currently enrolled at Norwegian institutions of higher education.

With a wide range of high quality courses with great flexibility, you will also benefit from the informal atmosphere at Norwegian universities and university colleges, where teachers are easily approachable and tuition often takes place in small groups.

Institutions of higher education

The Norwegian higher education sector consists of eight universities (seven accredited), nine specialised university institutions, 20 state university colleges, two national academies of the arts and 16 private colleges.

With the exception of some private university colleges, all higher education institutions are state-run.

Finding the right course

The following websites can help you to make up your mind:

www.studyinnorway.no/

www.topuniversities.com/

Undergraduate degree programmes

- «Høgskolekandidat» degree
(«University college candidat degree»)
 - obtained after two years of study
 - may be built upon to obtain a Bachelors degree
 - limited subjects
 - programmes only in Norwegian

■ Bachelors degree in Norwegian

- awarded by all the state universities, specialised university institutions, university colleges and several private institutions
- obtained after 3 years of study
- after 4 years: the two national university colleges of the art

■ Bachelors degree in English

- Acting and Sceneography at Østfold University College/ Norwegian Theatre Academy
- Biology at University of Nordland
- Business Administration (BBA) at BI Norwegian Business School
- Development Studies at Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)
- Shipping Management at BI Norwegian Business School

Postgraduate degree programmes**■ Masters degree**

- Duration: 2 years
- More than 200 programmes in English

See the online catalogue at
www.studyinnorway.no

■ PhD degree

Philosophiae Doctor (Phd) is awarded after 3 years of studies

following completion of a Masters degree. There are some exemptions to the degree structure, such as:

General teacher training (4 years), Masters degree (1 to 1.5 year's duration), Professionally oriented programmes such as:

- medicine (cand. med. 6 years),
- psychology (cand. psychol. 6 years),
- veterinary science (cand. med. vet. 5.5 to 6 years)
- theology (cand. theol. 6 years)
- architecture at Oslo School of Architecture (5.5 years)

Accreditation and quality assurance

NOKUT is the controlling authority for educational activity at all Norwegian universities, special field universities, university colleges and institutions with single accredited higher education programmes.

See the website:
www.nokut.no



GETTING IN...

Admission requirements

Undergraduate studies

Completion of secondary education at advanced level, equivalent to passing the exam at the end of Norwegian secondary school, is the general basic requirement for entry to Norwegian universities and university colleges.

Some study programmes have special admission requirements, usually relating to specialist subjects or fields of study from secondary school. Please check with the institution for information about these special qualifications.

Postgraduate studies

Admission requirements are decided by each university and university college based on an academic evaluation of the applicants.

Applicants for Masters programmes will normally have obtained an undergraduate / Bachelors degree

or equivalent of at least 3 years' duration. The degree must include courses equal to at least 1 1/2 years of full-time studies in a subject relevant to that of the programme applied for.

Language skills

If you plan to study in English, you will need to prove your knowledge of this language (IELTS-test or TOEFL-test).

Further information:

www.keyjob.lu

www.toefl.org



APPLYING FOR STUDIES

Application procedure

■ Norwegian citizens:

The Norwegian Universities and Colleges Admission Service (NUCAS) coordinates the admission to ordinary undergraduate study programmes at all universities, university colleges, and some private colleges in Norway.

See the website

www.samordnaopptak.no/info/english/

Application deadline:

15th April

■ Foreign citizens:

In order to obtain the necessary application forms and information about the application deadlines you will have to contact each university or university college.

See the website

www.studyinnorway.no

Application deadline:

generally between **1st December and 15th March** for courses starting the following autumn (August).

Tuition fees

Generally, universities and state university colleges do not charge tuition fees. This also applies for foreign students. However, certain programmes/courses may have fees attached. Private institutions normally charge tuition fees.



LIVING & STUDYING

Student welfare organisations

All institutions have a student welfare organisation. You normally become a member upon payment of the compulsory semester fee (usually between NOK 300-600), which is also required to register for exams. Depending on the size of the institution, is offered a wide variety of services. Among other things they provide nursery schools, counselling, a mental health service, canteens, student accommodation, money transfer and sports facilities/activities.

Living Costs

Norway has a reputation for being expensive, and in many ways this is correct.

An estimate for a student's cost of living is made and revised yearly by the Norwegian Immigration Directorate.

Their recommendation is that you need NOK 9 250 a month (1125

Euros)* to cover your expenses as a student in Norway. Approximately one third of this budget will cover your housing expenses, another third for food, and the rest for books and other expenses.

* 1 Euro = 8,2 NOK

Financial assistance for studying

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The application for this support has to be completed for the winter term, online between

1st August and 30th November

aides.etudes.lu

Student housing

On campus

Norwegian universities and university colleges offer accommodation for their students. The accommodation facilities range from student villages with several hundred units to smaller housing units. Your university or university college will inform you about housing possibilities.

Further information:

www.boligtorget.no and www.sio.no

Off campus

Useful information is given by the university's International Office and classifieds in newspapers. The following is a useful classifieds link:

www.sublet.com

Residence permit

All students who plan to stay in Norway for more than three months will need a student residence permit. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) is the public agency processing all applications for a student residence permit. There are no processing fees for applicants from EU/EEA countries.

More information:

www.udi.no/Norwegian-Directorate-of-Immigration

Social security and health

Health services in Norway are reputable for their high standards.

The general rule is that you do not need to become a member of the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme. If you are a member of social security in your home country while studying in Norway, you are entitled to emergency and necessary treatment under Norwegian legislation.

Working and studying

A student may work part-time up to 20 hours per week for up to 3 months without a work permit. The student is automatically given a work permit for part-time work when granted a student residence permit.



USEFUL ADDRESSES

Studying in Norway

www.studyinnorway.no/

Visit Norway

www.visitnorway.com

Ambassade Royale de Norvège en Belgique

www.norvege.be/

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CHOOSING YOUR STUDIES

www.studyinsweden.se

WHY SWEDEN?

One of the world's most modern countries, Sweden is the birthplace of many successful international corporations. Currently, some 30,000 foreign students are studying in Sweden.

Swedish universities will encourage you to discover and develop your true strengths and talents.

Personal initiative and independent thinking are valued. You will be required to take an active role and contribute your opinions and ideas at lectures, seminars and in group discussions.

Institutions of higher education

In Sweden, there are 48 accredited institutions of higher education. Many of them offer English-language education, making them accessible to international students.

Higher education institutions have great autonomy in the organization of studies, use of resources and general administration. The Government may award the status of university to higher education institutions that meet certain criteria. Diplomas from all higher education institutions that are recognized by the Government have equal official value.

Finding the right course

Most courses at the Bachelors level are offered in Swedish and require a very good command of written and spoken Swedish.

All Bachelors level programmes held in English open to international applicants can be found at

www.studyinsweden.se

Some 600 Masters degree programmes at Swedish universities are taught entirely in English.

Undergraduate degree programmes

There are ever more full Bachelors level programmes (180 ECTS) being offered in English at Swedish universities, though competition can be very high.

Masters degree programmes

Some 600 Masters degree programmes at Swedish universities are taught entirely in English. At the Master's level of study, there are two degree options:

- Degree of Master (Two Years), called "masterexamen" in Swedish (120 ECTS).

- Degree of Master (One Year), "magisterexamen" in Swedish (60 ECTS).

Search for Masters degree programmes on

www.studyinsweden.se/Course-search

www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start

Doctoral studies

After being awarded a Masters degree, students have the option to continue their university studies at the doctoral level. Students interested in studying at the doctoral level have a different admissions process to those studying at other levels.



GETTING IN...

Admission requirements

Undergraduate programmes

Admission to all undergraduate education is competitive. All study programmes and courses have a fixed number of places, which are usually exceeded by the number of applicants. Every university and university college has its own procedure for selecting from eligible applicants. The criteria applied include: grades obtained, results from previous courses, assessment of work samples, interview results, special admission tests and work experience. These criteria vary from institution to institution.

■ *General entry requirements*

In order to meet the general entry requirements for Bachelors level studies, all students must:

- have successfully completed their upper secondary (high school) education (post-16).
- be able to demonstrate proficiency in English by means of an internationally recognised test, e.g. TOEFL, IELTS or the equivalent.

For students who received their final school grades after 31 December 2009, there is an additional entry requirement for **mathematics** as follows:

- the student must have successfully completed courses in mathematics to reach the level of the Swedish course Mathematics A (approximately 10 years of mathematics education).

■ **Specific entry requirements**

Most courses and study programmes have specific entry requirements in addition to the general requirements listed above. These requirements are usually linked to the area of study course or programme. For example, an economics course may require a level of upper secondary school maths achievement that is higher than the equivalent of Mathematics A. studies. Information on the specific entry requirements can be found on the course page on the University's website.

Further information:

www.universityadmissions.se

Postgraduate programmes

Admission to doctoral studies is highly competitive. Contact the department to discuss your plans before you submit your formal application!

A prerequisite for applying to a Masters level programme is the completion of at least three years at Bachelors level at a Swedish higher education institution, or the international equivalent – such as a three-year Bachelors degree (360 credits).

Language skills

If you plan to study in English, you will need to prove your knowledge of this language (IELTS-test or TOEFL-test).

Information:

www.keyjob.lu

www.toefl.org

If you plan to study in Swedish, you will need to show that you have attained a level of proficiency that allows you to follow university courses taught in Swedish. You can do so by taking the national Swedish test, TISUS.



APPLYING FOR STUDIES

Application procedure

To apply for a degree programme or an individual course you should use the online application system at www.universityadmissions.se, to process your application.

Application deadlines:

mid-January for the autumn term and in **mid-October** for courses starting in the spring term.

One application

You can apply for courses and programmes at all universities on the same application!

On Universityadmissions.se, you can:

- create a user account
- search for courses and programmes
- fill out and send in your application
- pay your application fee, if required
- track your application
- receive and print out your Notification of Selection Results
- reply to any offers of admission

Tuition fees

You are not required to pay application or tuition fees, but you must provide documentation that you are a citizen of an EU/EEA country.

The fee for the Universityadmissions.se application to Swedish universities for fee paying students is SEK 900.



LIVING & STUDYING

Living Costs

Prices can vary considerably depending on where you live. Stockholm, for example, is more expensive than smaller towns. An average monthly budget is set out below to give you some idea of the cost of living in Sweden.

Food: SEK 2,000*. Accommodation: SEK 3,200. Local travel: SEK 500. Telephone/internet: SEK 300. Insurance, medical care and hygiene: SEK 250. Student union fee: SEK 60-70. Clothing, hobby/leisure, other: SEK 900

Total: around SEK 7,300*

*1 EURO = 8,9 SEK

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Student housing

Exchange students

If you are an exchange student in the Erasmus program you will probably receive assistance with accommodation arrangements from the host academic institution.

Free movers

There is no national system which handles requests for student accommodation. The local student union at your university fulfills this function, though it is not required to guarantee you accommodation, and may not in fact be able to help you.

The availability of accommodation varies considerably from place to place. For universities located in smaller towns, monthly accommodation prices range from SEK 2,000 to SEK 3,500 for a room.

For universities located in medium-sized towns, monthly accommodation prices range from SEK 2,300 to SEK 4,300 for a room.

For universities located in cities, monthly accommodation prices range from SEK 2,500 to SEK 4,500 for a room.

Further information :

www.studyinsweden.se

Sokstudentbostad.se — information about student housing companies in Sweden

Residence permit

EU/EEA countries

If you are a citizen of a non-Nordic EU/EEA country you have the right to reside in Sweden for more than three months without a residence permit. However, you must register with the Migration Board no later than three months after entering the country.

To register, you must provide proof of enrolment for a course or programme at a minimum of high school level, proof that you have sufficient funds for your living expenses, and proof that you have comprehensive medical insurance valid in Sweden.

Social security and health

As a citizen of an EU/EEA country, you have access to essential health care if you register beforehand at a social insurance office in your home country and obtain a European Health Insurance card.

Travel and transport

The European Commission indicates that, as there is a mutual recognition of national driving licences, the foreign student has no obligation to exchange his national driving licence in order to get a foreign one. There is also no need to get the car registered for use abroad.

Public transport – buses, commuter trains, trams and (in Stockholm) the underground – is available almost everywhere in Sweden and provides a fast and convenient way to get around. A monthly pass for public transport costs SEK 790 in Stockholm and often less in smaller cities.

Working and studying

Nordic, EU and EEA citizens are allowed to reside and work in Sweden without a work and residence permit, but need to register at the Swedish Migration Board.

<http://work.sweden.se/>



USEFUL ADDRESSES

Sudy in Sweden

www.studyinsweden.se

www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start

Visit Sweden

www.visitsweden.com

Ambassade de Suède à Bruxelles

www.swedenabroad.com/brussels

Before enrolling in a foreign institution of higher education, we advise you to get in touch with CEDIES for information on whether your study course is recognized as a higher education degree in the country you are studying and whether you are entitled to the Luxembourg "aide financière de l'Etat".



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