

I looked for this group on Facebook and can't find it. Have you created it yet?

- Yes, it has been created. The link is available on www.uis.no/newstudents. You can also find the link on the slide in the presentation.

Is the semester fee also paid by students that have tuition fee exemption?

- Yes, the semester fee must be paid within 1 September. The semester fee is a statutory fee to the Student Welfare Organization (SiS) that all students must pay. It is nothing to do with the tuition fee.

What about those who are exempt from paying tuition fees?

- The semester fee is a statutory fee to the Student Welfare Organization (SiS) that all students must pay.

How can they activate the app?

- You can download the app at any time, but it will be shown as valid only when you have paid the semester fee.

Regarding the residence card, my visa is only valid for 30 days and 6 weeks will be beyond my visa.

What should I do?

- You may be confused with an entry visa and a study permit. Normally when you obtained a study permit, you are given an entry visa which is valid for 30 days, or latest til 1 September. You need to report your arrival to the police within 7 days after your arrival.

What happens in the case I arrive in Norway a few weeks before I'm living in Stavanger... As I'll be spending a couple of weeks in Oslo before the start of the semester. Should I book an appointment with the police in Oslo with my Stavanger residence address? Or should I wait until I move to Stavanger for the police appointment?

- You are supposed to make an appointment at the police station in Stavanger.

Please confirm if I get this right: as soon as I receive my visa, I can buy tickets to Norway and set an appointment with the Norwegian police within 7 days from my arrival?

- Yes, that's correct.

So, when I'll receive the faktura for the semester fee?

- You will not receive the faktura for the semester fee. You need to create it by yourself after you gain an access to StudentWeb. You will receive an email regarding activation of your IT user account before 1 August.

I can't find the app "studentbevis". I am using Norwegian telephone, my current location is Stavanger. but I do find app "student id", is it the same?

- Please read the instruction under the link on the presentation.

When will the housing application results be sent?

- It has been already sent. SiS Housing is still sending offers, but if you have not heard from SiS Housing at this stage, you should start to look for an accommodation in the private market as well.

Is there a place where I can view the current academic calendar for 2024? I would like to organize important dates such as vacation periods. Is the first day of classes indeed on August 1st, or when would be the first day to attend the university in person?

- It is not on 1 August. The semester start is 12 August for new students. However, the first week is an introductory week for new students. Normally lectures start after 19 August. However, it depends on the courses. Some courses particularly in the field of science and technology start already in the week of the 12th. For your questions regarding the course schedule, you need to ask your study coordinator. The link to the list of study coordinator is available on www.uis.no/newstudents.

If my documents were already checked by the “Helsedirektoratet”, and even provided me with a HPR number... Do I still have to bring my documents for checking?

- No, just bring the “Helsedirektoratet” statement and the copies of your results. This will also apply for documentation obtained from NOKUT.

How does one manage his new address in Stavanger if he or she already lives in Norway and already has an address. Which one becomes official?

- If you already have an address in Stavanger, use your current address for registration. If you are moving to another address, you are obliged to report your move both to the University (you can change your address on your StudentWeb) and Skatteetaten.

Is the temporary private health insurance mandatory?

- It is not mandatory, but strongly recommended.

Question about the bachelor diploma – what do you mean by official translation? Do you mean apostille or translated by licensed translator (company)?

- Both are fine.

To be able to take out loans and grants from my student agency, I need to show a complete, uniform schedule. I have been in contact with you, and had it posted/sent to me on the first of July. Can you explain just how that process works?

- Can you please contact us via email? We do not understand your question.

Is it possible to convert this full-time master’s to part time studies?

- If you have a citizenship from one of the EU/EEA countries, it may be possible depending on your course. Please contact your study coordinator. The link to the list of study coordinators is available on www.uis.no/newstudents.

Are we obliged to buy books? does the library cover most of them?

- You are not obliged to buy books. Most of them are available at the library. Please contact the library when you know about your reading list.

How can I obtain a "Feide"-account?

- You will have access to “Feide” when you register as student.

Is the tuberculosis test mandatory for students or also for children coming to Norway with student?

- Yes, if you come from one of the countries with a high occurrence of tuberculosis.

When can we sign up for the introduction week?

- The link regarding FADDER week will be published on the Facebook group soon. You will find all the necessary information there.

My question is if you could verify what documents EU students need for signing up for Bank ID? Is it the Tax Document, Passport and Norwegian ID (after received)?

- That’s correct.

Does the UiS provide ISIC student cards?

- We do not provide this card. Please contact ISIC.

I already have Norwegian D number (for foreign workers), because I moved to Norway in last November. After receiving all the documents from school, should I go to arrange the ID number and then report the changes to UiS? I applied with the D-number at the start.

- Yes, please. We can change your number in the system with your ID number.

Are there any Norwegian language courses offered by the university?

- Yes, we offer the Norwegian language and culture programme. But this programme is a fulltime study which requires mandatory attendance, and it is not possible to combine with another fulltime study. In addition, this programme requires a basic knowledge of Norwegian as an admission requirement. Another option is [Norwegian courses and social science for foreigners with higher education](#) offered by EVU at the University of Stavanger. It is a private course given at

all levels in the evening. For more information, please contact EVU. You can find the contact person on the link.

Is it easy to buy a (second hand) bike?

- It is easy, cheaper, and strongly recommended. Please try to find this and other necessary items at finn.no.

Which date is the earliest i can see my schedule?

- It depends on the faculty, but normally it will be available by the end of July.

A question for Lisa, as a student, are the Kolumbus city bikes used? Are they worth it?

- They are used and worth the price.

What date should I come to Norway and buy tickets of which date?

- The semester starts the 12 August. We recommend you to arrive before 12 August.

When will the semester end? When do we expect to be finished with tests and projects presentations?

- It varies from programme to programme. Please contact your study coordinator.

Where do we find the program advisors?

- The link to the list of study coordinator is available on www.uis.no/newstudents.

What happens if I get my visa decision after August 16th?

- The last entry date for the academic year 2024 is 1 September. You will receive an answer before that date.

What is the best place to look for a job if not speaking Norwegian?

- You can find job advertisements on finn.no, but also some students find a vacant position by talking to the staff at shops, grocery stores, restaurants, night clubs.

What happens if I do not receive my visa in time for the start of the semesters?

- If you do not complete your semester registration within 1 September, your study place will be cancelled. You need to reapply for the academic year 2025.

How much does the Norwegian health insurance cost?

- It is free. However, you will have to pay a small amount every time you visit the doctor.

I'm an international student but I've been living in Norway for many years. Do I need to take the tuberculosis test?

- No. If necessary, you should have already been tested.

Is it possible to arrive slightly after September 1st if the university has been notified (if an internship is underway in the country of origin for example)?

- Please consult with your study coordinator. Please remember to pay the semester fee within 1 September.

Are there some available part time jobs for students on campus? If so, what are some of them? How can one get an on-campus part-time job?

- Some students work as a teaching assistant. But such positions are limited and there is no guarantee that there are such positions available.

A question regarding the music college:

Do you get access to a room of your own, as I have drums with me, and how does it work with having your things in place. time to get in, bars, cards etc?

- Please contact the Department of Performing Arts for your question.

How is it possible to register for “Lånekassen”?

- Eligibility for a Norwegian student loan is as specified [on the Lånekassen website](#).

I have a very specific question, as I apply as an outside EU student for the master’s but I’m in the process of getting my EU nationality (it’s been already approved) But I’ll have to get my European passport and that will take about 2-3 months. The question regarding this is, what happens to my student visa? Will I be able to update my student information and be considered as an EU student for all the different law regulations? This question also includes, what happens to the leftover tuition fee payment (If my course last for 2 years, and I already paid the first year, will the second year once I have all the EU legal documents be free of charge or would I still have to pay it and be considered as a non-EU applicant?

- If there are any changes on your status, please inform the Admission Office immediately. You can apply for exemption if you gain a citizenship from one of the EU/EEA countries. The deadline is as stated [on our website](#).

When can I apply for a person-specific study programme plan using my previously completed courses with UIS?

- Please consult with your study coordinator in August.

Is there any website to find part time jobs during studies?

- You can use finn.no.

If we have been accepted to SiS housing and upload the contract, do we have to do anything else?

- No.

Would photocopies of apostilled transcripts/degrees be accepted?

- No, only originals will be accepted.

When does University start again after Christmas?

- It depends on your course, but normally on 2 January.

Is there a discount for (international) students, for public transport?

- Yes, please check [the kolumbus website](#). You must however be registered as a student before obtaining the discount.

What is the process for private insurance? What are the required documents?

- This depends on the insurance company and the services you agree on with them. Please contact insurance companies in your home country. If you are from one of EU/EEA countries, you should bring European Health Insurance Card.