



University of Tromsø

Country: Norway

Institution: University of Tromsø

Website: www.en.uit.no

Program of Study: English Courses, Global Studies, History, Law, Psychology, Sciences

Language Requirement: English

About

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Knowledge on top of the world

Life in the High North is shaped by wild nature, contrasting light and weather conditions, geographic distances and multiculturalism. Many of UiT's research centres and study programmes reflect the specific character of Arctic Norway.

UiT's key research focuses on the polar environment, climate research, indigenous people, peace and conflict transformation, telemedicine, medical biology, space physics, fishery science, marine biospecting, linguistics and computational chemistry.

UiT's Centre for Advanced Studies in Theoretical Linguistics, CASTL, and CTCC, Centre for Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, have both been designated Norwegian Centres of Excellence. In 2002 the Tromsø-based NST, Norwegian Centre for Telemedicine, was appointed a World Health Organization Collaboration Centre.

The [ARCTOS network](#) at the Faculty for Biosciences, Fisheries and Economics, is a leader in research on marine arctic ecosystems and an important partner of the [Norwegian Polar Institute](#) in Tromsø. The Department of Physics focuses on northern lights and space research. All these institutes are of high international reputation.

The university is part of the [FRAM – High North Research Centre for Climate and the Environment](#) (Fram Centre) in Tromsø. Every January the international conference [Arctic Frontiers](#) invites researchers, politicians and business representatives to discuss Arctic issues across disciplinary borders. The Secretariat of the [Arctic Council](#) is located at the Fram Centre. Researchers from the University and Fram Center are involved in several international programmes of the Arctic Council.

An international Hub

12000 students and 2700 staff study and work at the University of Tromsø. Teaching is research-based. UiT's seven faculties offer, in spite of a dedication to Northern issues, a broad range of study programmes. The academic community in Tromsø is highly international. More

than 20% of the academic staff and 10% of the student body are from abroad. The University offers more than 20 English taught master's degree programmes, and all faculties offer English taught courses at both bachelor's and master's level.

UiT The Arctic University of Norway is a founding member of the University of the Arctic, an international network of 140 study and research institutions of the circumpolar region. But the University cooperates with all parts of the world. 200 international agreements secure an active academic exchange of students and staff with partner institutions worldwide.

On the 1st January 2009 the University of Tromsø merged with the University College of Tromsø. On 1st August 2013 the University merged with the University College of Finnmark. The new university has now four campuses. They are located in Tromsø, Alta, Hammerfest and Kirkenes. The number of students and study programmes increases due to this merger. The new university has become an even more important driving force for Northern Norway and international cooperation in the High North.

What's happening in Tromsø

As the capital of Northern Norway Tromsø is the cultural center of an enormous territory. Tromsø has a strong multicultural tradition and therefore an astonishing international flair. Several international festivals, a varied music scene, cinemas, theatres and a lively night life offer lots of possibilities to amuse oneself.

Application Deadline

- Autumn semester: 15 April
- Spring semester: 1 October

General Admission Requirements

Exchange students are expected to have

- completed at least one year of university studies
- a good command of English
- [Proof of Funding](#) (*Only Non-EU-/EEA-/EFTA Students*)

You apply through your international coordinator or the international office at your home university. Please contact your international office for further details on the process of selection and nomination for an exchange to UiT The Arctic University of Norway.

THE HOUSING MARKET IN TROMSØ

The housing market in Tromsø is currently difficult. The Arctic Student Welfare Organisation secures the University a good number of rooms for international students. Nonetheless the high number of applications overshoots the capacity of the organisation.

We do our best to manage the situation by setting up a waiting list for those who cannot be granted a room right away. Should you want to decline an offer for housing from The Arctic Student Welfare Organisation of Norway, please notify the Housing Department by fax or e-mail immediately. This way another international student will get the chance to rent an affordable room.

The Student Welfare Organisation allocates more contracts as soon as rooms are available due to cancellations by others.

Transportation

When you arrive, please be prepared to take a taxi to pick up your hostel key and take you to your student hostel.

A single bus ticket costs NOK 50/-. Monthly passes are NOK 420/- if you are under 30, NOK 700 if over. Discounts apply only for buying period/seasonal ticket cards.

Food

Food is expensive in Norway. You should estimate to spend at least NOK 2000-3000/- per month for food. If you drink alcohol or smoke you should allow for more, since these items are very expensive in Norway.



General Student Budget per semester

The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund estimates that the average expenditure for students is NOK 97 850/- per academic year (10 months) or NOK 48 925/- per semester (5 months). The following is a modest budget for one semester, for an average student (below age 30). Please note that personal expenses such as clothing, health care expenses, leisure activities, and initial expenses such as bedding and kitchen supplies (see above) etcetera are not included.

Housing (incl. first semester deposit)	18000
Food	15500
Books/academic supplies	6000
Transportation (under age 30, above + approx. 40%)*	2100
Other expenses and costs of living (medical expenses etcetera)	7825
Total (5 months)	48 925

* Transportation costs are lower for Campus Alta since the campus is situated in the very centre of town.

Health and travel insurance

All students are responsible for adequate insurance coverage.

TRAVEL INSURANCE AND LIFE INSURANCE

Please check if you can get a reasonable travel insurance that would cover emergency travel home in the event of serious illness or death in the family during your study period. There is no insurance available to cover such expenses at the University of Tromsø.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE

Students staying less than 3 months in Norway must have insurance coverage from their home country.

Citizens from a NON-EU/EEA country

Studying in Norway for 3-6 months? You may apply for voluntary membership in the Norwegian National Health Scheme (NNHS) upon arrival in Norway. A fee may be charged depending upon income.

Studying in Norway for more than 6 months? You will automatically become a member of NNHS once you register with the local Norwegian Population Registry. (Applications can take 4-6 weeks to process)

The Norwegian National Health Scheme (NNHS)

The Norwegian National Health Scheme is based on a user fee system. Students who are eligible to be covered by NNHS must be prepared to pay up to a maximum of NOK 2105 (valid for 2014) per calendar year for medical treatment. Medication costs, except in the case of chronic or serious illness, will be in addition to this amount. Such costs should be taken into consideration when you plan your student budget.

OBLIGATORY HEALTH CHECK AFTER ARRIVAL (IF APPLICABLE)

Citizens from countries other than the EU/EEA, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, must undergo a TB test and chest X-ray upon arrival in Norway. You will receive a letter with more information to your address in Tromsø. The health check is free of charge.

NON-EU/-EEA/-EFA students



Nationals from outside the EU have to apply for a student visa for Norway. Please contact the nearest Royal Norwegian Embassy or Consulate *as soon as possible*.

The processing may take several weeks, sometimes months. Confer with them about the necessity for a transfer visa. Please enclose the Letter of Admission, your study plan, documentation of accommodation and financing of studies.

Information about which nationals are required to obtain a visa, how to apply and much more can be found on the website of the

- [Norwegian Directorate of Immigration \(UDI\) - Apply for a study permit](#)
- [UiT Institutional Information - to use for the UDI Online Application](#)

You can make a booking to deliver relevant documents to the appropriate Norwegian Embassy/Consulate and pay also the application fee online.

