

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- English language
- General knowledge about social science at a higher secondary school level. Students who do not meet this requirement are responsible for an adequate preparation on their own accord.

TIME AND LOCATION

August - December
Campus Notodden, Department of Teacher Education

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted by May 1st.

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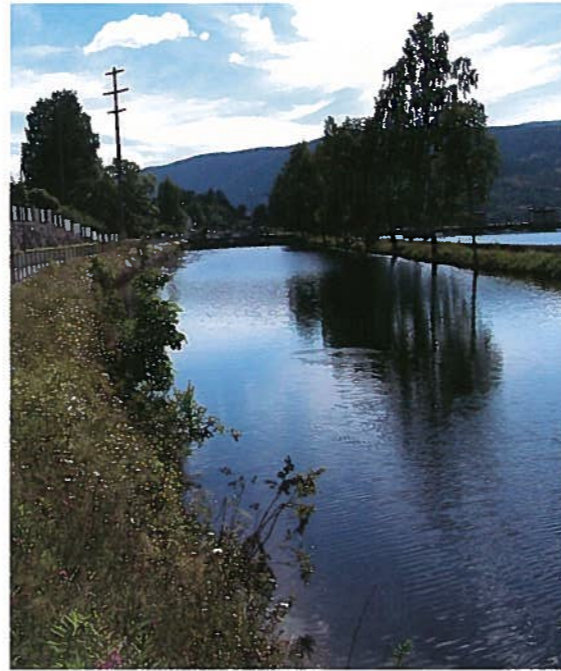
SOCIAL SCIENCES
- for international students

HOW DOES NORWEGIAN SOCIETY WORK?

In the two social science courses that we offer for foreign students, you will be introduced to the rich history of Norway and the way it impacts contemporary Norwegian culture.

You will become knowledgeable about the many different traditions on which this unique society rests and how things like the importance of outdoor life, nature and equality shape the Norwegian welfare state.

In both courses, we will encounter experts in the field, observe the local community and make excursions to places of significant social importance, so that you will get firsthand experience and insights into how to make society relevant for your students.



TEACHER EDUCATION

The course is mainly aimed at teachers or pre-school teachers - those who are shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Our goal is to not only give you an education, but to develop a sense of pride in our students.

(We plan the curriculum in a way that allows you to split credits between social science and teacher education, if that is required.)

EXAMS & CREDITS

We will combine different exam forms for each course, for example a group exam or an excursion exam for one, and a small practical research unit (annotate a map, do an interview on a subject matter, observe a setting) or an oral exam on the other hand.

Each course will provide 15 ECTS total.

SOCIETIES IN MOTION

- SOCIALIZATION BETWEEN WELFARE AND IDENTITY

Participants in this course will gain competence with regard to the dynamics that shape contemporary societies. We will explore how different aspects of national identity are formed - both in their historical roots and in its current forms.

The course is divided into three parts:

Socialization, mobility and national identity	Changing societies & welfare	Qualitative methods and/or in-school practice
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We will use the full spectrum of social scientific knowledge to shed light on how these problems can be dealt with. We will also build connections to school life and inform ourselves for example about local school-based peace projects.

After completing the course, you will be able to better understand how mobility, welfare, in a changing European Union, and socialization interact and how they together shape the societies of the 21st century.



PLACE - NATURE & CULTURE

In this course, we will look at the role of nature and the role of specific places in society. Examples like the mountains of Telemark or Oslo's new opera building demonstrate how nature and place play an important role both in everyday life and in large scale politics. How does the search for 'real' nature show itself in different societies?

The course is divided into three parts:

Place & the spatial turn in social science and education	Nature and culture	Qualitative methods and/or in-school practice
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We will focus on how to use the specific qualities of local surroundings in teaching. Instead of seeing nature and (mobile) technologies as opposed, we will see how the global internet and local places can be connected and together serve as rich resource in educating ourselves to confront today's challenges.