

About the members of the Norwegian Networked University

Agder University College

Agder University College is located in the southern part of Norway, known as Sørlandet. With more than 8000 students and 850 teaching and administrative staff, it is one of the largest University Colleges in Norway.

The University College offers a wide variety of study programmes within Business and Economics, Engineering and Technology, the Humanities, Mathematics, Nursing, Teacher Education, Fine Arts and more.

Altogether, the University College offers more than 140 course programmes in our 7 faculties:

Faculty of Health and Sport

Faculty of Fine Arts

[School of Management](#)

Faculty of Engineering and Science

[Faculty of Humanities](#)

Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences

Faculty of Education

Agder University College also has an office for teacher education, which coordinates pre-school, primary and secondary school teacher education programmes.

Agder University College is one of the most internationally oriented University Colleges in Norway and emphasises student exchanges through European and national cooperation programmes and bilateral agreements.

Our students are motivated to study abroad, either by taking an integrated part of their study programme with our Socrates/ Nordplus partners in Europe, with partners in the United States, Australia and Asia or by continuing their studies abroad after graduation from Agder University College.

University of Stavanger

The University of Stavanger is organised in three faculties: The Faculty of Arts and Education, the Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Science and Technology. The rector is the head of academic activities, and is Chairman of the University Board.

The University Director has the overall administrative responsibility for UiS. The staff divisions are: strategy and communication, education, personnel and finance. The units under the management of the University Director are the University Library, the Quality Office (the unit for quality and activity follow-up), the joint resource centre, FRES, FLEKS (The Centre for Flexible Learning and Skills Development) and the Secretariat of the Board.

Each faculty is directed by an appointed dean who has the overall responsibility for activities. The Faculty Management also consists of Department Directors, who are responsible for activities at the Departments, vice deans for research and education, and a faculty director.

The Faculty of Arts and Education consists of three former schools from Stavanger University College: School of Humanities, School of Arts Education and School of Teachers' Education.

This is the first time that the training courses for general teachers and pre-school teachers are part of a University. In addition, the University has two centres of expertise: the Centre for Behavioural Research and the National Centre for Reading Education and Research (the Reading Centre). In addition to being part of the Faculty, the two centres have nationwide commitments. The two centres are managed by appointed directors.

The Faculty of Social Sciences consists of three former Schools of Stavanger University College: The Norwegian School of Hotel Management, School of Economics, Culture and Social Studies, School of Health and Social Work Education.

The Faculty of Science and Technology is identical with the School of Science and Technology of Stavanger University College.

The University of Stavanger has about 8000 students and 900 employees (2005).

Stord/Haugesund University College

Stord/Haugesund University College is a medium sized and modern University College, with approximately 2200 students and 250 employees. SHUC was established in 1994 as part of an extensive reform of the Norwegian college system. Two faculties now form the new university college. The university college is located in two geographical areas: on the island of Stord - the natural centre of a large island and fjord district - and in the medium-sized city of Haugesund, immediately south of Stord.

The island of Stord is connected to the main-land by an underwater tunnel and bridge.

Stord

The island of Stord is located between Norway's second-largest city, Bergen, and Haugesund. A total of approx. 20,000 people live on the island. Stord has a magnificent countryside with much to offer the local inhabitants as well as visitors: boating, salt and fresh water fishing, swimming, hiking, skiing, etc. The world's largest and most advanced oil platforms have been built at Stord. Leirvik is the municipal center and has a population of approx. 10,000. It is an industrial as well as rural town and has a wide range of facilities. The Faculty of Teacher Education is located at a very compact campus approx. 5 kilometers from Leirvik.

Teacher education has been offered here since 1866 and the area is characterized by both the old and the new. The botanical park on Stord campus is one of the islands' attractions.

A major building program will move the Faculty of Health Promotion to the same campus in the near future.

Haugesund

Haugesund is the center of a region with a population of approx. 150,000. In the city proper there are about 30,000 inhabitants.

Haugesund has always been connected with the fishing and shipping industries. The city is one of Norway's most important maritime cities. In the second half of the 1990s the city also developed into an important industrial city. Its biggest ship-building industries have successfully managed to adapt to offshore services for the North Sea oil companies. An aluminium plant and gas terminal are also of great importance for the city as well for the

region. Haugesund is a commercial center for a vast surrounding district and has a wide range of shops and service facilities. In terms of culture the city has made its marks both nationally and internationally. The city is known for the Norwegian Film Festival, Sildajazz (Trade Jazz Festival), the Deep-Sea Fishing Festival, etc. With its excellent hotels the city is one of the major convention and conference cities in Norway. The adjacent countryside with its moors and mountains is an attractive recreation area.

Bergen University College

Bergen University College is a state institution of higher education, established in August 1994 by the merging of six former independent colleges in Bergen, Norway.

The College is organised in 3 faculties:

[Faculty of Education](#)

[Faculty of Engineering](#)

[Faculty of Health and Social Sciences](#)

The total number of students is about 6000, and there are 600 academic and administrative staff.

Bergen University College offers studies of high quality, directed towards specific professions in society, and there is a great demand for graduates from our study programmes.

A recent reform has introduced the international bachelor and master degrees into the Norwegian system of higher education. Bergen University College offers a wide range of bachelor degrees. A few master degrees are offered, some in cooperation with the University of Bergen.

Norwegian is the main language of instruction, but the College also offers some [courses in English](#) for exchange students.

Through educational programmes the University College collaborates with institutions of higher education in all Nordic countries as well as other European Union (EU) countries. In addition, some of the faculties have bilateral agreements with institutions and organisations in Europe as well as in the USA, Africa, Asia and Australia.

Sør-Trøndelag University College

Sør-Trøndelag University College was established in 1994 by merging eight colleges in Trondheim.. With 8 000 students it is the third largest university college in Norway, and one of the two dominant academic institutions in Trondheim. The college offers a wide range of bachelor's and master's programmes as well as continuing education programmes and other courses.

The University College has seven faculties, located at five different campuses in Trondheim. All degree programmes offered at Sør-Trøndelag University College uses Norwegian as the language of instruction. In order to be eligible, students must have a good command of the Norwegian language. The following courses at bachelor's level are taught in English:

[International programme in Business and Administration](#), [The Norwegian Welfare State](#)

Courses in computer information technology are taught by distance learning, in English.

Nord-Trøndelag University College

Nord-Trøndelag University College has 4500 students and 500 graduating students every year.

The University College is organized into four faculties situated in the towns of Namsos, Steinkjer, Levanger and Stjørdal in Nord-Trøndelag County, Norway. The central administration offices are located in Steinkjer.

The main areas of study at Nord-Trøndelag University College are:

Health care

Teacher training

Social and business studies

Public administration

Natural resources management

Information technology

Engineering

The study program consists of 22 undergraduate courses from 2 to 4 years (Diplomas and Bachelor Degrees) and a further 75 graduate courses (Master's Degrees) and specially developed supplementary courses in further education.

The engineering dept. in Levanger offers a full bachelor level 5th semester with Biotechnology courses taught in english (30 ects).