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“U.S.- European exchanges & mobility perspectives from Norway”

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## The structure of tertiary education in Norway

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*Population of Norway (2010): 4,858,199*
Universities
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
- University of Agder (UiA)
- University of Bergen (UiB)
- University of Oslo (UiO)
- University of Stavanger (UiS)
- University of Tromsø (UiT)

State University Colleges
- Akershus University College
- Bergen University College
- Bodø University College
- Buskerud University College
- Finnmark University College
- Gjøvik University College
- Harstad University College
- Hedmark University College
- Lillehammer University College
- Narvik University College
- Nesna University College
- Nord-Trøndelag University College
- Norwegian Police University College (NPUC)
- Oslo University College
- Saami University College
- Sogn og Fjordane University College
- Stord/Haugesund University College
- Sør-Trøndelag University College
- Telemark University College
- Vestfold University College
- Volda University College
- Østfold University College
- Aalesund University College
Norway and the Bologna Process

• Joined in 1999

• Implemented the new structures in the Norwegian education system through the **Quality Reform (2003)** which goals were:
  
  • Better quality in Norwegian education and research
  • Increased intensity in the students’ study progress
  • Increased internationalization
Norway has implemented:

• Bachelor- and master’s degrees (3+2+3)
• ECTS-system (A-F)
• Increased emphasis on internationalization and student mobility
• Improved quality assurance on institutional and national level
• The establishment of **NOKUT** (Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education) in 2002
• The establishment of **SIU** (The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education) in 2004
The most popular countries for Norwegian students to take a full degree abroad

(source: Norwegian State educational Loan Fund)

1. UK
2. Denmark
3. Australia
4. Poland
5. USA
6. Sweden
7. Hungary
8. The Netherlands
9. Germany
10. The Czech Republic
Top five academic fields of study for Norwegian students taking a full degree abroad 2009-2010

1. Medicine (2,538)
2. Business and Administration (2,344)
3. Social Sciences (1,003)
4. Art (876)
5. Humanities (659)
Most popular countries for Norwegian students to take a partial degree abroad
(source: Norwegian State educational Loan Fund)

1. USA
2. Australia
3. UK
4. Tanzania
5. China
6. Germany
7. France
8. Spain
9. Denmark
10. South Africa
Top five academic fields of study for Norwegian students taking a partial degree abroad 2009-2010

1. Social sciences and psychology (1,270)
2. Business and Administration (1,114)
3. Technology, engineering and architecture (912)
4. Social work (583)
5. Nursing (573)
Norway- U.S. student mobility

A historical overview

(source: Norwegian State educational Loan Fund)
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U.S.-Norway student mobility

*undergraduate vs. graduate degrees*

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(source: Norwegian State educational Loan Fund)
Top five U.S. universities among Norwegian students 2009/2010

Full degree

(source: Norwegian State educational Loan Fund)

1. Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu (62)
2. University of North Dakota, Grand Forks (47)
3. Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, Washington (34)
4. California Lutheran University (32)
5. Columbia University, New York (16)
The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund

Financial support for Norwegian students wanting to study abroad

• Basic support $15,304 per year
  - 40% can be converted from a loan to a stipend when the student passes his/her exam

• Tuition support max $ 19,209 per year
  - the support is adjusted according to the size of the tuition fee
  - 50 % loan-50% stipend when the student has passed his/her exam

Travel expenses are also covered
Why study in Norway?

• No tuition fee
• Full 3 years Bachelor degrees taught in English
• More than 170 graduate programs taught in English
• 14 Centers of Excellence
  ❖ Marine research
  ❖ Energy and climate research
  ❖ Medicine and health research
  ❖ Food
  ❖ Communication technology (ICT)
  ❖ Biotechnology
  ❖ Material Science, Nanotechnology

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