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## The structure of tertiary education in Norway

	Students	Staff
7 universities	98.000	17.000
8 specialized universities	18.000	2.000
25 university colleges	83.000	9.000
2 art colleges	800	200
29 private higher education institutions	11.500	700

***Population of Norway (2010): 4.858.199***





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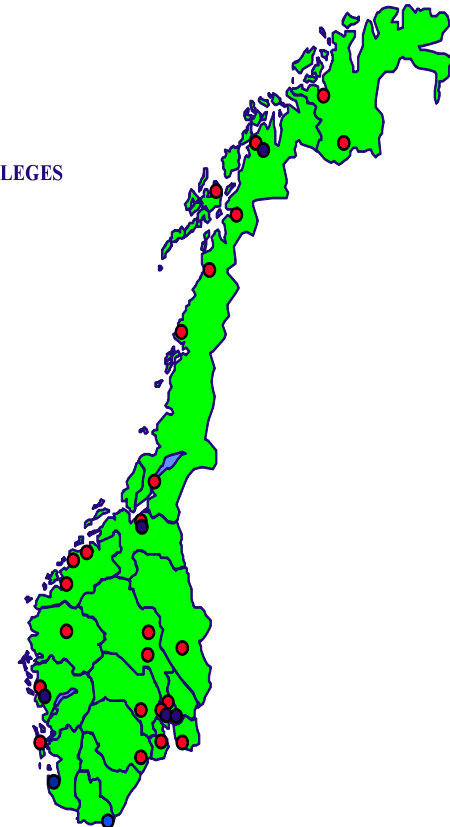
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[Norwegian University of Life Sciences \(UMB\)](#)  
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## Norway and the Bologna Process

- 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





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## 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







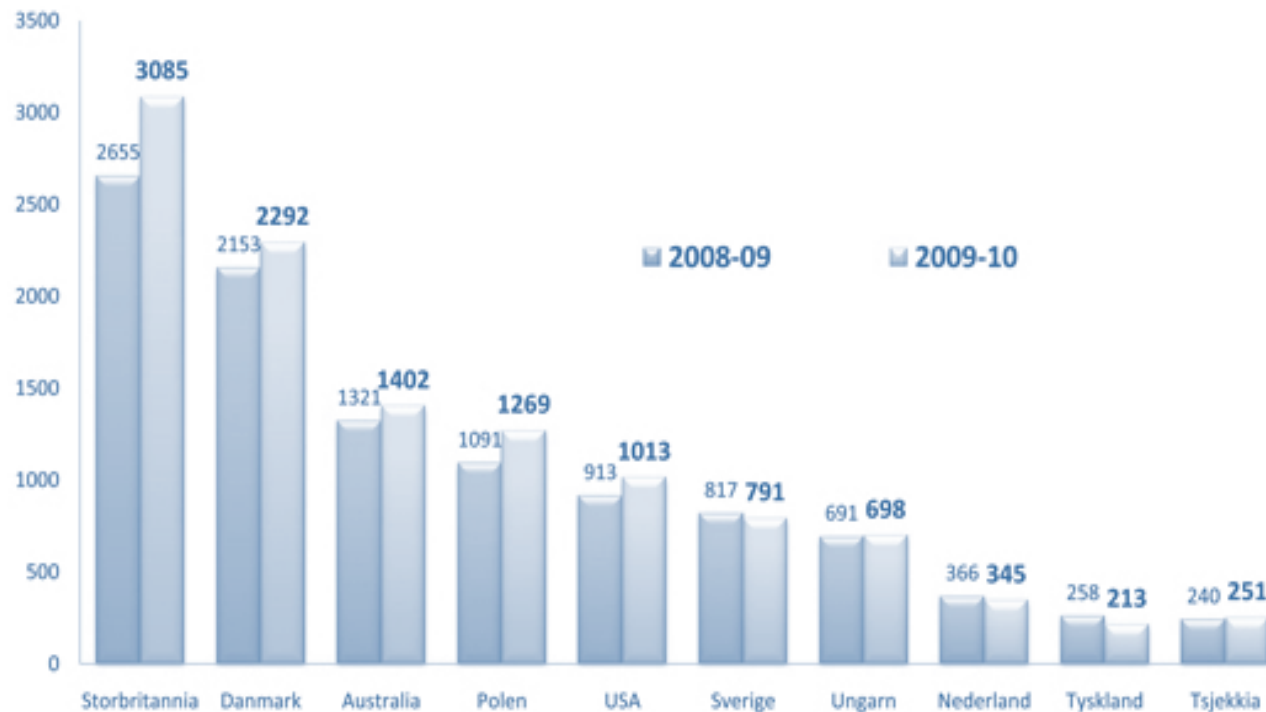
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## The most popular countries for Norwegian students to take a full degree abroad

(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





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## **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)







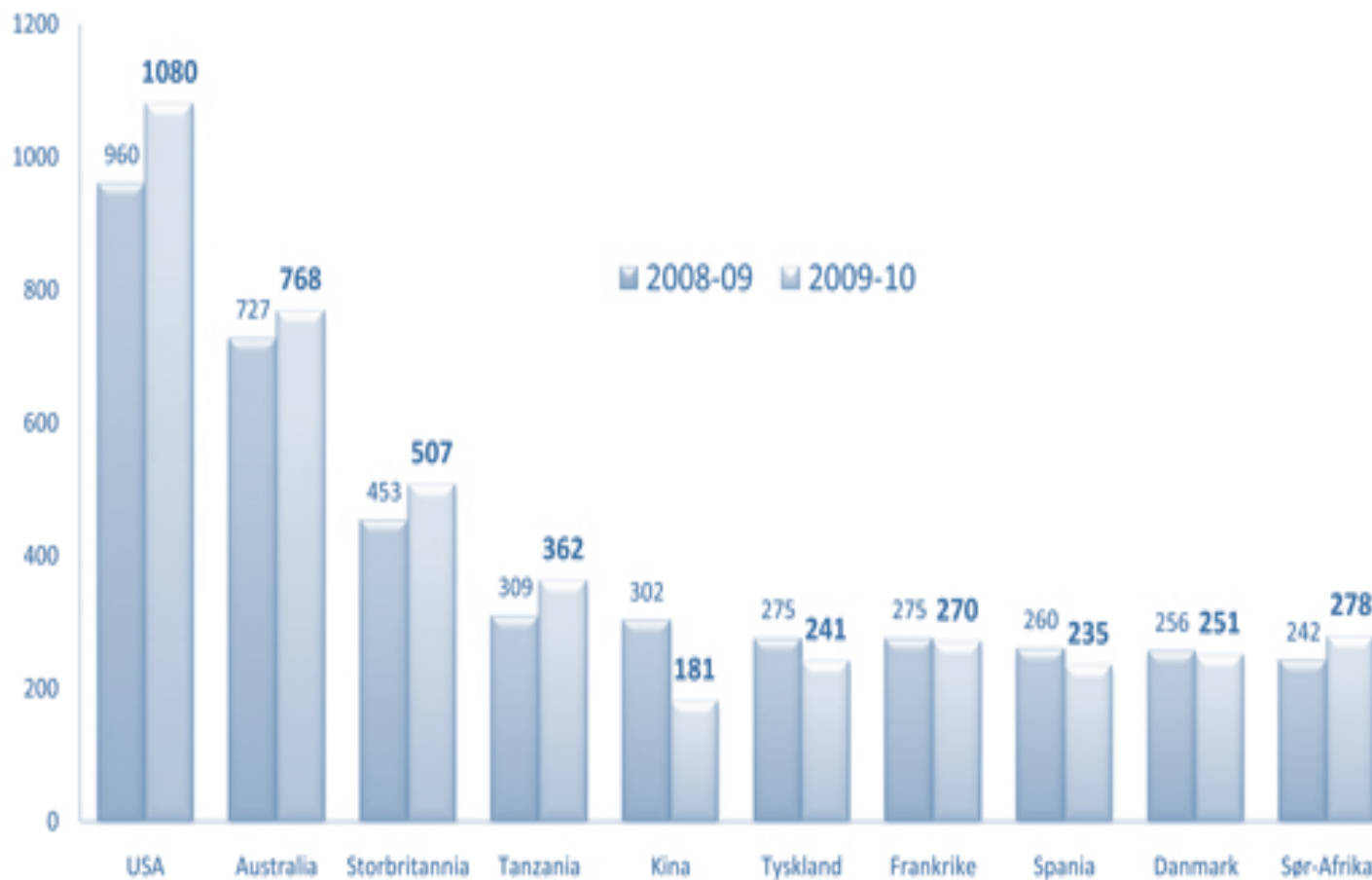
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## Most popular countries for Norwegian students to take a partial degree abroad

(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





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## **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)





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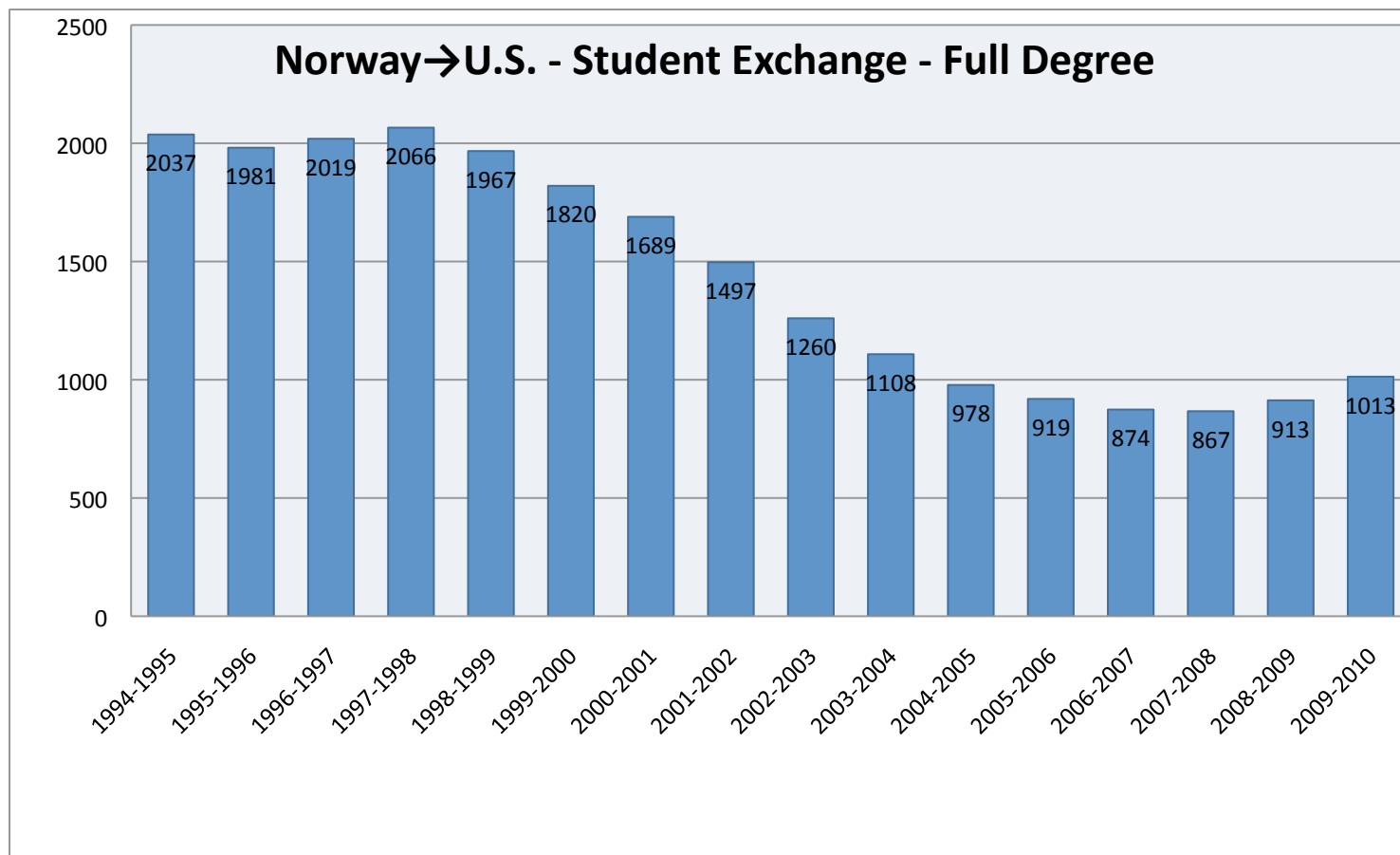
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# Norway- U.S. student mobility

## *A historical overview*

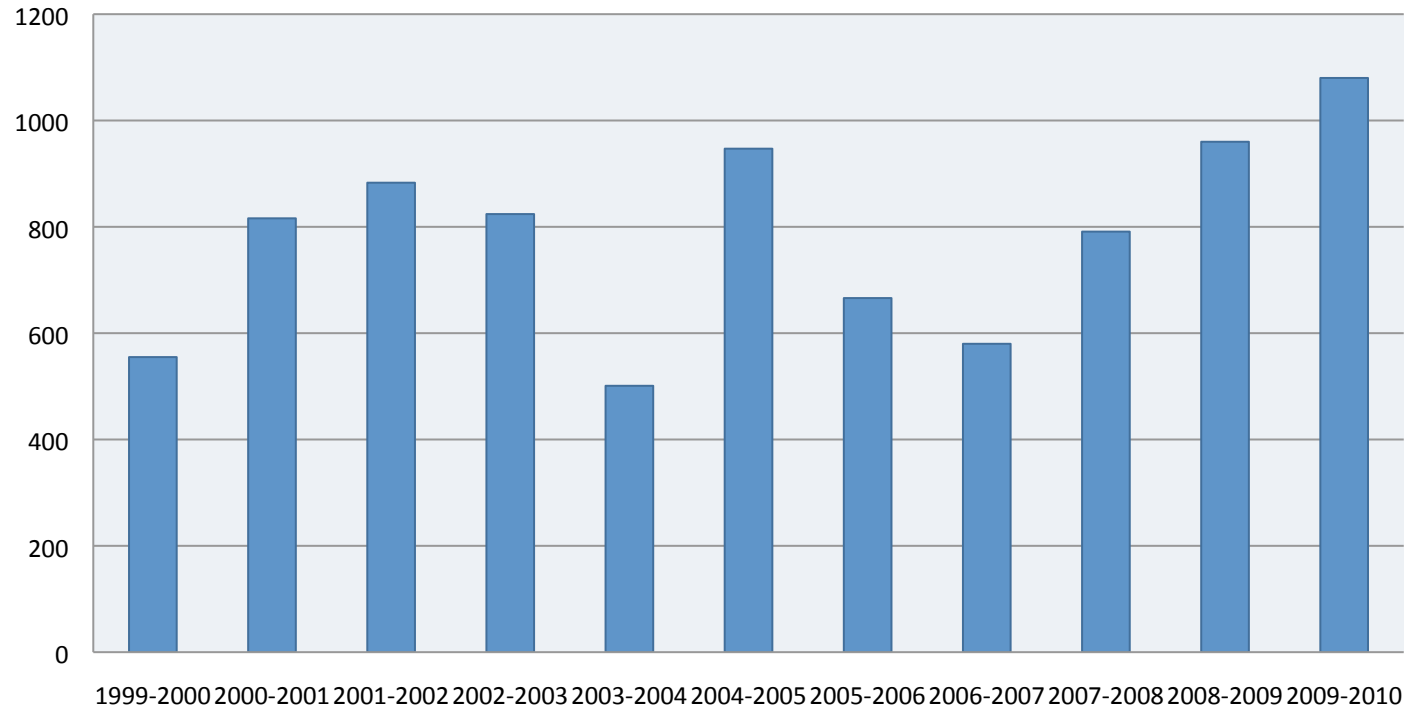
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### Norway→U.S. - Student Exchange - Partial Degree



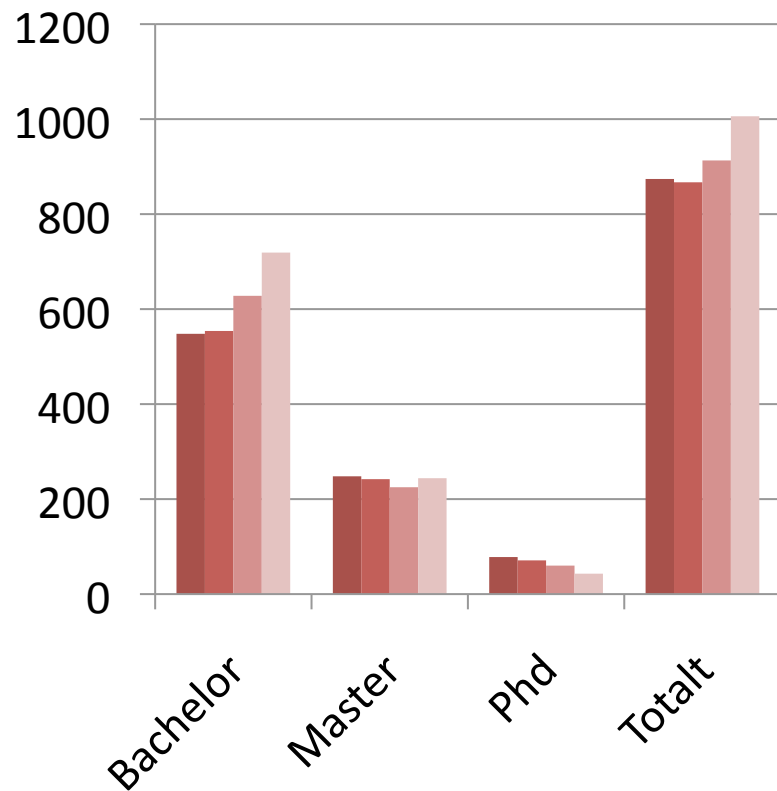


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## U.S.-Norway student mobility *undergraduate vs. graduate degrees*



2006-2007

2007-2008

2008-2009

2009-2010  
(01.06.10)

Year	Bachelor	Master	PhD
06/07	548	248	78
07/08	554	242	71
08/09	628	225	60
09/10	719	244	43

(source: Norwegian State educational Loan Fund)





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## 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)







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# **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***





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- More than 170 graduate programs taught in English
- 14 Centers of Excellence
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  - ❖ Energy and climate research
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