



## **MASTER IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND MULTICULTURALISM ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OUTSIDE NORWAY/NORDIC COUNTRIES**

### **Norwegian students**

Norwegian students applying for admission to the Master of Human Rights programme should apply online at "[Søknadsweb](#)". The service requires that you identify yourself with a Norwegian personal identification number.

The deadline for the application submission for Norwegian students is **15<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **International students**

Buskerud University College welcomes applications from international students. Selection is competitive and only the most qualified applicants are considered for admission.

International students are admitted to Buskerud University College mainly through international programmes and bilateral agreements with comparable institutions abroad. For more information about our partner institutions, please click to see [the complete list of cooperation partners](#).

Applicants must fulfill the [basic entrance requirements](#) for matriculation at a Norwegian institution of higher education. In addition to the basic entrance requirements, applicants for the Master's programmes must provide documentary evidence of the following:

- For Master's Degree programmes, the minimum requirement is three (3) years of study at university level, minimum Bachelor's Degree level (or equivalent) with 90 ECTS studies within social sciences<sup>1</sup>. The applicant should preferably have insight and interest for human rights and multicultural issues.
- The average grade for the subjects included in the disciplinary basis must be C or better.

Documentation of English language skills is required from non-native English speakers:

- TOEFL minimum score 550 (paper-based) / 213 (computer-based) / 80 (iBT)
- IELTS minimum band 6.0 academic test.

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<sup>1</sup>For example: A teachers education (BA) that includes 60 ECTS specialisation in social science, 20 ECTS religious studies (for example the Norwegian RLE (KRL)-course or the equivalent) as well as 30 ECTS pedagogy will in total meet the required 90 ECTS. Another example: A bachelor's degree (or equivalent) **PLUS (or including)** 90 ECTS consisting of: 60 ECTS relevant courses in Human Rights and Multiculturalism, 10 ECTS Scientific approaches and history of Social sciences (Exfac), 10 ECTS History of Philosophy with Ethics (Exphil), 10 ECTS Social science methodology and Statistics, should also be accepted as foundation for admission.'

We recommend applicants to order their academic transcripts and diplomas to be sent directly from their home university to Buskerud University College.

Applicants must document all their relevant education with officially certified copies of certificates, diplomas, transcripts etc. in the original language and authorised translations if the original documents are not in English or a Scandinavian language. Both upper secondary and higher education must be documented. Applicants must fulfil all requirements before the application submission deadline.

The deadline for the application submission for international students is **1st March**.

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### **International applicants studying at non-partner institutions**

Buskerud University College also welcomes applicants from non-partner institutions. Students should fulfil the same entrance requirements as students coming from partner institutions.

Please note that there is no funding provided to students coming from non-partner institutions and you should be sure that you have sufficient funding to cover your living expenses for studying in Norway. To obtain a residence permit for study purposes in Norway you will need to provide evidence of your ability to meet living expenses 90 800 NOK/year. It is recommended to have additional funding as often it takes supplementary expenses due to high cost of living in Norway. More information at <http://www.hibu.no/english/admission/general-in/>. Please be aware that the job vacancies for international students in Norway are extremely limited because of required Norwegian language proficiency.

### **The Quota scheme – funding for international students**

Students studying at partner institutions may apply for admission under The Quota scheme. The Norwegian Quota Scheme is a funding scheme offered by the Norwegian Government to **students from developing countries, some of the Central/Eastern Europe countries and the former Soviet states** for studies at institutions of higher education in Norway.

The Quota Scheme offers funding for Master's Degrees and Ph.D. programmes. Students who are admitted to the Quota Scheme may receive financial support from the Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund (“Lånekassen”) in the form of loans and grants. The loan may be cancelled when the students return to their home countries to take up permanent residence after finishing their education. Students who stay in Norway or take up residence in another country than their home country after finishing their education must repay their loan.

Students may not apply for financial support from Lånekassen before they are admitted to the Quota Scheme and have arrived in Norway. Lånekassen is not involved in the admission process and does not have information about the programmes that are offered. For more

information about the scheme, please see [Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education](#) or the [State Educational Loan Fund](#).

Applicants for admission under the Quota Scheme must fulfill the following criteria in order to be considered for admission:

- **Buskerud University College only welcomes quota scheme applications from students studying at universities/institutions with which we have formal cooperation agreements.**
- Only applicants from countries included in the [list of countries eligible for Quota Scheme](#) funding will be considered. Please note that applicants who live in another country than their country of citizenship, either temporary or permanently, cannot apply.

### **International applicants studying at partner institutions abroad**

#### **Exchange students**

Buskerud University College welcomes applications from Exchange/study abroad students at partner institutions to study one or two semesters at Buskerud University College as a part of their degree.

Students are required to apply through international office at your home institution. Application form will be available through your international office or upon request through [Head of international programmes](#). Application deadlines are **1<sup>st</sup> May** (admission to autumn semester) or **1<sup>st</sup> November** (admission to spring semester). Student housing will be pre-booked for exchange/study abroad students as long as you apply before deadlines expire.

#### **More information**

You will find information concerning admission to higher education in Norway in general at [www.nokut.no](http://www.nokut.no) or <http://info.samordnaopptak.no/english>