

# Research

USN has a strong focus on research and development. Academically, our research is primarily linked to the eight doctoral programmes but is also conducted in other areas – such as sustainable tourism, optometry, welfare services for vulnerable groups in society, and more.

### Research areas

» Economy, management and politics

» Health and welfare

» Humanities

» Kindergarten, schools and higher education

» Natural Sciences

» Nature, health and environment

» Maritime enterprise

» Outdoor life, sports and physical education

» Technology

» Traditional arts and practical-aesthetic subjects

» Vision science

### APPLIED RESEARCH

USN has regional ties and is strongly present in one of the most exciting and dynamic regions in Norway. USN is closely connected to the regional industry and public sector, we have a particular focus on applied research. Study programmes are research-based, and students are involved in research projects early on in their education.

### A RICH AND DYNAMIC REGION

The region of Southeast-Norway is a location for international, knowledge-based and competitive industry. Key major players in the suppliers for offshore and maritime industries are found like



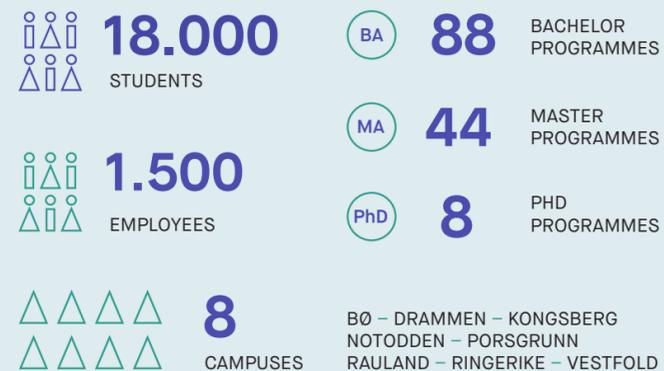
a string of pearls from Drammen to Kongsberg and Porsgrunn. R & D linked to health and social services as well as tourism and regional development can be found in the region, which itself extends from an elongated coastal area in the south to a mountainous area in the north.

### RESEARCH GROUPS AND CENTERS

Our strongest research environments are organized into groups and centers that reflect our commercial profile and practical approach to research. Among these may be mentioned a science centre for health and technology, research groups for climate change and alpine ecosystems, for energy and CO2 capture, and TARG – which develops tools, methods and solutions for improved performance and safety in the maritime and process industries.

# Education

At USN, we provide students with knowledge that enables them to make a significant impact in the world. Our academic programmes emphasise real world problems and experience. In brief, we provide skills and knowledge for the future.



### STUDENT FOCUSED

We offer an informal and student-friendly environment. Our campuses are small with an open-door policy where our staff dedicates time and attention to each student.

### TUITION-FREE EDUCATION

As for all public Norwegian higher education institutions, USN offers tuition-free education, a safe living and study environment as well as a multicultural society where English is widely spoken.

### UP-TO-DATE PROGRAMMES

We provide innovative and up-to-date programmes. Our courses are developed according to the current needs of local, regional and international industries and companies.

### DYNAMIC STUDY METHODS

Our programmes are focused on practical study methods with a problem-based approach that should help students to prepare for real-life situations.



- Bø** is a small town known for its great outdoors, yet has an intimate, urban feel, with small cafes and the legendary student club "Kroa". 2900 students.
- Campus Drammen** has an urban and bright campus, beautifully located by the river in a spectacular building. A lively town surrounded by nature, just half an hour from Oslo. 2800 students.
- Campus Kongsberg** is located in the number one technological hub with several of Norway's most advanced companies. The brand new campus Krona has become a gathering place with a library, cinemas and concert & theatre hall. 1400 students.
- Campus Notodden** is beautifully situated, with stunning views over lake Heddalsvannet and the surrounding mountains. Notodden is on UNESCO's World Heritage List, and today many of the historic industrial buildings hosts art centres and cafes, as well as the largest blues festival in northern Europe. 1750 students.
- Campus Porsgrunn** is located in a harbor town, with a river running through the city centre. The town has a vibrant atmosphere with restaurants and cafes by the waterfront. Porsgrunn also hosts one of the largest industrial parks in Norway. 2400 students.
- Campus Rauland** is the cornerstone of Norwegian folk art and folk music, hosting the annual International Winter Festival. The mountain village of Rauland is a popular skiing destination for tourists. 100 students.
- Campus Ringerike** is located in Hønefoss town. It is known for its pleasant learning environment and close contact with teachers. Brand new student houses opened in autumn 2016. A great sports complex just off campus is available. 1450 students.
- Campus Vestfold** is our largest campus with a wide range of programmes, located in the countryside near a beautiful coastline. 5200 students.



# Stretch your wings in Norway!



**ACCOMMODATION** in student housing is offered to international students at all 8 campuses, and will be pre-booked for students coming from partner institutions. Students must apply through the Student Welfare Organization. More information on: [www.ssn.no](http://www.ssn.no)




**18 000 students**




**Studying at USN** gives you skills and knowledge that will make a difference for your future. See our English programmes at [www.usn.no/academics](http://www.usn.no/academics)



## Exchange programmes in English

At USN we offer English taught exchange programmes to students from our partner universities. Find more information about the courses and see all modules on [www.usn.no/academics](http://www.usn.no/academics).

### How to apply

Exchange students who apply to study at USN for one or two semesters (through Erasmus, Nordplus or other exchange programmes), must apply through the international office or equivalent at their home institution. The application form will be available at the home institution or upon request on [usn.no/admissions](http://usn.no/admissions)

For more information about the admission procedures for exchange students, contact: [international@usn.no](mailto:international@usn.no)

Campus Bø	Autumn	Spring
Alpine Ecology and Environmental Management	•	•
Business Administration	•	•
English Studies	•	•
International Tourism and Sustainable Development	•	•
Nordic Skiing and Outdoor Life		•
Outdoor Life, Culture and Ecophilosophy	•	
Scandinavian Studies	•	•
<b>Campus Drammen</b>		
Clinical Placement Nursing	•	•
Intercultural Understanding and Religion	•	
History and Social Geography	•	
Natural Science, Life-Science and Technology	•	
<b>Campus Kongsberg</b>		
Business and Management	•	•
MSc, Industrial Business Management	•	•
Engineering: Embedded Systems, Electrical engineering, Mechanical engineering	•	•
<b>Campus Notodden</b>		
Clay, art and design	•	•
Physical Education, Sports, Culture and Society	•	•
Textiles	•	•
Wood and Metal: Art Crafts and Design	•	•
<b>Campus Porsgrunn</b>		
Engineering: Electrical Power Engineering / Computer Science and Industrial Automation / Mechanical Engineering	•	
Design / Gas and Energy Technology		
Clinical Placement Nursing		
Cross-cultural Nursing		

**Application deadlines are:**  
1st of May to apply for autumn semester.

1st of November to apply for spring semester.

Please be aware that you cannot select cross-campus courses or programmes.



Campus Rauland	Autumn	Spring
Norwegian Folk Music	•	•
<b>Campus Ringerike</b>		
Business Management and Information Systems		•
Business Management and Tourism	•	
MSc, Business Management	•	•
<b>Campus Vestfold</b>		
Global Health		•
Exercise and Health Management	•	
English studies	•	•
Norwegian Cultural Journey	•	
Outdoor Education		•
Engineering: Electrical, Computer and Mechanical Eng.	•	•
Information Systems		•
Clinical Placement Nursing	•	•

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### Intensive summer programmes – Summer School

Environmental Art	Notodden
International management and International marketing	Ringerike
International Human Rights and Social Entrepreneurship	Mostar, Bosnia

A summer school is an intensive course developed in cooperation with international partner universities. USN currently offers three different summer programmes, that are open to students from partner institutions worldwide.

More information at [www.usn.no/academics/summer-schools](http://www.usn.no/academics/summer-schools)

## Degree programmes in English

USN offers a wide range of English taught programmes and courses for international students within different fields – from courses at Bachelor's level up to PhDs. Below you will find an overview of the different degree programmes in English at USN.

### How to apply

Students applying to study for a full degree at USN should apply through the applicants portal at [www.usn.no](http://www.usn.no)

**Application deadline** for full degree programmes is 15th of January for non-EU/EEA citizens, and 1st of March for EU/EEA citizens.

For information about admission to our degree programmes, please contact [admissions@usn.no](mailto:admissions@usn.no)

Bachelor	Campus
International Teacher Education for Primary Schools	Drammen
<b>Master</b>	
Environmental Health Science	Bø
Human Rights and Multiculturalism	Drammen
Systems Engineering with Embedded Systems	Kongsberg
Energy and Environmental Technology	Porsgrunn
Electrical Power Engineering	Porsgrunn
Industrial IT and Automation	Porsgrunn
Process Technology	Porsgrunn
Maritime Management	Vestfold
Erasmus Mundus: Joint International Systems Integration	Vestfold
Micro and Nano Systems Technology	Vestfold

Please note that most of the Master courses are also open to exchange students at Master's level. Please contact [international@usn.no](mailto:international@usn.no) for more information.

Ph.D.	Campus
Culture	Bø
Ecology	Bø
Person-Centered Healthcare	Drammen
Process, Energy and Automation Engineering	Porsgrunn
Marketing Management	Ringerike
Applied Micro and Nano Systems	Vestfold
Research Training in Pedagogical Resources and Learning Processes in Kindergarten and School	Vestfold
Nautical Operations	Vestfold

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