

## 1. Who is an International Student?

You're an *international applicant* if you are **not from an EU/EEA/Swiss country** and/or you will need a **Norwegian student residence permit (visa)** to study in Norway. [UiA](#)

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## 2. Application & Deadlines

### For Applicants Outside EU/EEA/Switzerland

- The **application portal opens in mid-October** each year for programs starting *the following autumn*.
- **Deadline:** typically **15 November** for Bachelor's & Master's programs taught in English. [UiA](#)

Always **check the exact deadline** on the official program page — it *can vary by study level or faculty*. [UiA](#)

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## 3. Academic Admission Requirements

### Bachelor's Programmes

- ✓ Completed **secondary school education** equivalent to Norwegian *generell studiekompetanse*
- ✓ Some programs may have **specific subject prerequisites**
- ✓ All foreign credentials are assessed for equivalence *after application* — submit full, clear transcripts and certificates. [UiA](#)

### Master's Programmes

- ✓ A **Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS or equivalent)** in a relevant field
  - ✓ A *good academic record* (minimum GPA normally required; competitive programs may require higher grades)
  - ✓ Some programs may require additional documents (e.g., CV, motivation letter). [UiA](#)
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## 4. Language Requirements

### English-Taught Programs

- You must show **proof of English proficiency** (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL) if you are from a non-English education background or if the program requires it — check the program page for exact accepted tests and minimum scores. [UiA](#)

## Norwegian-Taught Programs

- You must demonstrate **Norwegian language skills** if the program is taught in Norwegian. [UiA](#)
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## 5. Documents You Must Upload

When you apply online through UiA's application system, prepare:

- ✓ Valid **passport copy**
  - ✓ Academic **transcripts and diplomas** (translated to English or Norwegian if necessary)
  - ✓ **English (or Norwegian) language proof**
  - ✓ Any **programme-specific documents** (e.g., motivation letter, CV, recommendations)
  - ✓ Any additional forms specified on the program's official page. [UiA](#)
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## 6. Tuition Fees & Scholarships

### Non-EU/EEA/Swiss Students

- **Tuition fees may apply** for English-taught programs; the exact amount depends on the program and faculty. [UiA](#)

### EU/EEA/Swiss Students

- Often **no tuition fees** or reduced fees under Norwegian educational policies (varies by program). [UiA](#)

Accepted students usually receive exact fee details with their offer letter.

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## 7. Visa / Residence Permit (Non-EU/EEA)

Once you receive an **offer of admission**, you must:

1. Apply for a **Norwegian student visa/residence permit** via the **UDI (Directorate of Immigration)** system.
2. Show **proof of sufficient funds** (living cost requirements set by UDI).
3. Present your **admission letter** from UiA when applying for the visa.

Note: You *must not* rely on conditional admission letters for visa applications — finalize your documentation before submitting your residence permit application. [UiA](#)

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## 8. Preparing for Arrival

Once admitted and (if needed) visa granted:

- ✓ Arrange **student housing** (apply early — spots can fill fast)
- ✓ Prepare **health insurance** if required
- ✓ Attend orientation and register for classes
- ✓ Consider joining the **buddy or international student support programs** that UiA often offers to help new students settle in. [UiA](#)

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## Summary Checklist (International Applicants)

- Choose a program and check its requirements
- Prepare required academic and language documents
- Apply online before the deadline (usually Nov 15 for non-EU/EEA)
- Upload all certified documents in English or Norwegian
- Pay any applicable tuition fees or confirm fee status
- Apply for visa/residence permit after admission
- Arrange housing and plan travel