

Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL) — International Student Guide

Location: Multiple campuses in Western Norway ☐☐

Official site: hvl.no/en [HVL](#)

☐ 1. Application Deadlines (Degree Students)

☐ Master's Programs (International/English-taught)

- **Application opens:** 1 October (for next autumn intake)
- **Deadline: 1 December** (for non-EU/EEA/Swiss applicants) for programs starting the following year.
- For EU/EEA applicants: portal opens **1 February**, deadline **1 March** (some exceptions apply to certain programs). [HVL](#)

☐ *Note:* Undergraduate (Bachelor's) programs are primarily **in Norwegian**, so international applicants must prove Norwegian language ability to apply to those. [HVL](#)

☐ 2. Which Programs Are Available in English

✓ **International Master's degrees** in fields like

- Climate Change Management
- Other specialized programs (check HVL's English study list)

Bachelor's degrees are generally offered **in Norwegian** — international students must normally document Norwegian language proficiency if applying to such programs. [HVL](#)

☐ 3. Admission Requirements

☐ Master's Degree

- ✓ A **relevant Bachelor's degree** or equivalent (in a field related to the chosen Master's).
- ✓ Some programs also have **GPA or specific course requirements** — check each program's page.
- ✓ Documentation of **English language proficiency** is required for non-Nordic applicants to English-taught programs. [HVL+1](#)

English Requirements

You **must provide an accepted English test result** — certificates must be valid when you apply. Examples include: [HVL](#)

- IELTS Academic:** minimum **6.0**
- TOEFL iBT:** minimum **80** (PBT also accepted)
- PTE Academic:** minimum **59**
- Cambridge English:** B2 First (B) or higher levels

Exemptions include completing certain degrees or studies previously taught in English (e.g., 1 year in English-medium university). [HVL](#)

4. Documents You Must Upload

You must upload **all required documents before the deadline**, or your application will not be considered. [HVL](#)

Required documents generally include:

- ✓ **Passport copy** (photo page)
 - ✓ **Bachelor's degree certificate & transcripts**
 - ✓ **English proficiency test results** (unless exempt)
 - ✓ **Proof of financing** (for non-EU/EEA applicants)
 - ✓ **Certified translations** (if documents aren't in English or Scandinavian languages)
 - ✓ **Name change documentation** (if applicable) [HVL](#)
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5. Tuition Fees & Proof of Funds

Tuition Fees

- If you are from **outside EU/EEA/Switzerland**, you **must pay tuition fees** at HVL.
- Tuition amounts vary by program — check HVL's current fee schedule on their official site. [HVL](#)

Proof of Financial Capability

Non-EU/EEA students must **demonstrate they can finance their stay in Norway** for visa purposes. This typically requires showing sufficient funds (e.g., via bank statements or sponsorship letters). [HVL](#)

Example amounts (must match UDI/student permit requirements):

- ✓ For **one year**: ~ NOK 151,690 (living costs target set by Norwegian authorities)
 - ✓ Some programs may adjust amounts based on length of study. [HVL](#)
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□ 6. Visa & Residence Permit

If you're from **outside EU/EEA/EFTA** and will study more than 90 days:

- You *must* apply for a **Norwegian student residence permit** after admission.
 - Visa processing can take time — apply *as soon as you receive your offer*.
 - You will often need **proof of funds, admission letter, passport, and payment receipts** for residence permit purposes. [HVL](#)
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□ 7. Before and After Arrival

According to HVL's international guidance:

Before arrival

- ✓ Secure housing
- ✓ Confirm visa/permit status
- ✓ Arrange travel logistics

After arrival

- ✓ Register with local **police** (non-EU/EEA) for a residence card
 - ✓ Get a **Norwegian ID number** (for banking, student card, etc.)
 - ✓ Pay semester/union fees
 - ✓ Register attendance on start day
 - ✓ Access online learning platforms like Canvas [HVL](#)
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□ 8. Exchange Student Rules

If you are an **exchange student** (Erasmus+/bilateral agreement):

- Your **home university must nominate you first**.
- You then complete an application and upload relevant documents (passport, transcripts).
- Courses may require **English or Norwegian proficiency** depending on language of instruction.

