Master studies
Master’s programmes

✔ Individual application deadlines and procedures for each institution

✔ Different programmes, different institutions

✔ Taught in Norwegian

✔ Taught in English
Requirements

- Language
- Bachelor’s degree
- Programme specific requirements
- Grades/marks
Requirement: language

- Master’s programmes taught in Norwegian:
  - Same language requirements as for admission to bachelor’s studies
- Master’s programmes taught in English
  - Usually a higher English test score required
  - Specific English tests required
Requirement: bachelor’s degree

- Completed first degree comparable to a Norwegian bachelor degree
- GSU-list: www.nokut.no
Programme specific requirements

- As important as the other requirements
- Usually a specialization within the same subject field
  - Example: A bachelor’s degree with a specialization in Physics in order to qualify for a master’s degree in Physics
- May also have additional non-academic requirements
- Work experience cannot compensate for lack of academic requirements
Hassan (25) from Morocco

- Hassan has a 4-year Bachelor’s degree in Economics
- He wants to continue his studies to strengthen his chances on the job market
- He has decided to apply for admission to a master’s program in Economics
- He knows English, but has not learned Norwegian yet
Hassan has to:

- Find the specific requirements for the programme to which he wishes to apply
- Pass one of the approved tests in English

He must then either:
- Apply to an English taught programme without passing a test in Norwegian

Or:
- Apply for a Norwegian taught programme after passing one of the approved tests in Norwegian
Requirement: Grades

- Usually a minimum grade average to qualify
- No national conversion tables between Norwegian and other grades. Individual assessment by institutions
- Admission is often competitive and the minimum requirement may not be enough
Khalil (35) from Bangladesh

- Holds a 3-year bachelor’s degree in Marketing and Business Administration from Bangladesh.
- He is fluent in English and has a limited knowledge of Norwegian.
- He wants to apply for a relevant master’s programme.
Khalil has to:

- Apply for admission to a bachelor’s program in Norway because his bachelor’s degree is too short
- Pass tests in Norwegian and English

He can:

- Apply to the university for recognition of his former education once he is offered a study place
Recognition of previous education (transfer credits)

If you have partly completed your studies, you may be able to use your credits in a Norwegian degree:

- First apply for admission to a study programme
- Then after admission: Apply for recognition of your previous education directly to the institution

For transfer credits to be accepted, they must fit your study programme.
Khalil applied for credit transfer:

- Credits for one year of his previous education was transferred to his new programme.
- He finished his Norwegian bachelor’s degree in only two years, instead of three.
- He is now ready to apply for admission to a master’s programme.
Summary

- Bachelor’s programmes:
  - Joint admission system through Samordna opptak (NUCAS)

- Master’s programmes:
  - Each institution has their own application and admission procedures

- Recognition of previous education (credit transfer):
  - Apply directly to the institution once you have been granted admission

- Bachelor’s and Master’s both require language tests
Questions?

- www.studyinnorway.no
- Samordna opptak (NUCAS)
- Universities and university colleges
  - Check websites for information!
Links

- www.studyinnorway.no
- http://www.samordnaopptak.no/info/english/