

Regulations for admission to and ranking for Norwegian courses

Section 1 Scope

1. The Regulations apply to admission to and ranking of applicants for Norwegian courses at the University of Bergen.
2. By “Norwegian courses” is meant the courses in the Norwegian language offered by the Department of Scandinavian Languages and Literature, Section for Norwegian as a Foreign Language.

Section 2 General rules

1. The application must be submitted by the stipulated deadline.
2. Failure to attend the first day of teaching will lead to a loss of the allocated place, unless otherwise agreed.

Section 3 General qualification

The general admission requirement for Norwegian courses is qualification for entrance to higher education in Norway, with the exception of the language requirement. The general admission requirement may be waived for applicants in category 1.

Section 4 Ranking of applicants for the Norwegian course

Admission to Norwegian courses is on the basis of ranking within three different main categories:

1. Employees of the University of Bergen and spouses

All applicants in the category ‘employees of the University of Bergen and their spouses or cohabitants’ are entitled to take a Norwegian course at any level. This category also includes doctoral degree candidates (not quota students). The period of employment must be **for a minimum of six months**.

Spouses/cohabitants who apply for Norwegian courses must document their status as spouse or cohabitant with a certificate of residence or other valid documentation.

2. Agreement and programme students, degree and guest students

The student categories are defined in Regulations for the admission of international applicants to the University of Bergen: Agreement and programme students, guest students and degree students, Section 2. All applicants in the category ‘agreement and programme students and degree students’ **are entitled to one Norwegian course**.

Exchange students who are studying Scandinavian languages and/or Scandinavian literature at their home institution shall be given priority.

If there are vacant places after the ordinary admission procedure has been completed, agreement and programme students and degree students who have taken one Norwegian course may be admitted to a Norwegian course at a higher level.

When qualified applicants are ranked

- Degree students shall take precedence over agreement and programme students. Among the latter, students on bilateral agreements shall be given priority.
- Those with high grades shall take precedence over those with low grades from previous Norwegian courses.
- In addition, emphasis will be placed on the student's overall academic progress at the University of Bergen.
- Guest students may be admitted to Norwegian courses if there are vacant places after the ordinary admission procedure has been completed, and after the degree and short-term students described in the above paragraph have been admitted.

3. Refugees and immigrants

A fixed number of places per semester on the Norwegian course are reserved for refugees and immigrants with a settlement permit.

When ranking qualified applicants in this category, those with higher educational qualifications shall take precedence over those with lower educational qualifications. Doctors, dentists and other important health service personnel may be given priority.

On application to a higher Norwegian course, those with high grades shall take precedence over those with low grades from a previous Norwegian course. Moreover, those who have completed and passed Level 2 shall have priority when applying for the Norwegian course Level 3 in the next semester. In the event of sickness etc. a deferment may be granted.

Applicants in other categories

Applicants in other categories are not qualified for admission to Norwegian courses at the University of Bergen.