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Study in Northern Norway!

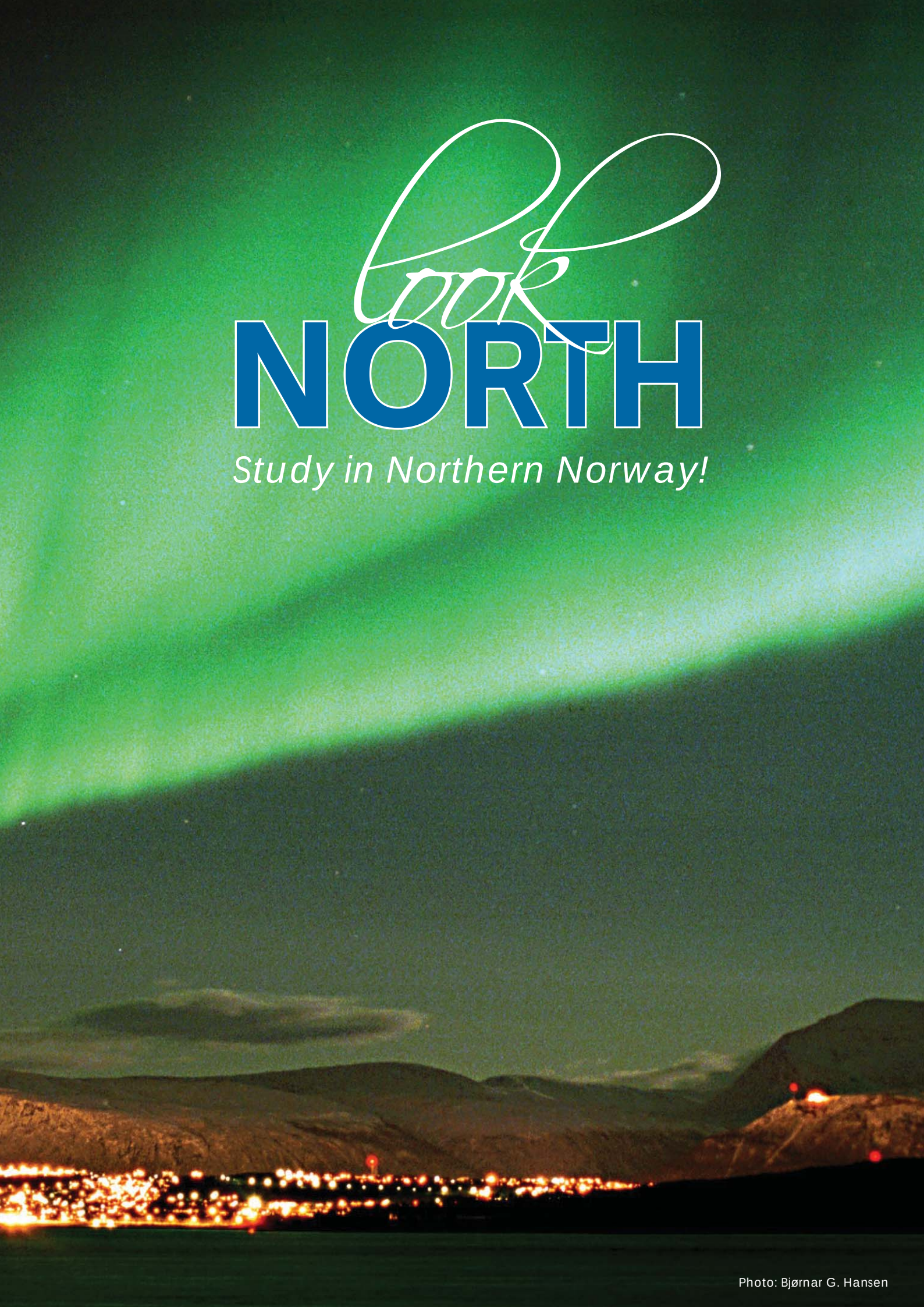
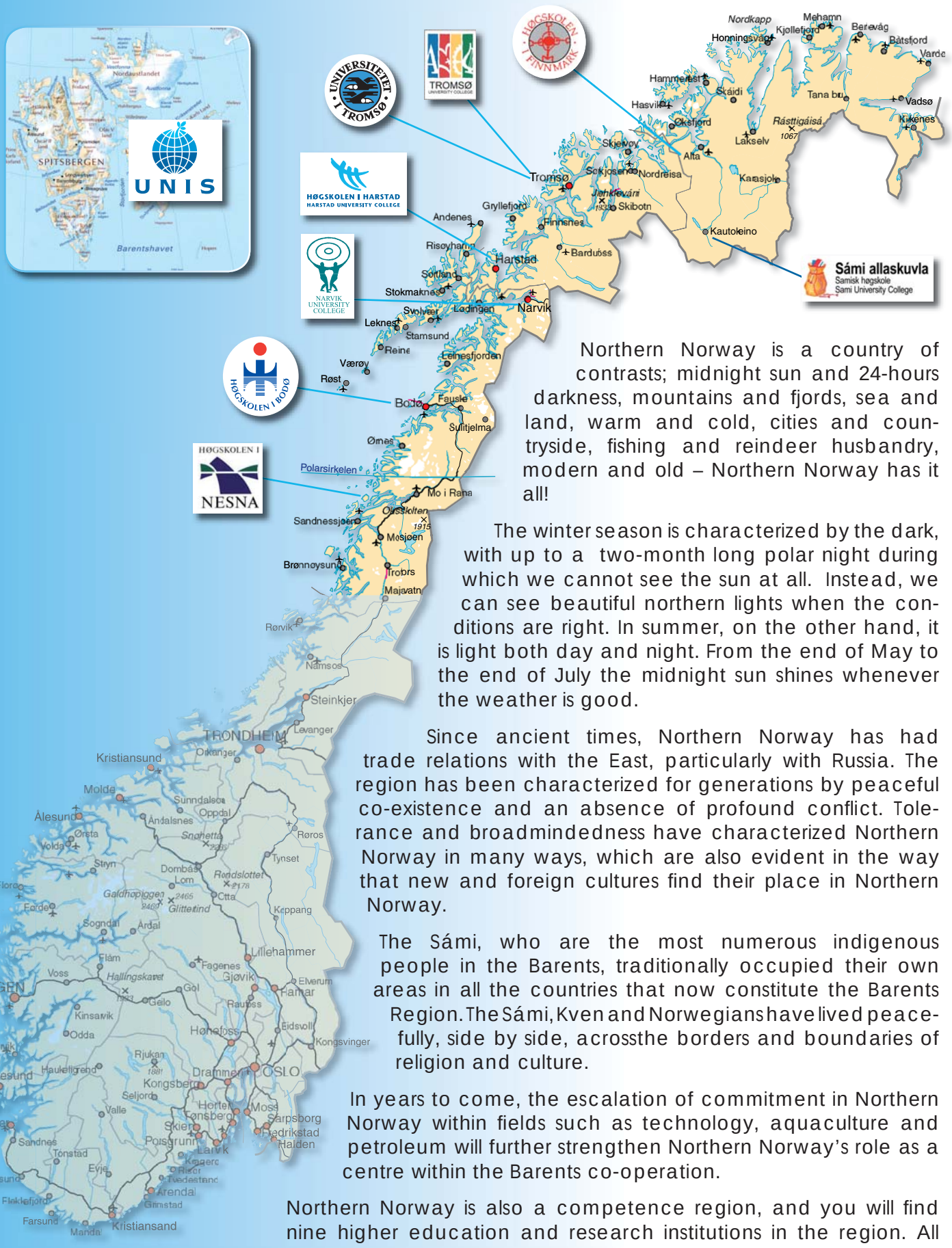


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Northern Norway is a country of contrasts; midnight sun and 24-hours darkness, mountains and fjords, sea and land, warm and cold, cities and countryside, fishing and reindeer husbandry, modern and old – Northern Norway has it all!

The winter season is characterized by the dark, with up to a two-month long polar night during which we cannot see the sun at all. Instead, we can see beautiful northern lights when the conditions are right. In summer, on the other hand, it is light both day and night. From the end of May to the end of July the midnight sun shines whenever the weather is good.

Since ancient times, Northern Norway has had trade relations with the East, particularly with Russia. The region has been characterized for generations by peaceful co-existence and an absence of profound conflict. Tolerance and broadmindedness have characterized Northern Norway in many ways, which are also evident in the way that new and foreign cultures find their place in Northern Norway.

The Sámi, who are the most numerous indigenous people in the Barents, traditionally occupied their own areas in all the countries that now constitute the Barents Region. The Sámi, Kven and Norwegians have lived peacefully, side by side, acrossthe borders and boundaries of religion and culture.

In years to come, the escalation of commitment in Northern Norway within fields such as technology, aquaculture and petroleum will further strengthen Northern Norway's role as a centre within the Barents co-operation.

Northern Norway is also a competence region, and you will find nine higher education and research institutions in the region. All nine are internationally active and participate in various networks, programs and activities around the World, including the University of the Arctic, Barentsplus, Nordplus and EU's Lifelong Learning Program. The following is a presentation of the nine institutions.

Nesna University College

HØGSKOLEN I NESNA

Africa meets Europa in Nesna

Our college is located in Nesna, a small community with approx. 1900 inhabitants at the beautiful coast of Helgeland. Nesna is unusually small for a college town but offers an insight into the life of a coastal community far away from the mainstream. Nesna offers excellent outdoor life and recreational activities such as mountaineering, hiking, diving, kayaking and fishing.
Nesna University College has approx. 1000 full-time and part-time students and is popular for its friendly atmosphere and close relations between students and staff. Traditionally we have been a teacher training college and this still is a focus area also in terms of further education but we also offer bachelor programs in musicology, drama, sports, special pedagogy, nursing and IT, and master degrees in music and natural science.

During the spring term we offer an international semester titled "Performing Multiculturalism" focusing on multicultural understanding and aesthetic subjects. Students will have courses in music, dance and drama and multicultural understanding. The main goals are to create a multicultural performance and to increase intercultural competence by working together in an international setting. We are working closely together with Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya so African students and instructors are a vital part of the programme, but we also have students from different European countries. This semester course is running from February to May and offers 30 ECTS credits. It is open for international and Norwegian students specialising in music, dance or drama and teacher education. There is a strong didactical focus on how to practice music, dance, and drama in different cultural settings. The students have their own black box available in our new building that also houses the auditorium, the canteen, computer facilities and the library.



Nesna is also a great place to study outdoor education, using the mountains and sea at our doorsteps as a classroom. So if you are looking for an intimate student environment, great outdoor adventures, and a warm welcome, Nesna is the choice for you!

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Bodø University College

Bodø University College (BUC) offers one of Norway's most modern and compact Campuses. Contemporary buildings and facilities provide a perfect setting for learning and welfare to our 5000 students and 500 employees. BUC has a well established position as an educational and research institution. We offer more than 100 different study programs within several academic disciplines. Bodø University College offers programs from an introductory level to the PhD level. Most of our programs are taught in Norwegian, but we do offer two PhD programs, four Master programs, one Bachelor Program, a summer program and several semester packages in English. In addition several of our units are taught in English.

Bodø lies just north of the Arctic Circle and is located among awesome mountains and fjords. The spectacular scenery offers unique possibilities for nature experiences and for combining your studies with exciting activities like climbing, skiing and a full scope of other outdoor recreation activities.

As the biggest city in Nordland County, Bodø is the regional centre of administration, education, culture, commerce and communication. Bodø's population of 46.000 enjoys all the services and facilities required in a modern college city.
There are a variety of international and Norwegian restaurants, cafes, pubs, nightclubs, concert venues, theatres, sporting events, museums, and cultural events to keep even the most active students entertained.



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The city of Bodø and BUC are small enough for you to be able to get to know a lot of people well, yet big enough to provide ample academic and social opportunities.

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Narvik University College

NARVIK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Make the right choice regarding your education –
join Narvik University College.

Imagine fresh air, majestic fjords, remote wilderness, dramatic landscapes, and steep mountains that rise out of the sea. Narvik University College (NUC), established in 1955, is one of 26 State University Colleges, and located in the heart of Northern Norway.

Narvik University College aims to be the leading technological centre for higher education in Northern Norway. The number of students accounts for approximately 1300, witch includes more than 200 foreign students from over 30 different nations. One compact campus, and our relatively small size, contributes for close contact between students and staff.

There are no tuition fees, and each year more than 50 new international exchange students come to Narvik to study. All international students must attend a one year course in Norwegian language and society (60 credits). We hope to make their stay as rewarding as possible through many academic and social opportunities.

NUC is organised in 4 departments, witch is: The Department of Building, Production and Engineering Design, the Department of Scientific Computing, Electrical Engineering and Space Technology, the Department of Applied Sciences and the Department of Health and Nursing Science

We offer academic programmes leading to bachelor degrees (3 year) in the field of engineering, economics, nursing and teaching. Within technology we offer 6 programmes leading to a master degree (2 year), and we can also offer Ph.D in cooperation with our partnership universities both in Norway and in Sweden.



Narvik Student Welfare Association provides much of the infrastructure for our students. Among the main offers are housing with high speed access, children's day care, and an excellent sports centre. During wintertime, Narvik and its surroundings can tempt with fantastic skiing conditions.

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Harstad University College

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HARSTAD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Harstad University College (HiH) was established in 1983 and is part of the higher public education system in Norway – hence; regulated by strict quality standards. HiH is a holder of EU's Diploma Supplement label. Our vision is: Leading learning environment.

With a total number of approximately 1,500 students, it is one of the smaller university colleges, characterized by an informal and open atmosphere, which makes it is easy to get to know other students as well as academic and administrative staff members.

Our premises have an idyllic location in Harstad town, near the waterfront with a nice view to the fjord and the town's beautiful surroundings. Accommodation guaranteed for all international students.

With its 24.000 inhabitants Harstad is a charming small town located near the 69th parallel on Norway's biggest island – only 1 hrs 30 min away by direct flight from Oslo. The area was an economic and political centre a thousand years ago, and local Viking lords played an important role in Norwegian history.

Every morning the north- and southbound Coastal Express, with tourists from all over the world, make a stop over at the port of Harstad. One of Norway's most famous tourist attractions, spectacular Lofoten islands, are just a few hours away by car. A guided tour to Lofoten for our foreign students is arranged at our expense at least once a year.



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University of Tromsø

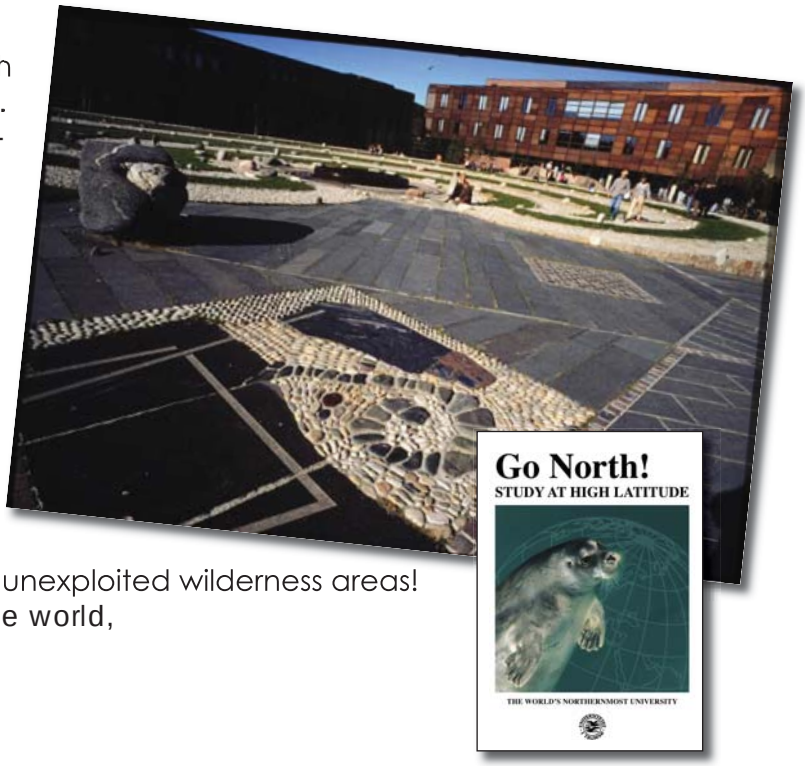
University of Tromsø - the northernmost university in the world - was established in 1968 to meet uncovered higher education and research needs in Northern Norway, especially in the medicine and health area. Today it is a full university with all the classical faculties; Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Social Science, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Humanities and the Norwegian College of Fisheries Science.

Although a small institution by global standards, the University of Tromsø is a large institution in the circumpolar world, with approximately 6500 students and 1800 staff members.

The university offers around 100 programmes at Bachelor and Master level. There are numerous choices of sub specialities within the bachelor's and master's degree programmes. PhD programmes are offered at all the faculties.

In addition, the University of Tromsø houses the University Museum (Tromsø Museum was established in 1872), a University Library and two Centres of Excellence, one in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL), from 2003, and one in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry – from 2007. As of 2007 three of Norway's fourteen recently opened Centres for Research-based Innovation are located in or connected with the University of Tromsø: one in telemedicine (together with the University Hospital of North Norway), one in ICT (led from Trondheim), and one in marine resources management, MabCent.

We are an international university with students of 70 nationalities on campus. One third of the faculty staff are non-Norwegians. 15 master's degree programs are taught in English and we offer numerous English taught courses at bachelor and master level.



Other interesting facts about the University of Tromsø:
No tuition fees!
Student accommodation guaranteed!
Excellent outdoor and indoor sports facilities!
Located in "the Paris of the North"
- yet surrounded by some of Europe's last unexploited wilderness areas!
Although the northernmost university of the world,
it is less than a two-hour flight from Oslo!

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Tromsø University College

Tromsø University College, established in 1994 and situated in the northern part of Norway, has 3000 students, four faculties and a staff of almost 400. Tromsø has the charm and warmth of a small town, the opportunities of a large city and a wealth of outstanding natural beauty. Tromsø is the largest urban municipality in Norway in terms of geographical area. The population is approx. 65 000. Tromsø University and Tromsø University College have about 10 000 students, who of course make their mark on the city.

Tromsø University College offers a range of academic programmes which aim to prepare students for specific professional occupations; teachers, nurses, engineers, musicians etc. Most of the programmes are three-year bachelor programmes, including periods of practical training. Some master programmes will be offered from 2008. Tromsø University College intends to maintain high quality in all its activities, contribute to the development of the region and supply it with skilled labour.

Classes are given mainly in Norwegian, but shorter courses taught in English will be offered.

There are no tuition fees. Guest students are guaranteed student accommodation in Tromsø.

The academic year is divided into two terms:
Autumn semester:
Mid August - Mid December
and Spring semester:
Primo January - Mid June.



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Sámi University College

Sámi allaskuvla
Samisk høgskole
Sami University College

Sámi University College (SUC) was established in 1989, and it is located in Guovdageaidnu on the Finnmark tundra, in the largest Sámi municipality in Norway. Guovdageaidnu has 3000 inhabitants and 85 % of them are Sámi speaking. Many Sámi institutions are located here and we have a variation of cultural activities like an annual Sámi Easter Festival. The vast tundra area is fantastic for outdoor activities.

SUC is a leading institution for indigenous research and higher education which preserves and develops Sámi language, culture and community life. Science and traditional knowledge go hand-in-hand for the future generations.

SUC has an all-Sámi profile and an international perspective, with approximately 200 students and 80 employees from all the four countries in Sápmi, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. We have cooperation with other indigenous institutions abroad, with focus on the circumpolar area.

We have four departments and 26 different courses within:
Sámi Language – Pedagogy - Reindeer Husbandry, Natural Science, Sámi handicraft and Art- and Social Science.

Most of our courses are taught in Sámi language, except some courses offered in English. We are currently developing more international courses, and in the future the number will expand.



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We offer a complete program in Sámi language, from beginner's level to advanced studies in language and literature. After you have obtained a competence in Sámi language it is also possible to move on to other studies.

If you would like to study in a living Sámi environment at a warm and unique educational institution, we welcome you as a student to Sámi University College!

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Finnmark University College

Finnmark University College is located at 70 degrees north, has its main campus in Alta (city of the Aurora Borealis/Northern light) and another campus is in Hammerfest, 140 km to the north. Finnmark County is close to the Russian border and Alta is a two hour direct flight from Oslo, the capital of Norway. Finnmark is a meeting place for Sami, Finnish, Norwegian, and Russian cultures. This marks Finnmark off as a special county.

Finnmark University College offers degree programs and courses taught in English as International Tourism, Regional Development and Outdoor Life Activities see www.hifm.no and find our English site. We also offer 20 different bachelor degrees and 2 master degrees and different other courses taught in Norwegian.

Finnmark University College has modern buildings and sophisticated technical/IT infrastructure, 2000 students and 250 employees, a compact and informal student-oriented learning environment and teachers with open doors and time for you. You will find an engaged and active student life.

In your spare time you have an abundance of opportunities for sporting and outdoor life experiences, or cultural attractions like visiting Sámi villages, the North Cape, the rock art sites - on the UNESCO World Heritage List or travelling into Russia. In addition, there are unique opportunities for fishing, hunting, and outdoor life, both in summer and winter as hiking, canoeing, dog mushing, snowmobiling. The sheer size of the county enables you to move into the genuine wilderness without travelling very far. There is no conception of queues, and it is fully possible to choose a route where you will not encounter a single human being for days. In Finnmark you will experience how people in the Arctic region make a livelihood out of traditional local resources, like fishing, reindeer herding, slate mining, but also modern industries like oil and gas exploration and service industries.



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The University Centre in Svalbard

The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS)

The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS) is the world's northernmost higher education institution, located in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, at 78º N. UNIS offers high quality courses at the undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. level in Arctic Biology, Arctic Geology, Arctic Geophysics and Arctic Technology. UNIS does not offer full degree programs, but semester programs and shorter courses as a supplement to education taken at other institutions.

About 350 students from all over the world take one or more courses every year at UNIS. The student body consist of 50 % Norwegian and 50 % international students and English is the official language at UNIS. The international setting and the small and intimate campus, make UNIS a unique study destination where students from all over the world get hands-on experience in Arctic studies. There are no tuition fees and there is affordable student accommodation.

UNIS' faculty consist currently of 23 fulltime professors, 21 assistant professors and 120 guest lecturers who specialize in Arctic issues. UNIS researchers work in collaboration with Norwegian and foreign research institutions and are actively involved in a large number of joint research projects. As a result, there are ample opportunities for UNIS students to get involved in a wide range of exciting research projects.

UNIS is the core of the Svalbard Science Centre, an international arctic centre of expertise in research and education, which also incorporates other professional and scientific institutions on Svalbard, such as The Norwegian Polar Institute, EISCAT and Svalbard Science Forum.

UNIS' geographical position gives it a unique advantage, enabling students and faculty to use the Arctic nature as a laboratory, arena for observation and data collection and almost all of the courses include field excursions as part of the course requirements. Given the focus on climate change, UNIS gives students and researchers an excellent starting point for studying climate related issues.



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