

Information regarding start of studies Autumn 2021

Dear new international students,

Many of you already have residency in Norway and will not face the same potential problems with the study permit, traveling, and quarantine hotel as many others. For this group, you are expected to meet on the orientation day, Friday, August 13th, and participate in the students' welcome week from Tuesday 17th. However, some of you face a lot of uncertainties. We hope to welcome as many as possible this Autumn, but we know that the original program with mandatory attendance on August 13th may not be possible for all of you. Therefore, we have decided to extend the deadline for arrival. Please read through the conditions of this option very carefully. If this is not a feasible option for you, you can apply for a deferral of your admission to the start of your studies in August 2022. With this, we hope to give you more concrete information to base your decisions on moving forward.

Entry quarantine and quarantine hotel

New international students who travel to Norway from abroad must stay in an entry quarantine in a designated quarantine hotel for 10 days after your arrival. For detailed and at all times updated information about Entry quarantine rules, [see the Norwegian Institute of Public Health's information page on Entry quarantine and rules upon arrival in Norway](#). The cost of staying at a quarantine hotel is NOK 500 per night. MF will cover this cost for our new international students in one of two ways. First option is for MF to reimburse your quarantine hotel expenses. Remember to keep your receipts. If the first option is not feasible for you, the second option is for MF to request an invoice for your stay from the quarantine hotel. [In order for MF to cover your quarantine hotel cost, you must register using this form](#). The form must be submitted at least 7 days before your arrival in Norway.

If you are already residing in Norway and decide to travel abroad before the start of studies in August, MF will not cover your quarantine hotel expenses.

Extended deadline for arrival

For those of you who are not currently residing in Norway, we have decided to extend the **deadline for physical attendance registration at MF to September 10th**, hopefully giving more of you the chance to start your studies this Autumn. Due to the quarantine rules this means that **you need to arrive in Norway before September 1st**. We advise you to travel to Norway as soon as it is possible for you to do so. Do not travel to Norway before your study permit is approved. For information about how the corona situation affects traveling into Norway and the handling of applications, [see the Norwegian Immigration Authorities' \(UDI\) information pages](#).

Although the arrival and physical attendance deadlines are extended, you are required to pay the semester fee before the payment deadline of August 5th and register for courses as soon as possible and before the registration deadline of August 25th. In mid-July, we will send out semester fee invoices for the Autumn semester to all of you by email. The invoices must be paid by bank transfer. Your payment must be registered before receiving your username and password for Studentweb, which is the platform you need to sign into to register for courses. You will not have access to teaching materials in our learning platform Canvas before the semester fee is paid and you have received your user name password. This requires that you have sufficient internet access to pay the semester fee, register for courses and use the learning platform online. More detailed registration information will be sent to you together with your invoices in mid-July.

Please note that should you fail to carry out either of these steps, either the physical attendance registration before September 15th or the payment and registration in August, you will lose your right to study (more on deferring your start of studies to August 2022 below).

Deferring your start of studies

If you are uncertain that you can fulfill one or more of the points above or for other reasons, you can consider applying to defer your admission one year and start your studies in August 2022. It is not possible to start in January 2022. You must apply before August 15th. [All applications for postponing the start of studies must be registered using this form.](#)

Refunding of deposit and semester fee

Should you choose to defer your admission for the start of studies to August 2022 or for other reasons decide not to study at MF this year, you can get your deposit and/or semester fee refunded. You need to contact the International Relations Office at international@mf.no for a refund request. Both the deposit and the semester fee will only be refunded to the bank account of which the payment was made. A refund request of the semester fee must be sent before September 1st. Your refund request must include the following:

From a Norwegian bank account

Deposit and/or semester fee refund:
Account number:
Name (of the person who made the payment):
Address:
Name of the bank:

From a foreign bank account

Deposit and/or semester fee refund:
Name (of the person who made the payment):
Address:
Name and address of the bank:
IBAN number and BIC/SWIFT:

It can take up to five working days to effectuate the refund after your request has been sent to the International Relations Office. During the summer holiday season, it might take additional time.

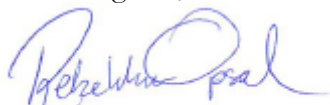
Questions

Questions regarding this can be sent to international@mf.no.

If you have questions regarding your study permit, please contact the Norwegian Immigration Authorities (UDI).

If you have questions regarding student housing, please contact the Student Welfare Organisation, SiO.

Kind regards,



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