



UNIVERSITY OF OSLO  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

University of Oslo

A presentation – mainly of the

Faculty of Humanities

For Chinese partners



# University of Oslo - UiO

The University of Oslo (UiO) is Norway's largest and oldest institution of higher education. It was founded in 1811 when Norway was still under Danish rule, and thus celebrates its 200 years' anniversary in 2011.



*UiO – Central Administration Building  
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*Physics building – planned as main entrance of Blindern Campus  
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Today the UiO has 28000 students (autumn 07) and around 4,600 employees.

[Four Nobel Prize winners](#) indicate the quality of UiO research.



# UiO: Eight Faculties

- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Odontology
- Faculty of Social Science
- Faculty of Education



*University of Oslo,  
City Center, Domus Media*  
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# UiO – National Research programmes

## [Research Council of Norway](#) (RCN)



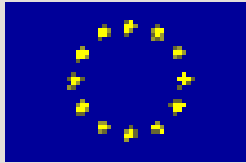
600 million NOK to UiO (approx. US \$ 120 million) in 2007  
Mainly to medicine, mathematics and technology

50% of RCNs free project money allocation went to applications from Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Theology at UiO in 2007.

In total, the Faculty of Humanities received 100 million NOK in external funding in 2007.



# UiO: International Research programmes



UiO success in 31% of research applications to EUs 6th framework programme. EU average: 19%, Norway average: 26%.



6 Marie Curie Training sites financed by EU Marie Curie Host Fellowships for Early Stage Research Training (EST).  
1 Marie Curie Excellence grant in International Environmental Law



# UiO: Centres of Excellence

## 8 National Centres of Excellence:

- 3 within medicine
- 3 within mathematics and natural sciences
- 1 within the social sciences
- 1 within the humanities (philosophy)



The UiO also coordinates two Nordic Centres of Excellence:

- 1 within medicine
- 1 within ecology and biology

In addition, UiO researchers participate in other Nordic Centres of Excellence that are coordinated by other higher education institutions.



# UiO: Museums and collections

## Museum of Cultural History

- [The Viking Ship Museum](#)  
(at Bygdøy)
- [The Historical Museum](#)  
(at Frederiks gate – city)



## Museum of Natural History

- Botanical Garden (at Tøyen)
- Zoological, Geological, Paleontological collections



*Botanical Garden, Photo © 2005 J.K. Ryggvik*



# University of Oslo - Ranking

## **Shanghai Jiao Tong 2008**

Norway – no. 1

Nordic Countries – no. 3

Europe – no. 17

World – no. 64

## **Webometrics 2008**

Nordic Countries – no. 2

Europe – no. 5

World – no. 53

Measures web presence,  
formal and informal  
scholarly communication.

## **Times Higher Education 2008**

Europe – no. 70

World – no. 177

40% is based on peer citation





# UiO: Faculty of Humanities



*The Faculty of Humanities' main buildings.*

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# Faculty of humanities - History

Faculty of Philosophy was one of four original faculties at the University of Oslo.

In 1861, however, this faculty was divided into two new faculties:

- The Faculty of Arts *and*
- The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

In January 2005 the faculty was renamed, and became The Faculty of Humanities.



*Entrance to faculty building seen through  
"Brudt form" 1980 by Aase Texmon Rygh  
/Bono 2005, photo: © 2008 B. Skov*



# Faculty of Humanities - Diversity

The variety of the faculty's fields of study manifests itself in the nearly 80 different subjects offered:

European and Asian languages, linguistic and philological studies, area studies concentrated on the history and culture of particular regions, aesthetic studies, computer and media studies as well as a large and diverse group of cultural, historical and philosophical subjects.



*Old scientific equipment:  
Kymograph and Phonograph  
(Used by Phonetical Institute)  
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# Faculty of Humanities – Figures 2007

## *Registered students*

- 7000 students registered (autumn 2007)
- 1700 registered on Master's programmes
- 217 registered on the Ph.D. programme

## *Degrees*

- 255 Cand.Philol./Polit. Degrees awarded  
(pre-reform type of higher degree)
- 357 Master's degrees awarded
- 44 Ph.D. degrees awarded



*P.A. Munch's and Henrik Wergeland's building behind  
"Torso" 1958 by Aase Texmon Rygh. Photo © B. Skov*

# Faculty of Humanities: 7 Departments



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- [Archaeology, Conservation and History](#)
- [Culture Studies and Oriental Languages](#)
- [Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas](#)

Is host for "[Center for the Study of Mind in Nature](#)"  
and "[The University of Oslo's Ethics Programme](#)"

- [Literature, Area Studies and European Languages](#)
- [Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies](#)

Is host for "[Norwegian Dictionary 2014](#)", "[The Text Laboratory](#)"  
and (from 2008) "[The Documentation Project](#)"

- [Media and Communication](#)
- [Musicology](#)

Is host for "[The Norwegian Collection of Folk Music](#)"



Above: *Faculty of Humanities buildings*  
Below: *Blindern Campus main road. Photos © B. Skov*



# Other Units: local and international

## [Centre for Ibsen Studies](#)

Teaching, research, and documentation of Henrik Ibsen's works

Also home of the project: [Henrik Ibsen's writings](#)



## [The Norwegian Institute in Rome](#)

Teaching and research mainly in classical archaeology and art history.



## [Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature \(CSMN\)](#)



Centre of Excellence in Philosophy, at Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas.

## [The Norwegian University Centre in St. Petersburg](#)



Teaching and research mainly in Russian language and political science (area studies).



# Faculty of Humanities: Bachelor's programmes (BA)

The studies are organised in study programmes of 3 years' duration

16 Bachelor's programmes in the faculty

Wide selection of specializations within the programmes

The BA programmes are taught in Norwegian

The departments also offer a range of courses  
taught in English for exchange students.

SPECIAL OFFERS:

[Scandinavian Studies](#)

[Norwegian Language Courses](#)



*"Norwegian Reference Grammar" – written by three scholars  
from Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies  
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# Faculty of Humanities: Master's programmes (MA)

- The studies are organised in programmes of 2 years' duration. Of these, 1 year is assigned to the writing of a master's thesis.
- A total of 17 Master's programmes in the faculty
- A wide selection of specialization within the programmes

- 2 Master's programmes in English:

[Master in Ibsen studies](#)

[Master in Nordic Viking  
and Medieval Culture](#)







# Faculty of Humanities: Master's degrees in English

In addition there is a number of 2 year master's degrees. These are specializations within otherwise Norwegian master's programmes, that are taught fully in English.

- Within the "[Programme in Languages](#)"
  - [English language](#)
  - [East Asian Linguistics](#)
- Within the "Literature Programme"
  - English literature
- Within the "Programme for Asian and African Studies"
  - [Chinese Studies](#)
  - [East Asian Studies](#)
  - [Tibetan Studies](#)
- Within the "Programme for Media Studies"
  - [Media Studies](#)



*Bust of Henrik A. Wergeland  
by Julius Middelthun 1887  
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# Faculty of Humanities: The Ph.D. programme

Research training is organised in a [Ph.D. programme](#) of 3 years' duration.

There are [seven specialisations](#) within the programme:

- Philosophy
- Linguistics
- History
- History of Culture and Religion, Archaeology, Asian and African Studies
- Musicology, Theatre studies, Aesthetics, History of Art and Ideas
- Literature and Classical Subjects
- Media studies and Journalism



*Oslo Innovation Center with Dept of Media and Communication  
Photo: © 2008 B. Skov*



# Study facilities – The University Library

- 4 main libraries:
  - Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Medicine and Health studies
  - Law
  - Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- 3,53 million volumes (2006)
- Online catalogues and reference databases
- 10081 Electronic journals
- 7183 Print journals



*Library of Humanities and Social Sciences*

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# Study facilities – Faculty of Humanities: Sophus Bugge's house

Faculty student library with all the  
electronic services of the main  
library

A number of PCs available and  
open wireless network for personal  
laptops



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# Study facilities – Faculty of Humanities PC rooms in Sophus Bugge's house

3 PC rooms for Bachelor's students with more than 170 PCs – 2 on ground floor, one in the library on the 1st floor

There are also PC rooms for Master's students in the departments



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## Other facilities – cafés, sport halls...



Coffee bars, lunch rooms and other facilities abound, here the small "Café Niels" in the Faculty of Humanities complex.



The fairly new and modern sports hall "Domus Athletica" is available for all students at low fees.

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# International partners

The faculty of Humanities cooperates with several top institutions internationally: Harvard, Oxford, Univ. of California -Berkeley are among them, as well as the Sorbonne in Paris and Humboldt in Berlin.

The faculty and its departments administer student exchange agreements with approx. 200 higher education institutions on all continents.

Concerning China, Peking University and Fudan University have so far been main recipients of students from our faculty.

Beijing Foreign Studies University recently started courses in Norwegian language and will send their first students to Oslo in 2009.





# Exchange students to University of Oslo

Requires bilateral agreement and preferably an exchange agreement that regulates the conditions for the exchange.

- No tuition fees in public universities in Norway
- UiO guarantees housing below market prices in student dorms provided the applications are filed before the deadlines.
- Immigration authorities demand that students from outside the EU/Schengen area must prove that they have NOK 82.900 (approx. 15,500 USD) per year (NOK 41.450 per semester) on a Norwegian bank account to be eligible for a visa. The University of Oslo offers a deposit account for this purpose. This money is sufficient to cover living costs in Norway, and the students can spend this money for living expenses in Norway after arrival.
- English language proficiency requirements:
  - Bachelor level: TOEFL 500 (paper), 170 (computer), 60 (Internet), or minimum 5.0 score on the IELTS (academic) test.
  - Master's level: TOEFL 550 (paper), 213 (computer), 80 (Internet), or minimum 6.0 score on the IELTS (academic) test.Test results is only part of it: In addition, the partner institution must make sure that out-going students are able to work and function in an English-speaking study environment.





# Financing student exchange



-> Norway

The University of Oslo unfortunately, has no scholarship programme, neither for national or international students.

This means that the main source of funding for travel and living costs for students from Hong Kong or Taiwan must come from local sources.

Norway ->

Norwegian students to Hong Kong and Taiwan have funding from the National Student Funding Agency "Lånekassen" for studies abroad, that will cover travel, plus scholarship and loans to cover tuition fees and living costs.



Thank you  
for your attention!



*A. Haukeland's "Air" 1961 - Blindern*  
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