

Chapter V – Admission to Norwegian Courses for Foreigners

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1. Summer Courses

The summer courses are primarily aimed at exchange students from the EU. Courses are offered at the beginner level (equivalent to level 1) and intermediate level (equivalent to level 2).

Admission and ranking of applicants to the summer courses will be handled according to the guidelines given by the EU and SiU.

2. Norwegian Level Courses (Levels 1-4)

The following groups of applicants may apply to all level 1-4 courses: academic staff with a minimum 1 year duration of stay, spouses/partners of permanent academic staff, PhD. students, as well as international masters students and exchange students on exchanges lasting no less than 2 semesters (9 months).

The department/faculty will be internally billed for academic staff (including PhD. students, post doctorates and similar) that are offered admission. These conditions also apply to spouses/partners of academic staff.

All other applicants may apply to level 2,3 and 4 only.

Ranking of NTNU-applicants to the Norwegian Level Course levels 1-4

Ranking of applicants to level 1:

1. All academic staff (including PhD. students, post doctorates and similar) with a duration of stay of minimum 1 year are guaranteed a place provided their faculty/department covers the course fee.
2. All spouses/partners of permanent academic staff will be offered a place, provided they fulfill the minimum entrance requirements for admission, with the exception of the language requirements, and the faculty/department of their spouse/partner covers the course fee.
3. International students (international master students/exchange students) that have not previously completed one of NTNU's language courses in Norwegian for Foreigners will be given priority. If all applicants cannot be admitted, a random selection will be made.
4. International students who previously have completed a course without a passing grade. If all applicants cannot be admitted, a random selection will be made.

Ranking of applicants to level 2 and 3:

1. All academic staff (including PhD students, post doctorates and similar) on a minimum stay of at least one year are guaranteed a place provided their faculty/department covers the course fee.
2. All spouses/partners of permanent academic staff are offered a place, provided they fulfill the minimum entrance requirements for admission, except the language requirements, and the department/faculty of their spouse covers the course fee.

3. International students (international masters students/exchange students) who have not previously completed one of NTNU's language courses in Norwegian for Foreigners, are given priority. If all applicants cannot be offered a place, a random selection will be made.
4. International students who have previously completed one of NTNU's language courses will be ranked according to their grade in the previous course. Applicants who failed the exam on the previous level, but have passed the placement test, are ranked by grade. If all applicants cannot be offered a place, a random selection is made.

TIME-students are guaranteed a place in levels 1, 2 and 3.

Ranking of applicants who are not affiliated with NTNU (ordinary immigrants)

Applicants are ranked according to the number of study points that have been completed and passed.

Ranking of applicants to level 4

1. The applicants are ranked according to the grade received on the previous level. If several applicants have received the same grade, a random selection is made. Applicants qualifying directly to level 4 on the basis of either the Norwegian Language Test –Advanced Level (Bergenstest) or Norwegian as a Second Language in upper secondary school, 3rd year are ranked by result. Applicants with the Norwegian Language Test-Advanced Level must have a minimum of 450 points or the grade Passed in order to qualify directly to level 4.

3. Short courses for NTNU-affiliated

The following groups of applicants may apply for this offer: academic staff with a minimum stay of at least 6 months, spouses of academic staff, PhD. students, as well as international masters students and exchange students on stays of at least 3 months.

Ranking of applicants to the short courses

1. Exchange students on stays up to 5 months are given priority
2. Remaining places are distributed by random selection

4. General rules regarding ranking of applicants to all courses

Applicants that have not previously been accepted to one/any of the aforementioned courses will be given priority.

Spouses/partners of academic staff as well as applicants that are not affiliated with NTNU, may only be considered for admission provided sufficient documentation is made available, and that the applicant fulfills the minimum NTNU entrance requirements, with the exception of the language requirements.

Applicants without a residence permit cannot apply for admission to the Norwegian language courses.

Applicants that are employees at NTNU must submit confirmation from their department/faculty for coverage of the course fee. This also applies to spouses/partners.

Employees at NTNU and their spouses/partners will not be granted admission if their department/faculty does not cover the course fee.

Applicants who have previously attended the short course at NTNU cannot apply for admission to the level 1 course of the Norwegian Level Courses.