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Welcome to the master programme in **Geosciences** and **CS:GEO**

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Survey for new master's programme students MN 2026

Select master's degree programme:

- **Geosciences, or:**
- **CS: Geoscience**



<https://nettskjema.no/a/639893>

Structure of the master's programme

One programme, **four** programme options:

- Applied Basin Analysis: Processes, Resources and Evolution of Life
- Earth's Structures and Planetary Processes
- Environmental Geosciences, Geohazards, and Geomatics
- Water and Climate

In addition: CS: Geoscience

Geosciences

Level: Master
Duration: 2 years
ECTS Credits: 120

The master's programme in Geosciences covers specializations in glaciology, geography, hydrology, geology, geophysics, geomatics, meteorology and oceanography. You will learn about the Earth's structure, natural resources and the environment.

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Programme options

Applied Basin Analysis:
Processes, Resources and
Evolution of Life →

Earth's Structures and
Planetary Processes →

Environmental Geosciences,
Geohazards, and Geomatics →

Water and Climate →

Structure of the Master's programme

- The Master's program totals 120 ECTS credits over 2 years (60 ECTS per year, 30 ECTS per semester).
- The program includes 60 ECTS of coursework and 60 ECTS for the Master's thesis.
- The programme consists of both mandatory- and elective courses.

Course of study

4th semester	Master's thesis		
3rd semester	Master's course	Master's thesis	
2nd semester	Master's course	Master's course	Master's thesis
1st semester	Master's course + HMS courses	Master's course	Master's course
	10 ECTS credits	10 ECTS credits	10 ECTS credits

Students **without** a background in geosciences

- Students admitted without a sufficient background in geosciences must follow a more fixed programme structure, where more courses are mandatory.
- The programme structures outline which courses you must take, depending on your [programme option](#).
- The Study Administration will contact those this applies to (although you are probably already aware of this), so keep this in mind when applying for autumn courses.

Master's contract

The Master's contract is essential for your studies in Geosciences at the University of Oslo. It sets the stage for your relationship with your supervisors and the department, helping everyone stay on the same page. If the contract is not submitted, your admission can be withdrawn.

- Contract between you as a student, your supervisor(s) and the Department of Geosciences.
- The contract shall include information of all supervisors, signatures and the courses that you are to use as your theoretical syllabus.
- You have to attach a [project description](#) and a [data management plan \(DMP\)](#) (DMP be delayed until 2nd semester)
- Deadline for submission is **1 December 2026**.

Master's contract

- When the contract is approved, you will be noticed by the Study admin.
- Changes to the study plan can be made later, but only after application.
- We will notify you in advance of the upcoming submission deadline!

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Selecting a Master's thesis

- The scientific staff defines a topic for master theses.
- [Available theses are put online](#), with a later upcoming information meeting presenting the theses. The list is not complete!
- Please note that the list is not complete, and more topics might be available if contacting the [programme option coordinators](#).
- Dialogue between students and supervisors
 - You are not guaranteed to have your «favourite» MSc thesis topic
 - Motivation, courses taken ++ might be considered

Department of Geosciences

[← Studies](#)Theses sorted by
programme option

- Applied Basin Analysis: Processes, Resources and Evolution of Life
- Environmental Geosciences, Geohazards, and Geomatics
- Earth's Structures and Planetary Processes
- Water and Climate
- CS: Geoscience
- [Geo-Education]

Available MSc theses at the Department of Geosciences

Do you not find a thesis you like? You can also make contact with the [programme option coordinator](#) and ask for an opportunity to get a tailored thesis within a subject, or a current issue that you are interested in.

You cannot start working on a Master's thesis before you have formally been admitted to the master's programme in Geosciences or CS: Geoscience, or have made an individual agreement with the Student administration.

MSc theses listed twice on this page are because they are listed in more than one programme option.

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Rights and responsibilities

- To maintain your admission, you need to:
 - Pay the semester fee and enroll in at least 10 ECTS by 1st September 2026.
 - Achieve a minimum study progress of 30 ECTS after one academic year and 60 ECTS credits after two academic years.
- All courses in your program should be completed by the end of your third semester.

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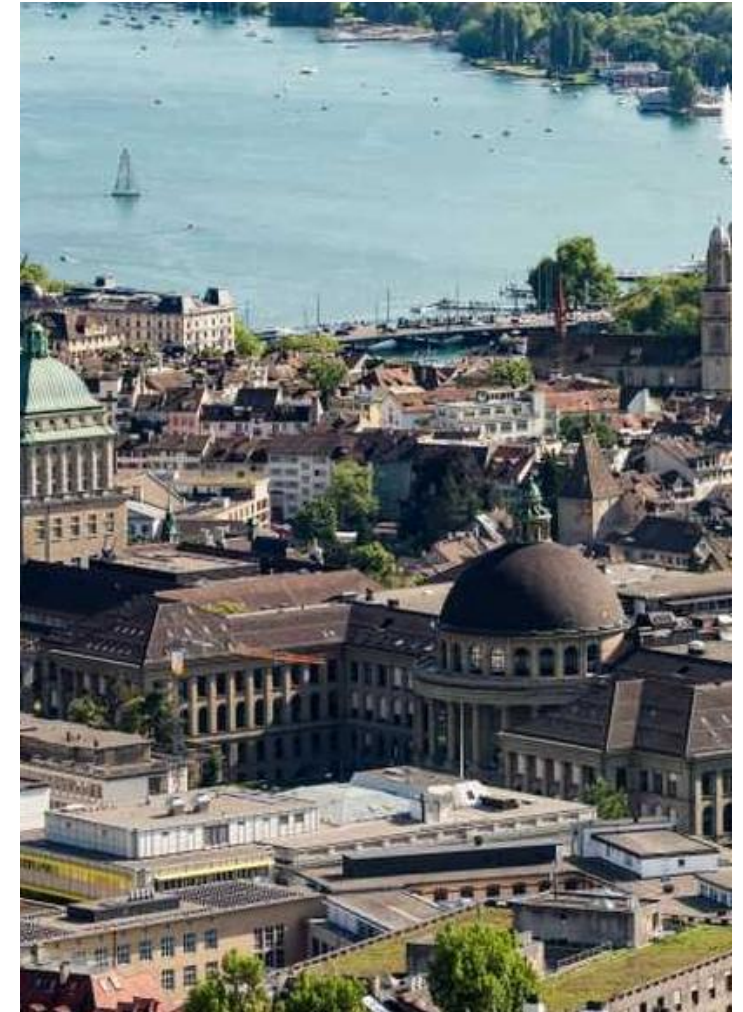
- Important messages will be sent to your UiO email address as well as through the Canvas platform for your enrolled courses.
- You are responsible for staying updated on course information online and for any communications sent to your UiO email address.
 - Log in: outlook.office.com/mail

Students with previous passed courses

- Students who earlier have passed courses (min. 20 ECTS) for use in their master's programme should contact the Study administration as soon as possible
 - Earlier submission of master's contract, and master's thesis

Exchange studies - abroad

- If you plan to exchange abroad, the conditions are best in the 2nd or 3rd semester of the master programme, given that you are done with the mandatory courses in the previous semesters.
- Application deadlines for exchange studies:
 - Spring semester (2nd semester): apply within **1 October**
 - Summer and autumn semester (3rd semester): apply within **1 March**
- Exchange agreements:
<https://www.uio.no/studier/utveksling/avtaler/avtaleeiere/mn/geo/>
- Stepwise procedure for how to apply for exchange studies:
<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/exchange/>
- Questions regarding exchange studies abroad can be sent to:
studieinfo@geo.uio.no



Exchange studies – UNIS (Svalbard)

- If you plan to exchange to The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS), the conditions are best in the 2nd or 3rd semester of the master programme, given that you are done with the mandatory courses in the previous semesters. UNIS also offers summer courses.
- Application deadlines for studies at UNIS:
 - Spring semester (2nd semester): apply within **1 October**
 - Summer and autumn courses (2-3 semester): apply within **1 March**
- More information about courses at UNIS can be found here:
<https://www.unis.no/studies/>
- Questions regarding exchange studies abroad can be sent to:
studieinfo@geo.uio.no



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Finding relevant information

- Relevant applications
- Local regulations
- Programme option coordinators
- Reimbursement of MSc related field/lab activity
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Geosciences (master's two years)

Master studies at the Department of Geosciences

There are many things to remember as a master's student. On this resource page, you will find information and applications for all master's students at the Department of Geosciences, University of Oslo.



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Health, environmental and safety (HSE)

In the beginning of the first semester, student's who previously haven't taken the HSE-courses at the University of Oslo (UiO) are required to do so:

- [HMS0501 – Safety and Physical Environment](#)
- [HMS0502 – Positive Learning Environment](#)
- [HMS0503 – Laboratory Safety](#)
- [HMS0504 – Field Safety](#)

Absence from classes

- Attendance at the first lecture is **obligatory** for all courses at the Department of Geosciences.
- If you cannot meet, you need to notify the course responsible before **the first lecture**. If not, you will be removed from the course.
- Absence from mandatory activities and examinations, requires a valid reason. If you are absent, you must [submit a web form and upload valid documentation](#).

More information here:

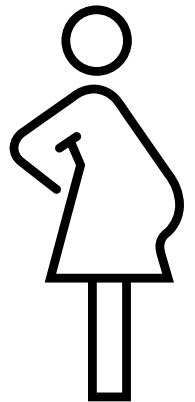
<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/illness-postponed/index.html>

Special needs and leave of absence from the programme

If you have special needs for leave, you can apply for leave on the basis of documented needs:

- Special needs in the everyday studies
- Special exam arrangements
- Leave of absence
- Reduced progression/part-time studies
- And more..

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/special-needs-leave-part-time/>



Part-time studies

Part-time studies (50-80% of full time) can be granted for students having either a

- documented medical condition or;
- a relevant job situation

The application deadline is 1 September for the autumn semester and 1 February for the spring semester.

Speak up about learning environment

We strive for a safe and engaging learning environment and need feedback from you to improve.

Tell us when you are satisfied or when something needs improvement. We ask you in particular to give notice of serious, critical issues.

About which issues can you speak up?

- What you appreciate and would like UiO to do more of
- Bad aspects of your physical or social learning environment
- Harmful, dangerous, unethical or criminal offenses
- [Bullying or sexual harassment](#)



Studentweb and the educational plan

Log in to Studentweb to:

- Register as a student and paying the semester fee (each semester)
- Register for lecture and examination in each course
- Check where to be seated for an exam (and find your candidate number)
- Check your exam results
- Update your semester address

Studentweb: <https://studentweb.uio.no/>

Important:

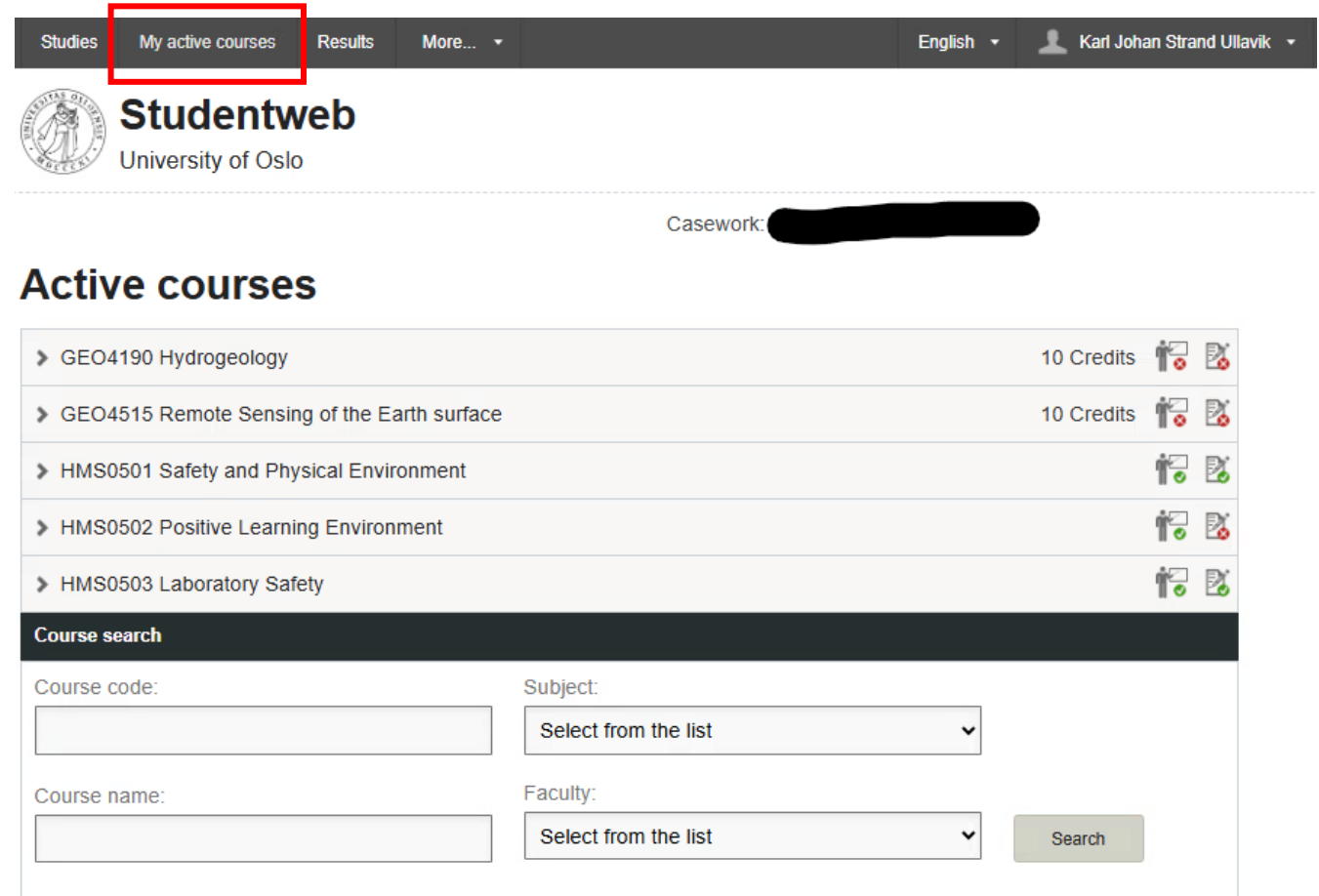
- 1 September is the last deadline for exam registration, registration as a student and **to pay the semester fee.**

Apply for courses within 13 August

- Remember to apply for 1st semester courses within tomorrow, 13 Aug!
- In order to register for courses with formal prerequisite knowledge, students having their bachelor from **another academic institution** than UiO must apply to have the prerequisite knowledge covered with external education.
- Please drop by the Study administration after this information meeting if this concerns you!

Apply for courses within 13 August

- Register for courses in Studentweb starting from «My active courses» / NO: «Aktive emner» at the top bar.
- Approve the education plan **without any further changes.**



Studentweb
University of Oslo

Casework: [REDACTED]

Active courses

› GEO4190 Hydrogeology	10 Credits	 
› GEO4515 Remote Sensing of the Earth surface	10 Credits	 
› HMS0501 Safety and Physical Environment		 
› HMS0502 Positive Learning Environment		 
› HMS0503 Laboratory Safety		 

Course search

Course code:

Subject:

Course name:

Faculty:

Students with conditional offer

Students with conditional admission (*betinget opptak*) to the master's program must contact the student administration to register for courses until the conditions are met. This requirement applies to students admitted to the following programs:

- Water and Climate
- Earth's Structures and Planetary Processes

The conditions must be met within one year to maintain admission. By fulfilling these conditions, students will have their right to study extended.

Students with *betinget tilbud* will not get their study right in order until the condition has been met, latest 27 Aug after individual agreement with the Admissions Office.

Diploma Registry

- All exam results and degree(s) will be found digitally in the Diploma Registry.
- Diplomas will not be printed (except for foreign students without a Norwegian ID).

The Diploma registry:

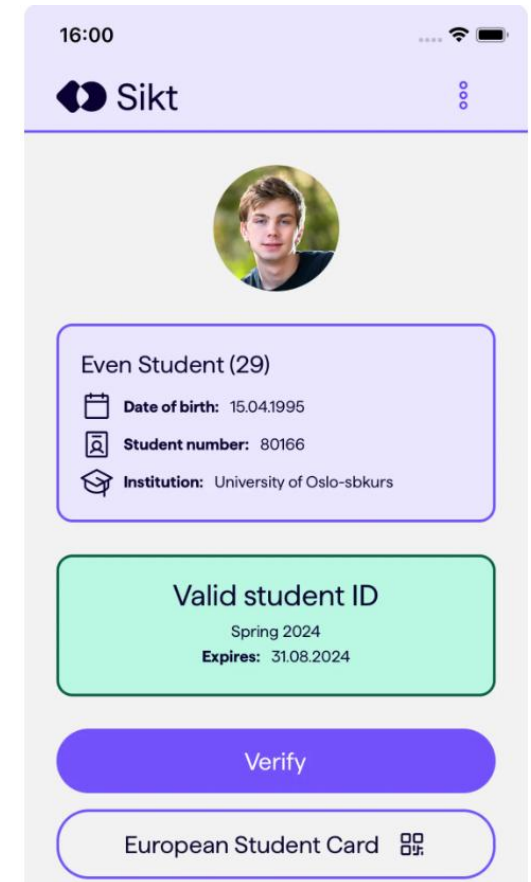
- makes it easier for applicants to present their results
- makes it easy for employers and educational institutions to receive results
- ensures that the shared information is valid



<https://www.vitnemalsportalen.no/english/>

Student ID and Student Card

- After you've paid the semester fee, the valid semester receipt for autumn 2026 will be available in your Student ID app. If you need the semester card printed you need to contact the International Student Reception (Knutepunktet).
- After paying the semester fee, you get the physical student card at the Card Centre (Kortsenteret). Located in [Kristian Ottosens hus](https://www.kristianottosenshus.no).
- The student card also works as [access card](#) to enter UiO's buildings outside of regular opening hours.



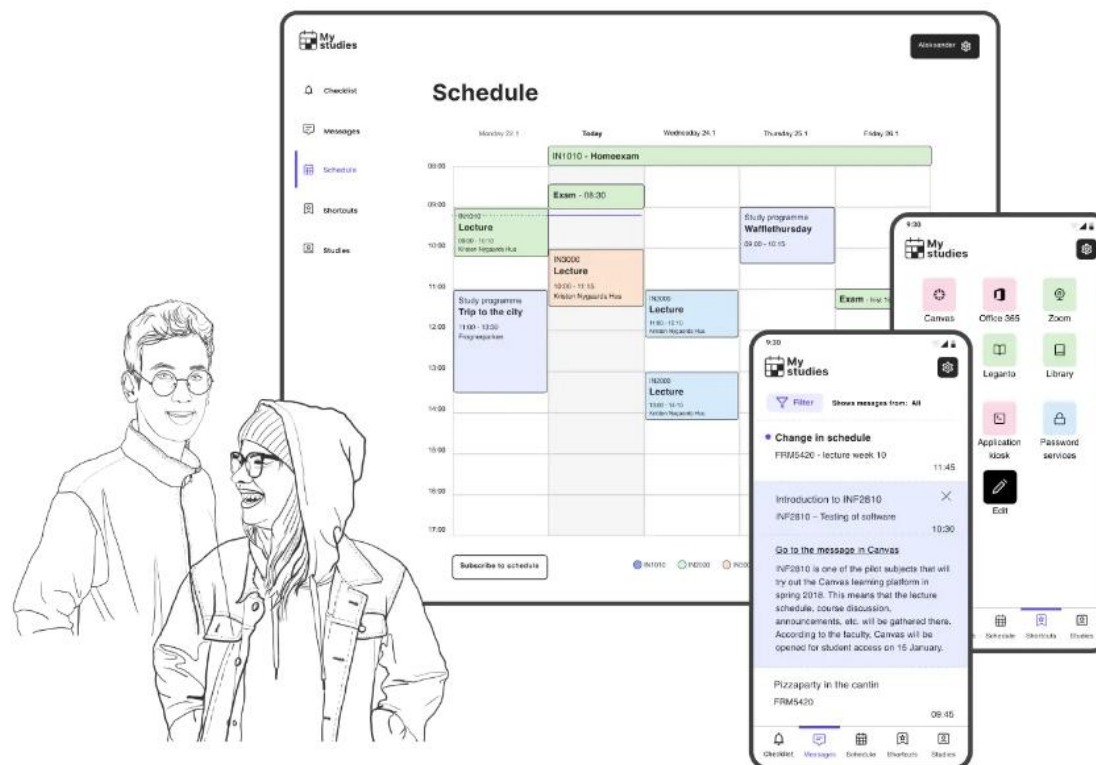
Find more information and how to download the app here:

<http://www.uio.no/english/studies/registrations/card/>

Get your personal schedule, messages, and useful tools all in one place.

- Your personal schedule: Teaching, exams, and Canvas assignments
- Receive messages from your courses and study programme
- Personal shortcuts to frequently used services
- Get notifications when your schedule changes

Log in to My Studies



Being a student in Oslo

- SiO: The student welfare organization in Oslo, gives access to:
 - 6000 student dorms and apartments
 - Fitness centers
 - Coffee bars and restaurants
 - Health services special for students
 - Free counseling services
 - Free career counselling
 - Cheap kindergarden for your children close to campus
- See also: <http://sio.no/en>



ForVei – Need someone to talk to?



Photo: Hilde Omberg/UiO.

- Do you need someone to talk to? Life as a student may be more challenging than before, especially after the pandemic.

Get in touch with our counsellors Ilan or Linda!

- <https://www.mn.uio.no/english/studies/forvei/index.html>

Who do I contact?

- Find students and employees:
<http://www.mn.uio.no/geo/english/people/>

The Study administration at the Department of Geosciences:

- Room 111 (master)
- Email: studieinfo@geo.uio.no
- Phone: 22 85 66 49 (Study admin)

