

Information about the mandatory qualifying assignment

The paper should be approximately 3 pages of A4 format with line spacing at 1.5 and size of font 12pt.

Most importantly, you need to demonstrate an interest in or an understanding of topics covered in the course. As for how this paper should be written, you should first and foremost show that you are able to write **within the boundaries of the academic genre**. You should have a brief introduction showing that you have a clear plan for your paper. Then you should **present** your topic and **discuss** it seriously, and you should end your paper with a short conclusion. You will need to use **secondary literature** in a good way. Your paper should have a title, and at the end of the paper, you should add a list of references as you normally would in an academic paper. These could include information from the lecture series, from the assigned reading for the course, from other texts that you have found in the library or on the internet, etc. For information about referencing and use of sources, please check <http://sokogskriv.no/en/>. Keep in mind that this paper must be your own independent work; no kind of copying is accepted.

Two (2) copies of your mandatory qualifying paper should be handed in at the Front Office of ILN, 5th floor of Henrik Wergelands hus, by Monday, October 21, 2019 at 15:00.

Possible topics for the assignment could be (and please note that these are merely *suggestions* to give you an idea; as you will see, there are so many possibilities):

Norwegian history:	The Viking period Norway-Denmark, four hundred years of Union World War II
Norwegian literature / art:	A literary period or a period within art history An author or an artist: his/her work (discussing it critically) and its place in Norwegian culture
Norwegian economy:	Norwegian economy today (how has the oil influenced Norwegian economy?)
Norwegian foreign policy:	Norway and EU Norway and NATO Norway on the international arena
Norwegian family / identity:	Identity (what does it mean to be “a Norwegian”?) Living together (relationship between generations, marriage/cohabitation, heterosexual/same sex marriage, defining ‘family’, etc.)
Religion in Norway:	The position of the Norwegian Church today How has modern multi-cultural society influenced religious practice in Norway?
Norwegian political life and institutions:	What is the role of the King / the Royal Family? Who runs Norway? The Norwegian Parliament Political elections in Norway The government Political parties
Norwegian legal system:	The levels of the Norwegian judicial system and their areas of responsibility