The UiT feeling
Why UiT – The Arctic University of Norway?

- Unique geographic location in a region of Europe with increasing global importance
- Internationally relevant education rooted in the regional development of the Arctic North
- Multicultural academic community
- Excellent outdoor recreation opportunities in unique landscape
- Favourable student-teacher ratio - 1:8
- Modern campuses and facilities
- No tuition fees for foreign students
- Opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills through exploration and adventures
A multi-campus university located in several cities in Northern Norway*

UiT is one of four classical universities in Norway. After merging with four university colleges, UiT also offers a wide range of professional degree programmes. The main campus of the UiT is in Tromsø – the regional capital of Northern Norway and a traditional gateway to the Arctic. The city has gained increased international attention and has become a meeting place for Arctic decision makers.

UiT has campuses with English-taught programmes in the following cities in Northern Norway: Alta, Harstad, Narvik and Tromsø.*

UiT is also one of five Norwegian universities responsible for the University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS) – the world's northernmost institution for higher education and research.

*See back flip for map.
The world’s northernmost university

Some statistics (2016):

• Largest institution for higher education and research in Northern Norway
• Approx. 16,000 students and 3,500 staff
• A total of 230 programmes of study, including 80 Master’s degree programmes
• 30 English-taught degree programmes and courses
• 8 Faculties: Our study portfolio covers all classical subject areas: Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Education and Humanities, Science and Technology, Economics, Law, Social Work, Tourism, Sports and Fine Arts.
In the forefront

As a comprehensive university, we are dedicated to creating and disseminating cutting-edge knowledge in the Arctic region to meet future changes and challenges in the following key areas:

- Energy, climate, society and environment
- Health, welfare and quality of life
- Community development and democratisation
- Sustainable use of resources
- Life-saving technologies

See UiT’s strategic outline on page 10.
Lined up for your needs

Ranked among top 50 worldwide

On the Top Universities ranking 2016, UiT was ranked among the 50 best universities worldwide founded less than 50 years ago. The UiT houses several study and research centres: The Centre for Sami Studies, The Centre for Peace Studies, The Centre for Women’s and Gender Research, as well as two Centres of Excellence – one in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL) and one in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry. Three of Norway’s 14 Centres of Research-based Innovation are located at UiT, covering the subjects of telemedicine, information and communication technology and maritime research management.
Student Exchange

UiT has well-established student and staff exchanges with Scandinavian and other European countries, Russia, Canada, USA and various countries in Africa and Asia.

Our exchange agreements are based on research interests and we participate in scholarship programmes such as: Erasmus+, Fulbright, UArctic North2North, Nordplus, Barentsplus, and various university partnership programmes.
International studies in unique Arctic settings

Internationalisation is a priority for UiT. English-taught programmes and courses are offered at all faculties. Around 25% of our staff members and 15% of the students are international, which makes UiT a diverse multicultural academic community.

Our students come from around 100 different nations. Shortly after arrival, they are invited to take part in Debut Week International - an orientation programme that facilitates the social and academic integration of international students into UiT’s academic community and Norwegian society.
International Programmes

UiT offers a variety of English-taught programmes at both Master’s and Bachelor’s level in subjects such as:

- Business Administration
- Economics
- Indigenous studies
- Linguistics – English
- Health – Medicine
- Law
- Tourism
- Technology
- Engineering
- Peace and conflict
- Fisheries
- Biology
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Contemporary Art
Health, welfare and community development

Attractive communities in the north depend on good health services and other services that prevent and cure diseases and improve people’s quality of life. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- Public health, preventing and curing conditions for all age groups
- Childhood and learning
- Technological, legal and other societal changes
- Sami language, culture and quality of life
- Art and culture in and of themselves, and as elements in the development of society and business

Energy, climate, society and environment

Understanding what happens in the Arctic is key to understanding global climate change. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- Causes and effects of changes in climate and environment
- Conventional and renewable energy production
- Social adaptation to changes in climate and environment
- Indigenous peoples’ competence, the challenges indigenous peoples face due to climate change, and how traditional knowledge can contribute

Community development and democratisation

Society development and democratisation rely on inclusion of the entire population through education, work, involvement and a feeling of belonging. UiT will demonstrate its global engagement through e.g. collaboration with institutions of research and education in the South. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- The competence requirements of the welfare state, and high-quality vocational studies
- Societal and cultural changes stemming from globalisation and from technological, demographic, social, legal, and economic development
- The basis for collaboration and potential conflicts in the High North
- The promotion of culture and identity through research, dissemination and art
- Gender equality in the context of regional, national and global development

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Sustainable use of resources
Economic growth in the north is based on the continued (and increasing) use of natural resources. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:
• The interaction between traditional and new industries pertaining to economics, culture and international law
• Sustainable use of marine resources, including (but not limited to) fisheries, aquaculture and marine biotechnology
• Prerequisites for sustainable resource

Technology
In a region characterized by long distances and a challenging climate, new technological solutions are needed to deliver welfare to the people living there. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:
• Technological solutions that promote broad and inclusive social development and a diverse business development in the north
• Technology that solves challenges related to health, the external environment and safety
• Digital competence in education

UIT Campuses with international programmes

Application deadlines
Programmes: 1 December
Exchange studies: 1 October, 15 April

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An important choice for your future!

UiT The Arctic University of Norway was originally established in 1968 to alleviate the shortage of medical doctors in Northern Norway. Now – almost 50 years later – as a university with 230 programmes of study, our goal is to maintain a leading academic role in our Arctic region and contribute to developing the High North, take a position nationally and show strength internationally.

We are global citizens, so internationalisation is a vital part of our strategy for future development. Feel free to join us!

Welcome to Norway – Welcome to UiT!

Sincerely,

Anne Husebekk, Rector UiT