

UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

Prepare for your arrival

Knutepunktet – International Student Reception

23.05.2024



Agenda

- Housing
- Packing list
- Plan your arrival
- Start of studies activities
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Housing

You are prioritised for SiO housing if you:

- Apply for single furnished room
- Within the deadline 1 June
- Choose 1 August as date of arrival.
- Please note:
 - Students are not prioritised for couples' housing.
 - You are **not** prioritised if you apply after the deadline, select a different arrival date or apply for couples' housing.
- Please contact [SiO Housing](#) if you require special needs provisions, i.e. due to physical disability or visual impairment.
- Always accept your offer!
- If you do not receive a housing offer by 20 June:
 - Send an email to int-advisor@admin.uio.no

How to apply for housing

How to fill in the application

1. Click "sign up" on the [login page](#) to create a new user:
 - Do not check the "I have a Norwegian ID number" box, or else you will not be considered an international student.
 - Fill in your date of birth by using the European date format (Day/Month//Year).
 - It is important to enter the same email address that you used when applying to studies in Søknadsweb.
2. Click on the activation link you receive by email and enter your personal details:
 - You must write **all** your first names (prénom) and family/surnames (nom de famille) **exactly** as stated in your Letter of admission in the "Personalia" section.
 - If you apply for housing before you are issued an admission letter, please use the name that is written in your passport.
3. Choose up to 6 housing units by adding them to your wish list. Please note the following:
 - You are only prioritised for single housing units.
 - If the room you want is not available when you apply, choose the room anyway. It may be available when you arrive.
4. Go to your wishlist to start the application process:
 - Fill in these arrival dates - in order to be prioritised housing:
 - 1 August (autumn semester) *or*
 - 1 January* (spring semester)
 - You must select "Yes" when asked: "Do you want an offer from us if we find available housing that is similar to the ones you have applied for?".
5. Select "The University of Oslo" as the "Study place" and submit the application.

Collecting your keys and how to get to UiO



You will be contacted by SiO housing to arrange the collection of keys



If you plan to arrive outside the opening hours, you must contact SiO to arrange for a key box. This must be arranged well ahead of your arrival.



If you arrive more than two weeks later than indicated on your tenancy contract (1 August), you must [notify SiO Housing](#) to avoid cancellation.

Late arrival



Contact your faculty's information center to get information about courses and registrations.



Please inform your department and/or programme of the date of your arrival if you will not be able to attend compulsory meetings and/or lessons



Contact SiO housing to inform them of the date of your arrival

Packing list

Remember to pack for the different seasons:

- Oslo experiences four distinct seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter.
- Summer season (June – August): temperatures ranging from 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) .
- Autumn season (September to November): temperatures ranging from 10°C to 0°C (50°F to 32°F).
- You will need the following items on arrival:
 - Router and ethernet cable
 - Adapter (a typical two-pin European plug)
 - Bedding (duvet, pillow, sheets)

Ask your fellow students for tips

Need help with:

- Mobile phone companies
- Where to buy things for you room
- How to survive on a low budget
- Where to go out
- Where to eat
- Social events

Join the Facebook group [International Students at The University of Oslo \(UiO\)](#)

SiOs services

- Health services
 - General practitioners
 - Dentists
 - Psychologists
 - Counsellors
- Sports (SiO Athletica)
 - 6 locations in Oslo
 - swimming pool, group training, tennis, squash, gym area, bouldering, multipurpose hall
- Associations
 - Student societies, academic, cultural, music, political, international societies etc
- Food and beverage
 - Canteens, cafés, student deals
- Events
- Kindergarten

Start of Studies events

- The autumn semester 2024 starts Monday 12 August.
- Full [programme](#) to be published in June.
- [Buddy system](#) for all exchange students.



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Events by Knutepunktet

- Different events during the semester:
 - Guided museum tours
 - Monthly language café
 - International dinner
 - Island outing
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Beginners' cross country skiing course
- All events will be announced on our [web page](#)
- The events are free of charge

Previous



Time and place: May 12, 2024 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM, [Lids hus / The Botanical Museum](#)

Guided tour in the Botanical Garden

Take a break from exam preparations and the library, and experience one of Oslo's most beautiful gardens with a guided tour.



Time and place: May 11, 2024 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM, [Aker Brygge Info Point](#)

Island outing in the Oslo Fjord

Visiting the islands in the Oslo Fjord is a must. Join us on an excursion to one of these - Hovedøya!



Time and place: May 2, 2024 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, [Litteratursalongen, Georg Sverdrups hus](#)

Language café

Do you want to learn and practice languages while getting to know people from around the world? Come to the language café then!



Time and place: Apr. 25, 2024 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, [Georg Sverdrups hus: Sverdrup eatery](#)

International dinner

Bring a dish or snack from your home country to share, and get a taste of different cuisines from around the world!

Who do I contact

- Questions about this meeting, residence permit, housing, etc:
 - int-advisor@admin.uio.no
- Questions about courses, exams, start of studies
 - Contact the faculty in charge of your exchange programme