

Input to the new language policy

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A committee led by Professor Helge Jordheim has proposed a new language policy for the University of Oslo. You can read more about [the work leading up to the proposal on this page](#).

The deadline for providing input is 11 October. All responses will be published on www.uio.no.

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My role

Academic staff at UiO

Provide your input to the new language policy for UiO

Thank you for your work on this initiative. I moved to UiO three years ago from the US National Science Foundation. I agree that it is important to hold classes in Norwegian, and I have taken the required language exams. Still, I am a dynamic and talented lecturer in English (as measured by course assessments), and very poor one in broken Norsk. It would be to the detriment of all parties were I required to lecture in Norsk - students, myself, and my faculty. Furthermore, it would take me ten times more effort and time to put together such a lecture, though I would not get credit within the time system for doing so. Also, it seems to me that our students need to be stronger in English if they are to compete in an increasingly globally connected world (though they should always be able to submit assignments in Norsk). I agree with the other requirements in the summary proposal, but this one has the potential to harm students, faculty, and our university. Thanks for your good work!

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