



INFORMATIONA ABOUT QUOTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME AND ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA TO STUDIES AT GUC

Norwegian Quota Programme

The Norwegian quota programme is a funding scheme offered by the Norwegian government to students from developing countries and certain countries in Eastern Europe and Eurasia for studies at institutions of higher education in Norway. The goal of the Quota Scheme is to give students relevant education that will benefit their home countries when they return after graduation.

The number of students in the programme is fixed; 800 from developing countries and 300 from Eastern Europe/ Eurasia. The Norwegian institutions apply to the SIU (Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education) for a certain number of places and recognition of approved study programmes for the quota scheme. SIU distributes places to the institutions, but the institutions themselves have sole responsibility for the admission of students.

Who can be a quota student?

Applicants must meet the standard admission requirements. For students from Kosovo this means completed upper secondary school. In addition, each programme has specific admission requirements (see description).

Students must apply directly from their home country and must have stayed at least one year in their home country directly prior to the planned course of study at the Norwegian university/university college.

Norwegian institutions can only admit quota students through institutional cooperation agreements as the main rule.

Funding Scheme

The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund (Statens Lånekasse) is responsible for managing the financial support provided for the Quota students. Each student receives the same amount of money as a Norwegian student would do in an equivalent educational programme (NOK 90 800 per year). About 30 per cent of the amount is given as a grant and 70 per cent as a loan. However, the loan portion is waived when the student returns to his/her home country after completing the course of study.

The first part of the grant will be given after arrival in Norway, which means that the students must have the possibility to cover travel expenses. These costs will be partially reimbursed after arrival by application to The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund. The student will get a check within one week after arrival in Norway in order to pay the living costs when they arrive and before they have sent the formal application to The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund. International Office will help the students with this. You will also get partial reimbursement of travelling cost to go home once a year. These expenses can be applied for at a later stage.

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The Quota Programme at Gjøvik University College

In 2012 Gjøvik University College have 3 (three) quota places for students from University of Prishtina. The students can apply for the Bachelor in Geomatics.

Please note that the students who are selected for the bachelor programmes will spend 1 year on Norwegian language studies at Hedmark University College (another institution in the same region) before they start on the degree programme. This is necessary given the fact that the language of instruction is Norwegian. This introductory year is also covered by the funding scheme, which means that the students get funding for 4 years of study; 1-year Norwegian + 3-year degree programme. The student must pass the Norwegian language course to be able to continue the degree studies.

The general admission criteria are as following:

- Completed upper secondary education
- Documentation of English skills.

More information about English requirements for admission can be found on our web site:

http://english.hig.no/study_programmes/admission/requirements

Programme Descriptions

Study Programme	Content	Admission Requirements
Bachelor in Geomatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geodata measurement and acquisition; • Geodata treatment, systematisation, storage, application, analysis, management and presentation. <p>The programme provides for the following specialisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property surveying and registration (in Norwegian "DEK") • Geodata production and management • Satellite geodesy and triangulation control networks • Planning, area, resources and the environment • Setting out for building and construction. <p>Students completing this programme are highly sought after for a number of challenging jobs. Professionals in what is often called the "surveying and mapping branch" are employed in building and construction, in the public sector, municipalities, defence and land registry, or with software providers, private surveying and mapping companies, consultancies, oil companies and power utilities.</p> <p>http://english.hig.no/study_programmes/technology/bachelor/bge</p>	<p>General studies + "R1" (or equivalent mathematical courses).</p> <p>Language of instruction is Norwegian, hence the requirement for one year Norwegian language course, 60 ECTS credits.</p>

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Application Procedure

1. Announcement at University of Prishtina.
2. Students apply by filling out Gjøvik University Colleges' application form for quota students.
3. Application form + attachments should be submitted to us by 1 March, 2012.
4. University of Prishtina will receive the applications and set up a list of applicants + recommend a first selection and send this to International office at Gjøvik by 7 March, 2012.
5. The shortlisted candidates may be interviewed by representatives from Gjøvik University College or University of Prishtina (the interviews might be done through video conferencing).
6. A final selection should be made by Gjøvik University College by 15 March, 2012.

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