

Resolution for additional Norwegian language courses for international students

Each year, international students at NMBU have the option to attend either a beginner level language course (LNG130) or an intermediate level language course (LNG135). Both of these courses are past 16.00 and are not rewarded with any academic credits.

International students have spoken up about several issues they face because of the language barriers at Ås. Many feel it is easier to befriend other internationals than their Norwegian peers. There is also a lot of situations where information is only provided in Norwegian, leaving international students out in the dark.

The Studentparliament has stated in “Langtidsstrategi for Studentdemokratiet ved NMBU 2017-2020” that the student democracy should strive to “[...] 5.3 Ensure good quality of the Norwegian language courses provided for international students.”

In the beginning of March, LANDSAM-representatives published a survey for international students. The results presented in the bottom of this attachment are collected on the 24th of March. Participants were also asked to write down their native language and describe their experience studying LNG130 & LNG135.

The proposers suggest these principles for the further development of Norwegian language education at NMBU:

- The language courses should cover level A1, A2 and B1 Norwegian
- One or more of the courses should be rewarded with academic points
- There should be a possibility to attend Norwegian courses between 08.00 and 16.00
- There should never be more than 24 students per teacher
- The courses should be evaluated frequently