

Equal right to furlough:

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The regulations at NMBU regarding the right to take unjustified furlough from studies are vague, and the executive practice of the regulations is interpreted differently from faculty to faculty. The open justification for "other special circumstances" is too vague. To make this clearer and equal for all students, NMBU should divide furlough into justified and unjustified / general furlough.

Why should students demand unjustified furlough?

Today, a student at NMBU can only apply furlough if you are pregnant, ill, have caring duties, military service, demanding positions in student organizations or other special circumstances. In contrast to many other universities in Norway, such as UiO, NTNU, UiB, UiS (see sources), where you can apply for unjustified furlough from all study programs, with some exceptions.

The difference between justified and unjustified furlough is that documentation is required for justified furlough. If the reason why you want furlough is that you are tired, have lost motivation or need new impulses, then this cannot be documented on paper.

By giving students this opportunity, it can give them a valuable experience from working life, gain international experiences or other impulses you do not have the capacity to follow up when studying. Other universities in Norway facilitate that the students can do so and offer both justified and unjustified furlough. There should be a common arrangement, to create equal treatment of all cases. NMBU should facilitate that the students who are offered a job, an internship or want to travel should be able to have this opportunity, such as students at other universities. This will increase the individual's freedom, the opportunity for personal growth and individual facilitation of their course of study.

Students at NMBU should have the same rights and opportunities as other students in Norway.

The Student Parliament at NMBU believes that:

- All students at NMBU shall have an equal right to unjustified furlough from their studies.

References:

UiB: <https://www.uib.no/student/48750/permisjon-fra-studiene>

UiO: <https://www.uio.no/studier/tilrettelegging-permisjon/permisjon/>

NTNU: https://www.ntnu.no/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=3e03cbc0-89d0-497c-b0ff-84ee9fd08acf&groupId=16067

UiS: <https://www.uis.no/sites/default/files/inline->

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