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Master's in Indigenous Studies

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Are you interested in studying indigenous issues in an international environment near the top of the world? Then Norway and the northernmost university of the world definitely is the right place for you.

Indigenous studies in Sápmi

Indigenous studies at the University of Tromsø offers you the opportunity to learn more about indigenous peoples around the world. In Sápmi, the land of the Sami people, you will experience hands on what you learn theoretically. The programme gives you a unique opportunity to specialise in comparative indigenous issues, with perspectives from the fields of history, social anthropology, political sciences and law and culture and language. At the University of Tromsø you will find some of the most qualified researchers on indigenous issues anywhere in the world. The master's programme is strongly related to the region where it is taught. At the same time it keeps a global perspective, attracting students from all over the world.

The World is our field

Our students have designed projects on indigenous issues in a global context and conducted field research in all parts of the world.

Course outline

The courses in the first year form the basis for the individual research connected to the master's thesis. Your research project can be supported by fieldwork lasting up till two months. Our students may design their own project depending on personal interests. The second year focuses on the individual work with the master's thesis.

Professional prospects

With this educational background, you will be qualified for work within teaching and education, promotion and implementation of indigenous issues internationally, civil society organisations, government and public sector, project management, and for fur-

ther research and studies in indigenous issues.

Learning outcomes

The programme is designed to give students an expertise in understanding and critically analysing the situation of indigenous peoples in terms of legal rights, political situations, economic adaptations, textual representations and individual and collective identifications with their cultural heritage. The challenges of modernity and globalisation are dealt with specifically. The students will develop a range of key academic skills, such as:

- General methodological and analytical skills
- Evaluating and applying theoretical knowledge to diverse issues in indigenous studies
- The ability to design and carry out a research project

Look to Tromsø

Tromsø is a vibrant city located above the Arctic Circle in northern Norway, surrounded by scenic nature. Here you will experience polar nights and the midnight sun.

The University of Tromsø

The University of Tromsø has approximately 9000 students at undergraduate, Master's and PhD levels. Located at 70 degrees north, it is the northernmost university in the world, and offers studies in most subject areas. We have students coming from more than 80 different countries. We welcome you to study at the largest research and educational institution in northern Norway, in a region distinguished by its abundance of natural resources, polar proximity, multi-cultural communities, and major export industries. The university has national responsibility for the development of research and education in Sami/indigenous issues as well as arctic and fishery related studies.

More information about the University of Tromsø uit.no

Admission

The programme aims to recruit applicants from all over the world. 20 students are admitted every year.

Applicants must document at least three years of study at the university level, equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in social sciences, humanities or law.

Please enclose a statement of purpose together with your application, telling us about your motivation for applying, and why we should admit you to our programme.

Scholarships offered

There are scholarship programmes open for international applicants. Information about scholarship and admission to the University of Tromsø: uit.no/quota

Application deadlines

1 December (International applicants, also Quota scholarships)

15 April (applicants with proficiency in Norwegian)

Contact information

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Information about admission to the University of Tromsø: uit.no/admission