LOOK TO TROMSØ

Tromsø is located at 70 degrees north in Norway and is above the Arctic Circle. Here you will experience arctic nights and the midnight sun in a city with approximate 70 000 residents, which is close to the sea and surrounded by mountains.

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UiT The Arctic University of Norway is the northernmost university in the world. Approximately 15 000 students are enrolled; students in most disciplines, at undergraduate, master’s and PhD levels.

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For more information:
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FACTS

MASTER (IFM) 2 years, 120 credits (ECTS)

Admission requirements:
A minimum of three years study at university, which is equivalent to a bachelor’s degree in biology, economics, social sciences or combinations of these is required. All lectures are given in English. A good working knowledge of English is therefore essential.

An English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS or equivalent) should be enclosed in order to fulfil the entrance requirements. You find more information about language and grade requirements on the web site.

Application:
Local admission.

Application deadlines:
The application deadline for Norwegian and Nordic applicants is 15 April.

The deadline for international students is 1 December.

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For more information about the IFM master’s program, use the qr code
FROM A STUDENT’S PERSPECTIVE

Name: Victor Chilamba
From: Angola
Second year master’s student, IFM

IFM has enabled me to have a broader perspective of fisheries and aquaculture industry, because it is not only limited to biology, but also emphasizes economic, social and legal aspects of resource management.

Here we have easier access to adequate learning materials and study facilities as well as easier access to professors. Tromsø is quite different from my own city. It is a great city to study in and to get along with students from different countries all over the world. There are not many disturbances and the cold weather contributes to be focused on my studies!

RESEARCH AND STUDY SUPPORT

During their stay in Tromsø, students will be under close supervision of the program coordinators. Students will be linked to ongoing research projects where these are relevant and provided with assistance with project proposals. Empirical work will preferably be carried out in the students’ home countries as well as in Norway. Support links with institutions in the home country will be encouraged.

SUPERVISION DURING THESIS WORK

Students are appointed a supervisor from biology/ecology, economics or other management sciences. Close supervision is to be a feature of the dissertation period. This occurs both through seminars and individual supervision.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MASTER’S PROGRAM (2 YEARS)

The Master’s degree programme in International Fisheries Management (IFM) applies a multidisciplinary approach to the management of marine and freshwater resources, including aquaculture.

The programme emphasizes knowledge of scientific theory and methods, and will offer students experience in the use of these. By facilitating reflection and using case studies from various parts of the world, the programme will develop the students’ understanding of how fisheries and aquaculture are managed. Students will carry out nine courses over a period of 1.5 years (total of 90 ECTS), before writing the Master’s Thesis (30 ECTS).

Two out of the nine courses are optional, with certain courses recommended, depending on previous qualifications. A typical thesis is problem-oriented and includes: a literature survey or review, theory, methods and data used, results and policy and management implications. Students may use data from their country of origin, data from a Norwegian setting or other relevant data. Each student will receive a local supervisor.

The courses are designed to offer a basic understanding of fisheries biology, technology, economics and management. Through the course FSK-3005 the various subjects are bound together, offering a multidisciplinary view on a number of selected fisheries and aquaculture cases.

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Optional course (autumn): BIO-2508 Aquaculture I

Optional course (spring): FSK-3010 Market-oriented product development and innovation

Optional course (autumn): BED-3052 Internationalisation and negotiations

Optional course (spring): FSK-3003 International Law and Food Security

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The students graduate after two years. The degree leads to careers in fisheries administration, NGOs, international agencies, business and industry, as well as in research and teaching institutions.

MASTER PROGRAM STRUCTURE: AN IFM AT WORK (PhD)

Name: Ekaterina Korshunova
From: Russia
Master of Science in International Fisheries Management (2011)
Current work: PhD Candidate in biology at the Akvaplan-Niva/BFE

The IFM is an interesting program precisely because it is interdisciplinary in nature. I entered the IFM with a bachelor’s degree in biology and got the chance to broaden my horizon with courses in fisheries biology, economics and social sciences there. All of these areas are equally important and should be considered when managing the valuable resources of the sea. A combination of lectures and different activities such as cruises, fieldwork, excursions, and role-plays equips you with both the theoretical and the practical knowledge to do so.

Fishery is in fact one of the most popular conversation topics among Norwegians. If you can discuss the size of a fish stock, quota regulations or fisheries in other parts of the world, it is easy to break the ice with the locals and make new friends.