Developing the High North

Our central location in the High North, our broad and diverse research and study portfolio, and our interdisciplinary qualities makes us uniquely suited to meet the challenges of the future.

Credibility, academic freedom, closeness, creativity and commitment shall be hallmarks of the relationship between employees, between employees and students and between UiT and its partners.

Why UiT The Arctic University of Norway?

- Unique geographic location in a European region of increasing global importance
- Relevant education rooted in the regional development of the Arctic North that will enhance your international career
- Exploration and adventure to expand your knowledge and capacities
- Multicultural academic community dedicated to finding innovative solutions for the future – locally, regionally, nationally and globally
- Excellent outdoor recreation opportunities in unique nature combined with vivid urban culture
- Modern campuses and facilities

UIT Facts: Staff: 3,300  Students: 15,500  Turnover: NOK 2,977.9 mill. (2014)

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UiT is the northernmost university in the world. With more than 15,500 students, 3,300 staff and 150 programmes of study at all levels, it is the largest university in Northern Norway. The university serves a multicultural European-Arctic region that is undergoing strong development.

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UiT is an expert on the Arctic. Growing international interest in the region and its natural resources increases the demand for highly qualified candidates to shape the future of a globalized north. UiT is dedicated to creating and disseminating cutting-edge knowledge on the Arctic regions.

Campus Tromsø

Campus Tromsø is the administrative center of the university. Tromsø is a modern research city, a multicultural community and a traditional gateway to the Arctic. Since the Arctic Council established its permanent secretariat in Tromsø in 2012, the city has gained increased international attention and is becoming a meeting place for Arctic decision makers.

Campus Alta

Campus Alta is growing in student numbers and the study portfolio is expanding. They have well-established international cooperation with partner institutions in Europe, the Barents Region and the Circumpolar North in general. Alta is located 300 km east from the main university campus in Tromsø. It is the largest town in the county of Finnmark.

Campus Kirkenes

Kirkenes is considered to be the capital of the Barents region. It is 20 minutes from Russia, and a three hour journey to the city of Murmansk - a city with 350,000 inhabitants. Kirkenes is also just a few hours away from the Finnish mountains and alpine landscape. The city has a flourishing culture life where you can attend "Barentspektaklet" which is a very unique festival.

Campus Harstad

Harstad is located on the biggest island of Norway, "Hinnøya". The city is surrounded by beautiful and varied scenery. Today it is known for hosting the annual North Norwegian Festival of Culture.

Campus Hammerfest

Hammerfest is known as “the oil city” in Finnmark, where Snøhvit-gas is produced. It is a city with rapid development and many opportunities. In the middle of the city, the Arctic culture centre is located which offers many activities and performances.

Campus Narvik

At the foot of Fagerdals Mountain, Narvik has established itself as a unique and attractive technological focal point for bright minds, successful companies and active students. Narvik and its majestic surroundings can tempt with outstanding skiing conditions.

Technology

In a region characterized by long distances and a challenging climate, new technological solutions are needed to deliver welfare to the people living here. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- Technological solutions that promote broad and inclusive social development and a diverse business development in the north
- Technology that solves challenges related to health, the external environment and safety
- Digital competence in education

Sustainable use of resources

Economic growth in the north is based on the continued (and increasing) use of natural resources. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- The interaction between traditional and new industries pertaining to economics, culture and international law
- Sustainable use of marine resources, including (but not limited to) fisheries, aquaculture and marine biotechnology
- Prerequisites for sustainable resource management and development

Health, welfare and quality of life

Attractive communities in the north depend on the best schools, health services and other services that promote people’s quality of life. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- Public health, preventing and curing disease and improving living conditions for all age groups
- Childhood and learning
- Technological, legal and other societal solutions for the welfare society
- Sami language, culture and quality of life
- Art and culture in and of themselves, and as elements in the development of society and business

Energy, climate, society and environment

Understanding what happens in the Arctic is key to understanding global climate change. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- Causes and effects of changes in climate and environment
- Conventional and renewable energy production
- Social adaptation to changes in climate and environment
- Indigenous peoples’ competence, the challenges indigenous peoples face due to climate change, and how traditional knowledge can contribute to solutions for the welfare society

Community development and democratisation

Society development and democratisation rely on inclusion of the entire population through education, work, involvement and a feeling of belonging. UiT will demonstrate its global engagement through e.g. collaboration with institutions of research and education in the South. UiT will develop cutting-edge knowledge on:

- The competence requirements of the welfare state, and high-quality vocational studies
- Societal and cultural changes stemming from globalisation and from technological, demographic, social, legal, and economic development
- The basis for collaboration and potential conflicts in the High North
- The promotion of culture and identity through research, dissemination and art
- Gender equality in the context of regional, national and global development