



Molde University College
Specialized University in Logistics

INFORMATION ABOUT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES



***INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
MSC IN SPORT MANAGEMENT***

Application deadline: 1 February 2017

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1. Introduction

Thank you for your request for information about admission to the international study programs at **Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics (HiMolde)**.

Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics is located in the small city Molde on the Western coast of Norway with about 25 000 inhabitants, and has approximately 2 400 students at three faculties: the Faculty of Logistics, Faculty of Business Administration and Social Sciences, and Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Care.

We offer study programs at Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level. However, the main language of instruction at the undergraduate (Bachelor's) programs is Norwegian, and except for a limited number of incoming international exchange students each semester, these programs are not open for international applicants seeking admission to obtain a degree. At the moment around 230 students with foreign nationality are studying at Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics. Around 150 of them are international students. Some of the international students are PhD students at the PhD program in Logistics, but the majority is studying at the 2 years (120 ECTS credits) international MSc programs; MSc in Logistics, MSc in Petroleum Logistics, and MSc in Sport Management. These are the only international MSc programs offered in English to international applicants at our specialized university at the moment. For the admission in 2017, we will only offer admission to the three following international MSc programs: MSc in Logistics, MSc in Petroleum Logistics, and MSc in Sport Management. There will be no admission to the international MSc program in Event Management or the MSc program in Engineering Logistics. These MSc programs were closed down for new admission in 2016.

The language of instruction at the other master's programs is Norwegian, and these regular MSc programs are therefore not open to international applicants seeking a degree. International applicants who satisfy the formal admission requirements, and who can provide sufficient funding for their studies, can apply for admission to the MSc program in Sport Management within the application deadline; 1 February 2017. **Please be aware that the previous Quota Scheme was closed down nationally in 2016, and that HiMolde is not offering any other scholarships to international applicants to the MSc program in Sport Management or the other MSc programs mentioned above. All international applicants must therefore apply under the category Individual Funding.**

2. Program description MSc in Sport Management

The MSc program in Sport Management is of 2 years duration (120 ECTS credits, 4 semesters), and consists of 90 credits course work, and a master's thesis of 30 credits. The program is designed to prepare students to work in management positions in the sport and sport-related industry. It intends to convey a solid understanding and knowledge about sport management as it is practised in the European context, and introduce the students to legal, ethical, economical, organisational, historical, political, and psychological topics necessary to meet the demands of this growing industry. With its two concentrations: **“Managing Football”** and **“Marketing, Media and Sponsorship”** in the second year, the MSc program in Sport Management offers an opportunity for students to choose different study options.

Programme Outline - MSc in Sport Management:

COURSES	ECTS*	Sem. 1	Sem. 2	Sem. 3	Sem. 4
Forms of Organization & Management	15	15			
Introduction to Sport & Event Economics	7,5	7,5			
Philosophy of Science & Research Methods	7,5	7,5			
Sport History	7,5		7,5		
Advanced Sport & Event Economics	7,5		7,5		
Event Organization	7,5		7,5		
Sport and Event Marketing	7,5		7,5		
Option 1: Concentration on “Football Management”					
5 Football Management seminars	15			5 * 3	
Option 2: Concentration on “Marketing, Media and Sponsorship” (MMS)					
5 MMS seminars	15			5 * 3	
Internship	15			15	
Master's Thesis	30				30
TOTAL	120	30	30	30	30

* ECTS - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System.

In the first year of the MSc program in Sport Management, the students will take 7 courses of totally 60 ECTS credits. The second year consists of 5 seminars (totally 15 ECTS credits) and an internship (15 ECTS credits) in the third semester and a Master's thesis of 30 ECTS credits in the fourth and final semester. In the seminars, students will choose either the "Managing Football" concentration or the "Marketing, Media and Sponsorship" concentration.

In the "Managing Football" concentration, students will develop a deep understanding of the developments and discourses of managing football. Through close collaboration with clubs, the Norwegian football association and the league, the students will be challenged on up-to-date problems in the football business.

The concentration "Marketing, Media and Sponsorship", is built upon the needs from the sport industry. It explores the unique features of marketing in sports, sport-related events, facilities, products and services. Focus is on the marketing of sport as a product and on the marketing on non-sport products and services using sport as a promotional tool.

Graduates from the MSc program in Sport Management will qualify for a large range of management positions within sport or event organisations. The program also qualifies the best graduates to apply for admission to relevant PhD programs both in Norway and in other countries. Applicants will find more detailed information about the study plan for the MSc program in Sport Management at our home page.

3. Admission requirements MSc in Sport Management

Academic admission requirements

Applicants should preferably hold a recognised first degree (BBA, BA, BSc), equivalent to a minimum of 180 ECTS credits, in Sport Management/ Sciences, Business Administration, Social Sciences (Economy, Sociology, Political Science or History) or other relevant academic disciplines to apply for the MSc program in Sport Management.

Admission to the international MSc programs at Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics is highly competitive, and applicants should preferably have completed their bachelor's degree with an average grade of Excellent or Very Good, or at least a minimum average grade of Good/ grade C or equivalent (Like First Class or Second Class Upper Division or equivalent grades). Applicants with an average grade of Second Class Lower Division or Third Class Division or equivalent average grade will usually not be offered admission.

The MSc program in Sport Management has a European focus, and applicants from EU/EEA/EFTA countries are therefore particularly encouraged to apply for admission in 2017. However, all Norwegian and international applicants are welcome to apply. We are especially welcoming qualified female applicants.

English language requirements

Applicants to the MSc program in Sport Management must pass either a TOEFL test with a minimum paper-based test score of 550 (or a minimum score of 213 on computer-based test or 79 on internet-based test) or an IELTS test with a minimum score of 6.0.

Exemption from the English language requirements:

- Applicants from countries having ratified the Lisbon Convention (like e.g. the countries within EU/ EEA/ EFTA), are exempted from taking a TOEFL or IELTS test, if they can document a minimum of 7 years of English as a subject from their primary and secondary school when submitting their application form.
- Applicants with at least one year's education at higher secondary level or university level from Ireland, UK, US, Canada, Australia or New Zealand where the main language of instruction has been English are exempted from the English requirements, and do not have to submit TOEFL/ IELTS test results.
- **Applicants from African countries** with a BBA, BA, BSc, BEng or BTech degree where the main language of instruction has been English, or who have passed English

as a subject at GCE O- or A-level, SSC in West African countries, Cambridge Overseas School Certificate or equivalent secondary education in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa and Zambia, and applicants with a university degree where English is the main academic field of study (BA in English), are exempted from the English requirements, and do not have to submit TOEFL/ IELTS test results.

- **Applicants from Asian countries** (for example Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, P.R. of China, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam) with a BBA/ BA/ BSc/ BEng/ BTech degree where the language of instruction has been English, **are not exempted from the English language requirements, except for candidates holding a BA degree in English (English as the major academic discipline).**

For citizens from all other countries, the application will not be considered unless a TOEFL or IELTS test result is sent directly to Molde University College – Specialized University in Logistics.

English test score results (TOEFL or IELTS test) should preferably be sent directly from the test centre within 1 February 2017, or at latest within 1 April 2017. Certified copies by the test centre can also be submitted with the application form. English test results received after 1 April 2017 will not be considered for admission. Due to verification reasons, the English test results are not valid for admission if they are more than 2 years old (not older than 1 February 2015, for admission in 2017).

Please provide the name and address of Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics to the test centre when requesting them to forward the TOEFL/ IELTS test score, since our specialised university does not have any separate TOEFL code.

4. Financial requirements for international applicants/ students

Fees

There are no tuition fees for Norwegian and international students at the Norwegian state run higher educational institutions. There is only a minor semester fee of NOK 695 to be paid to the Student Welfare Organisation in the beginning of each semester. The minimum financial requirement, estimated to NOK 103 950 per academic year, is therefore meant to ensure that the students are able to cover for their own living expenses while studying in Norway, including books, materials, accommodation, food etc.

Individual Funding

The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI), located in Oslo, requires that all admitted international students, who are not citizens of the EU/EEA/EFTA countries, and who need a visa to enter Norway, must document sufficient funding to undertake their studies at Norwegian higher educational institutions, before they can obtain a temporary residence permit for study

purposes (student residence permit) in Norway (www.udi.no). The minimum financial requirement for the academic year 2017/2018 is NOK 103 950.

Applicants who are citizens of EU/EEA/EFTA countries, where a visa to enter Norway is not required, do not have to transfer a minimum of NOK 103 950 to the Deposit Account for International Students mentioned below. These students must instead include a letter with their application form declaring that they are able to finance their studies at our specialised university for the first and second year of their MSc studies in Sport Management.

International applicants from countries where a visa is required to enter Norway, must document a minimum of NOK 103 950 to cover for the first academic year of the MSc studies together with their application form. They should also present a financial plan for how they intend to finance the second year of their MSc studies, since the international students will have to document additional NOK 103 950 at the time they apply to renew their student residence permit and part-time work permit after one year. Documentation of funding submitted with the application can be confirmation letters from sponsors, confirmation of scholarships or grants, bank guarantees etc.

Applications without such financial documentation will not be processed.

Students from countries where a visa is required to enter Norway, and who are successfully admitted to the MSc program in Sport Management, will together with the letter of admission, be requested to transfer NOK 103 950 to a Norwegian bank account belonging to Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics within a fixed deadline stated in the letter of admission, and in good time before arrival in Norway. When the money has been transferred, our specialised university will issue a confirmation letter of funding, confirming that the money has been received from the admitted student. The student will then be asked to present this confirmation letter of funding to the nearest Norwegian Consulate or Embassy, and they will then send the confirmation letter to UDI in Oslo. UDI can first finalize the application for student residence and part-time work permit to Norway after receiving this confirmation letter of funding.

After the international students have arrived in Norway, they need to apply for a Norwegian ID-number. This ID-number will be received by the international students about 3-4 weeks after arrival in Norway. The international students can then open their own private Norwegian bank account, and our specialised university will transfer their NOK 103 950 back to their private bank.

More detailed information about the practical arrangements for transferring the required amount of money to the Deposit Account for International Students will first be given together with the letter of admission, and not at the time of application.

5. Part-time work permit as an international student in Norway

International students who have obtained a combined first time student residence and part-time work permit by UDI are allowed to work maximum 20 hours per week in the semester time and full time in all holidays (Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays). The part-time work permit will be renewed after one year of studies, if the students are following a normal study progression. International students from countries where a visa is required, and who are delayed in their MSc studies during the first year of studies, can be required by the Norwegian higher educational institution where they are studying to concentrate fully on their studies without working part-time during the second year of their MSc studies. International students should be aware that it is not always easy to get a part-time work beside their studies in Norway. They must therefore be prepared to fully cover their own living expenses during their studies.

6. Application deadline and procedures for admission in 2017

The application deadline for admission to MSc in Sport Management for international applicants with Individual Funding is 1 February 2017. All international applicants applying directly from abroad or who have a temporary residence permit (not permanent permit) in Norway should apply within this application deadline. Last deadline for applicants who have applied within 1 February to submit TOEFL/ IELTS tests is 1 April 2017. The application form with all the required documents should be posted to the postal address mentioned on the last page of the application form, and not be sent as attachment to email. The application should be marked with MSc in Sport Management.

Applicants who are Norwegian citizens or who have a permanent residence permit (not temporary permit) in Norway, can apply within the application deadline 15 April 2017.

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