

## Admission guide to Petroleum Geoscience

# Apply to Petroleum Geoscience

This page provides information on the required academic background, documents and deadlines for this study programme, based on your submitted details.

## This is what you told us

- Citizenship: **Nigeria**
- Previous education: **Nigeria**
- Residence permit in Norway: **No**

## Key facts for this programme

- Application portal opens: **15 October**
- Application deadline: **15 November**
- Study programme starts: **August**

## Check that you meet these requirements

# Academic background

## Bachelor's degree

You must have a bachelor's degree comparable to a Norwegian bachelor's degree.

## Degree requirement for Nigeria

4-year bachelor's degree (3 years with direct entry to the second year).

## Required specialization and minimum grade requirement

You must have a minimum grade average comparable to a Norwegian C in the required specialization. A Norwegian C is described as a good grade, generally comparable to an American B and a Second Class Upper in the British system. We do not use conversion tables for foreign grades. All foreign education is individually evaluated during the admission process.

Please note that eligible applicants who fulfill the minimum grade requirement will compete for a study place. Please see the section on ranking for more information on selection criteria.

The required specialization consists of 100 ECTS credits and consists of:

- 60 ECTS credits in advanced courses at bachelor's level in subject areas offered by the Department of Geosciences, University of Oslo
  - where at least 20 ECTS credits are within petroleum geosciences
- 40 ECTS credits at bachelor's level in subject areas mathematics / statistics / informatics / physics / mechanics / chemistry

## Language requirements

This programme has two different language requirements, you must fulfil **one** of the following.

1. "Generell studiekompetanse" (basic qualifications for studying in Norway), including a Norwegian and English language requirement  
**or**
2. The English language requirement for programmes taught in English:  
English language proficiency for programmes taught in English must be documented with a valid TOEFL ibt, IELTS Academic or PTE Academic test score if you are not covered by one of the exemptions. The test result cannot be older than two years on the date of the application deadline.

## Minimum scores

TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language: TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Home Edition

- Minimum total score of 90 with at least 19 in reading, 20 in listening, 20 in speaking and 24 in writing.

We do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score to meet our English language requirements.

IELTS Academic - International English Language Testing System

- Minimum overall band score of 6.5 with at least 6.5 in each component (listening, reading, speaking and writing)

PTE Academic or PTE Academic Online: Pearson Test of English Academic

- Minimum overall score of 62 with at least 58 in each component (listening, reading, speaking and writing).

## Are you exempt from submitting an English language test?

The following applicants are exempt from submitting an English language test:

### Cambridge Assessment English exams

Applicants who, in 2005 or later, have passed the University of Cambridge exams

- C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)), with the grades A, B or C
- C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)) with the grades A, B or C
- B2 First (formerly known as Cambridge English: First (FCE)) with the grade A

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

Applicants who have completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme with English at Higher Level (HL) with the minimum score of 4 or at Standard Level (SL) with the minimum score of 6.

### Country specific exemptions:

## Australia

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Australia, or a minimum of one year's university studies in academic subjects (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Australia.

Please note that international branch campus, validated/franchised programme and distance learning students are not exempt. The location of your studies must be documented.

## Bahamas

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in the Bahamas.

## Barbados

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Barbados.

## Canada

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Canada, or a minimum of one year's university studies in academic subjects (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Canada.

Please note that international branch campus, validated/franchised programme and distance learning students are not exempt. The location of your studies must be documented.

## Denmark

Applicants who have:

- passed an English foundation course from Nordic upper secondary school. The course must be equivalent to the English foundation course (140 hours) from Norwegian upper secondary school. Note that you must document an average of a minimum grade of 4,0 (in the Norwegian scale) or equivalent.

OR

- completed one the following with English as the language of instruction in Denmark:
  - a bachelor's degree
  - a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits). The study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **Fiji**

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary school in English in Fiji.

## **Finland**

Applicants who have:

- passed an English foundation course from Nordic upper secondary school. The course must be equivalent to the English foundation course (140 hours) from Norwegian upper secondary school. Note that you must document an average of a minimum grade of 4,0 (in the Norwegian scale) or equivalent.

OR

- completed one of the following with English as the language of instruction in Finland:
  - a bachelor's degree
  - a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits). The study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **Guyana**

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Guyana.

## **Hong Kong**

Applicants with completed upper secondary school from Hong Kong with an AS-level examination in Use of English with grades A-C or HKDSE English Language Subject Level grade 5.

## Iceland

Applicants who have:

- passed an English foundation course from Nordic upper secondary school. The course must be equivalent to the English foundation course (140 hours) from Norwegian upper secondary school. Note that you must document an average of a minimum grade of 4,0 (in the Norwegian scale) or equivalent.

OR

- completed one of the following with English as the language of instruction in Iceland:
  - a bachelor's degree
  - a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits). The study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## Ireland

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Ireland, or a minimum of one year's university studies in academic subjects (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Ireland.

## Jamaica

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Jamaica.

## Macao

Applicants with completed upper secondary school within the British system in Macao.

## Malta

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Malta.

## Mauritius

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary school in English in Mauritius.

## The Netherlands

### Applicants who have

- completed the subject “Engelse taal en literatuur” from VWO, with the minimum final grade (eindcijfer) of 6, or from HAVO, with the minimum final grade (eindcijfer) of 7.

### OR

- completed one the following with English as the language of instruction in the Netherlands:
  - a bachelor's degree
  - a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits). The study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## New Zealand

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in New Zealand, or a minimum of one year's university studies in academic subjects (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in New Zealand.

## Norway

Applicants who:

- can document a minimum average grade of 4,0 in English foundation course (140 hours) from Norwegian upper secondary school. If you have more than one grade in English foundation course (140 hours), the average of these grades must be 4,0 or higher. You cover the requirement if you have passed "programfag" in English with a scope of at least 140 hours or equivalent

### OR

- completed one of the following with English as the language of instruction in Norway:
  - a bachelor's degree
  - a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits). The study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## Samoa

Applicants who have their entire upper secondary school in English in Samoa.

## Singapore

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Singapore.

## South Africa

Applicants who have completed both upper secondary school taught in English in South Africa, and an honours bachelor's degree taught in English in South Africa.

## Sweden

Applicants who have:

- passed an English foundation course from Nordic upper secondary school. The course must be equivalent to the English foundation course (140 hours) from Norwegian upper secondary school. Note that you must document an average of a minimum grade of 4,0 (in the Norwegian scale) or equivalent.

OR

- completed one of the following with English as the language of instruction in Sweden:
  - a bachelor's degree
  - a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits). The study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## Trinidad and Tobago

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in Trinidad and Tobago.

## United Kingdom

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in the United Kingdom, or a minimum of one year's university studies in academic subjects (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in the United Kingdom.



If you have completed your entire upper secondary education in the UK, please upload your upper secondary diploma and transcript.

Please note that international branch campus, validated/franchised programme and distance learning students are not exempt. The location of your studies must be documented.

## USA

Applicants who have completed their entire upper secondary education in the USA, or a minimum of one year's university studies in academic subjects (at least 30 semester credits or 45 quarter credits) with English as the language of instruction in the USA.

Please note that international branch campus, validated/franchised programme and distance learning students are not exempt. The location of your studies must be documented.

## Financial requirements

You must document your ability to finance your stay in Norway in order to be granted a residence permit for study purposes. If you are offered admission, you or your sponsor must immediately transfer the required funds.

**NOK 126 357** is the current amount required by The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration in order to document your financial ability to cover living expenses for one academic year in Norway.

You must document that you have this amount within the application deadline.

## You need to provide the following documents

You must submit all documents before the application deadline, or your application will not be considered.

All documents must be uploaded to the application portal if we do not specifically ask for documents sent directly from the issuing institution.

Documentation of name change must be uploaded if your name appears different in any of your documentation. Name the PDF file namechange.

# Language proficiency

## Documentation of English language proficiency

### TOEFL

Upload a copy of your official Test Taker Score Report. The University of Oslo will verify your test result online.

### IELTS

Upload a copy of your official test result with a legible TRF number in the bottom right corner. The University of Oslo will verify your test result online. It is currently not possible to submit test results with an IELTS institutional code.

### Pearson

Send your score report to the University of Oslo through your Pearson account. In addition, upload a PDF of your score report.

### Cambridge Assessment English

You must send your results to the University of Oslo via the Cambridge English Candidate Results Website. Log in using your 'ID number' and 'secret number' and click 'Send my result'. In addition, you must upload your Statement of Results to the application portal.

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

You must upload your official IB Diploma/certificate and official transcript of records.

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## Country-specific exemptions

### Secondary school

Applicants that are exempt from submitting an English language test due to fulfilling the stated upper secondary education requirements:

Scan and upload your official certificate/diploma and transcripts documenting that you have completed your upper secondary education. If you have completed Norwegian upper secondary school and have an electronic diploma, you do not need to upload this.

You do not need to submit a translation of your upper secondary documents, even if the original language is not English or a Scandinavian language. (Please note however, that all other required documents must be translated if the original language is not English or a Scandinavian language.)

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## Higher education

### Australia

In order to document that you fulfil the requirement with academic subjects from Australia, you must paste a link into a text document that directs to your official documents in My eEquals and upload it to the application portal Søknadsweb. If your university does not offer this service, please upload a scan of the official transcript and a scan of your official final bachelor's degree certificate (testamur).

### Canada

In order to document that you fulfil the requirement with academic studies from Canada, your official transcript of records must be sent directly from your institution. Either as an e-Transcript (secure PDF) or by regular mail.

E- mail address: [international@admin.uio.no](mailto:international@admin.uio.no).

Postal address: The University of Oslo, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 1081, Blindern, NO-0317 Oslo, Norway

For courier service: The University of Oslo, Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Lucy Smith Building, Problemveien 7, NO-0371 Oslo, Norway

### Denmark

In order to document that you have completed a bachelor's degree with English as the language of instruction in Denmark, you must upload your final degree diploma and official transcript.

If you have completed a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Denmark, the study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **Finland**

In order to document that you have completed a bachelor's degree with English as the language of instruction in Finland, you must upload your final degree diploma and official transcript.

If you have completed a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Finland, the study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **Iceland**

In order to document that you have completed a bachelor's degree with English as the language of instruction in Iceland, you must upload your final degree diploma and official transcript.

If you have completed a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Iceland, the study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **Ireland**

In order to document that you fulfil the requirement with academic subjects from Ireland, you must upload an official transcript of records and an official bachelor's degree certificate.

## **The Netherlands**

In order to document that you have completed a bachelor's degree with English as the language of instruction in the Netherlands, you must upload your final degree diploma and official transcript.

If you have completed a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in The Netherlands, the study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **New Zealand**

In order to document that you fulfil the requirement with academic subjects from New Zealand, you must paste a link into a text document that directs to your official documents in My eEquals and upload it to the application portal Søknadsweb. If your university does not offer this service, please upload a scan of the official transcript and a scan of your official final bachelor's degree certificate.

## **Norway**

In order to document that you have completed a bachelor's degree with English as the language of instruction in Norway, you must upload your final degree diploma and official transcript, unless your higher education results from other Norwegian institutions (excluding BI and Oslo Nye Høyskole/Bjørknes) have been imported to the application portal Søknadsweb. You must check that your results are available under "External Results" within the given deadline.

If you have completed a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Norway, the study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **South Africa**

Applicants who have completed both upper secondary school taught in English in South Africa, and an honours bachelor's degree taught in English in South Africa. Please upload the official diploma and transcript for both your upper secondary school and your honours bachelor's degree.

## **Sweden**

In order to document that you have completed a bachelor's degree with English as the language of instruction in Sweden, you must upload your final degree diploma and official transcript.

If you have completed a minimum of one year of master's degree studies (corresponding to 60 ECTS credits) with English as the language of instruction in Sweden, the study level and language of instruction must be documented with a diploma supplement or a statement from your university, confirming that your completed courses were taught in English at master's level.

## **United Kingdom**

In order to document that you fulfil the requirement with academic studies from the UK, you must upload a scanned copy of the original transcript/academic record and diploma/degree certificate. If your institution uses GradIntel or Digitary you must provide a valid weblink for verification. Please indicate UiO as a third party recipient. Document access information should be sent to international[a]admin.uio.no. For Digitary, please upload a document with the weblink to Søknadsweb.

## USA

In order to document that you fulfil the requirement with academic studies from USA, your official transcript of records must be sent directly from your institution. Either as an e-Transcript (secure PDF) or by regular mail.

E- mail address: international@admin.uio.no.

Postal address: The University of Oslo, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 1081, Blindern, NO-0317 Oslo, Norway

For courier service: The University of Oslo, Admissions Office, 3rd floor, Lucy Smith Building, Problemveien 7, NO-0371 Oslo, Norway

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## Documentation of Norwegian language proficiency

If you cover the Norwegian and English language requirement, please see [Samordna Opptak on how to document the Norwegian and English language requirement](#) (in Norwegian).

## Secondary education

### Upper secondary education

Scan and upload your official certificate/diploma and transcripts documenting that you have completed your upper secondary education. If you completed Norwegian upper secondary school, and have an electronic diploma you do not need to upload this.

You do not need to submit a translation of your upper secondary documents, even if the original language is not English or a Scandinavian language (please note however, that all other required documents must be translated if the original language is not English or a Scandinavian language).

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## Higher education

### Higher education from Nigeria

#### 1. Final bachelor's degree certificate

A scanned copy of the original document must be uploaded.

If you have not yet received a final bachelor's degree diploma you must upload a Success Certificate or Attestation of results. It must be clear from your transcript when the degree was conferred.

Success Certificates or Attestation of results are normally only valid for 5 years after graduation.

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#### 2. Transcript of records for your bachelor's degree

To be sent directly to the Admissions Office by the issuing institution:

The University of Oslo  
Admissions Office  
P.O. Box 1081 Blindern  
NO-0317 Oslo, Norway

Please note that we do not accept transcripts sent by email.

In addition, you must upload a scanned copy of your transcript. However, only applications with transcripts that are sent directly to the Admissions Office will be considered.

In the same manner you must also submit separate transcripts for courses from other institutions included in your degree, such as transfer or exempted credits or in cases of admission to a bachelor's program due to advanced standing.

Please note that we reserve the right to verify your educational documents with the issuing institution at any time during the admission process.

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## Completing studies after the application deadline?

It is unfortunately not possible to apply if you are completing your degree in the spring semester 2022.

## Financing

### Documentation of financing

Financing should be documented with one of the following documents:

- A recent official bank statement or bank transcript in your own name. The bank statement or bank transcript can show any currency, as long as it is clear from the statement/transcript which currency is being used.
- A letter confirming that you are eligible for a scholarship or student loan from your home country.
- A sponsor guarantee letter and a sponsor's recent official bank statement/transcript.

Documentation of financing should not be older than three months at the time of the application, and must be uploaded to the application portal within the application deadline. All documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

### What is a sponsor?

A sponsor is someone who's willing to finance your living costs during your studies. It can for example be a relative, employer or friend. Please note that UiO cannot help you find a sponsor.

### Sponsor's guarantee letter

In a guarantee letter, the sponsor states that they are willing to transfer the required amount upon your admission to the University of Oslo. The letter must be accompanied by the sponsor's bank statement or bank transcript and be uploaded with your application.

A guarantee letter from a sponsor must include the following:

- Date
- Sponsor's name
- Your name
- Sponsor's signature



- Sponsor's postal address and email address
- A statement of guarantee of sponsorship and that the sponsor is willing to transfer the required amount upon your admission to the University of Oslo

UiO does not provide sample letters, but you will find sample letters online if you search for guarantee letter samples.

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## Identification

### Passport or ID card

Only the ID-page must be scanned and uploaded.

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## Translation of documents

Official translations must accompany any document in which the original language is not English or a Scandinavian language.

## Additional documentation

If you have completed studies/courses outside the University of Oslo, you must also upload course descriptions. The course names and codes on the course descriptions must match the transcript of records.

## Apply for admission

The application portal is closed. You may apply here between **15 October-15 November**.

## Special evaluation of applicants to this programme

This programme is covered by the regulations on export control. Export controls are applied to countries where there is suspicion about development and use of weapons of mass destruction. UiO will therefore conduct a specific evaluation of these applicants.

## Guidelines for uploading documents

### **Make sure your scans are easy to read**

You can scan your documents using a phone camera or a scanner. Please make sure that the documents:

- Include all text on the front and reverse side.
- Are merged or scanned into a single file if the document consists of several pages.
- Appear 'right-side up'.

### **PDF is the preferred format**

To make sure we can easily open your documents, please use PDF format. Do not upload ZIP, RAR or other compressed files as these cannot be opened in our document viewer.

### **Choosing the “type of document” category in the application portal**

Which category you choose is not relevant. If you don't find a fitting category for your documents you can upload them under "other documents" as "letters".

### **Want to check if we have received your documents?**

You can see which documents you have uploaded by consulting the 'My Documents' folder in your application. If you find your documents here they are also available to us when we process your application.

### **Delete documents**

When we process your application, we lock your documents to prevent them from being deleted. This means that you can delete documents right after uploading them, but it is not possible to delete documents from previous applications.

### **Have you applied before and want to reuse your documents?**

If you have documents stored in the "My documents" folder from previous applications, it is not necessary to upload the same documents again. If you for example upload a new motivation letter or an English test, we will always check the date and consider the newest one.

## After you have applied

### Changing your application

You can apply for up to two programmes. It is not possible to add or change programmes after the application deadline. If you are offered admission to your first priority, you will not be offered admission to your second priority.

### Ranking of applicants

If an applicant has more than 100 ECTS credits in the required specialization, the 100 ECTS credits with the highest grades will form the grade average.

### Getting your results

You will be notified through your registered e-mail address concerning the application results by **31 March**.

Your application results will be published at this time in your user account in Søknadsweb, UiO's application portal.

If you are offered admission to a study programme, you will be given a short deadline to respond.

## Need help?

Contact us if you have questions or need help.

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