

# Victoria Handford

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### University of Oslo (UiO), Oslo, Norway — *Teaching Assistant (TA)*

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

Teaching assistant positions in IN1000 - Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming, IN1140 - Introduction to Language Technology, IN4080 - Natural Language Processing. These positions included answering questions, holding seminars, and grading assignments.

### NAV IT, Oslo, Norway — *Data Science Summer Intern*

JUNE 2024 - AUGUST 2024

Worked with a team to develop a RAG chatbot to help answer questions about the Norwegian pension system. This included exploring the usability of a no/low-code solution compared to a full-stack custom solution we implemented from scratch using open-source libraries, Python, and React.

## EDUCATION

### University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway — *MSc Informatics: Language Technology*

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT, *anticipated JUNE 2025*

Full-time Master's program focusing on natural language processing (NLP), evaluation of large language models (LLMs), data science, statistics, and programming.

### University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway — *BSc Informatics: Language Technology*

AUGUST 2020 - JUNE 2023

Full-time Bachelor's program covering a variety of subjects including, but not limited to, computer science and programming, natural language processing (NLP), machine learning and artificial intelligence, linguistics, and English.

### University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, USA — *BA Music and German*

AUGUST 2015 - JUNE 2019

Full-time Bachelor's program with a double major in classical voice and German language and literature.

## PERSONAL DATA

DOB: 01 June 1997  
Nationality: USA

## PROJECTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

### Scandinavian Language Identification - UiO

MAY 2024 - PRESENT

Research project exploring the challenging task of disambiguating Scandinavian languages.

### Trix Development - UiO

JANUARY 2023 - JUNE 2023

Practice exercise development for IN1000 - Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming.

### Specialization: Natural Language Processing - Coursera

JUNE 2022 - JULY 2022,

JUNE 2023 - AUGUST 2023

Online specialization consisting of 4 modules: Classification and Vector Spaces, Probabilistic Models, Sequence Models, Attention Models

## LANGUAGES

English: Native  
Norwegian: Proficient  
German: Intermediate