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Aalesund University College

We welcome **you** to the beautiful city of Ålesund

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A CLOSER LOOK AT AALESUND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Aalesund University College offers unique qualities: Technically advanced with and international outlook, informal with close realtions between students and mentors, and a location in the middle of one of the world's largest maritime clusters.

AALESUND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (AAUC)

Aalesund University College was founded in 1994 as a result of the reorganization of higher education in Norway. Three former colleges in Ålesund, the College of Marine Studies, the College of Engineering, and Aalesund College of Nursing merged into one institution. The number of students is approximately 2000 with 200 academic and administrative staff members.

AAUC offers mainly three-year professional bachelor programs and prepares students for future employment and careers within business management, engineering, health care, fisheries and maritime trade. Aalesund University College offers also, as one of very few institutions world-wide, international master degrees in advanced maritime operations.

Lectures are combined with close connections to the different professional fields, and some programs have placement periods where students try out future professional roles. Students and staff interact in various respects with

the public sector as well as the private companies. Dialogue and interaction between lecturers and students are at the heart of our programs, and this creates the sense of belonging to a small and lively community.

A modern building, with an open and lofty space, offers a wide range of academic and social opportunities for students and staff alike. AAUC co-operates with the maritime sector in order to provide the best education, resulting in state-of-the-art simulators for advanced training. AAUC facilitates simulators for realistic and relevant simulation of offshore-operations, navigation, anchor handling and dynamic positioning (DP), and the intensive maritime specialization courses attract a great number of participants from international companies.

The campus is situated right outside the town centre, and offers auditoriums and classrooms of different sizes as well as computer labs, bookshop, library, gymnasium and cafeteria. Most classrooms, computer lab and reading room are accessible 24 hours for registered students.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS AND COLLABORATION IN ÅLESUND

Aalesund University College has bilateral cooperation agreements with universities and university colleges all over the world. Students and staff exchanges are organized through EU's educational programs and the Nordplus program, as well as through bilateral agreements.

RESEARCH

AAUC has a range of research activities and act in close cooperation with More Research Foundation and other national as well as foreign institutions. The areas of research include:

- Marine Biology (including aquaculture, fish processing and biotechnology)
- Exports and Marketing
- Ship Operation (linked to maritime simulators)
- Safety Management (at sea)
- Computer Aided Visualisation and Simulation
- System Dynamics
- Nursing
- Biomedical Laboratory Sciences

STUDY PROGRAMS IN ÅLESUND

BACHELOR PROGRAMS

ENGINEERING

Automation
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Product and System Design
Ship Design

MARITIME STUDIES

Nautical Science
Shipping and Logistics

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Export Marketing
Business Administration
Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship
Retailing Management
International Logistics

HEALTH CARE

Nursing
Biomedical Laboratory Science

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Marine and Biological Sciences

INTERNATIONAL MASTER PROGRAMS

Product and System Design
Ship Design

Each program consists of 60 ECTS credits a year / 30 ESTS credit per semester (for full time students).

Bachelor programs are taught in Norwegian, however some courses may be taught in English to facilitate student exchange.

Master programs are taught in English.

All full time programs are without tuition fees, but students must cover books, material and additional expenses as well as living expenses themselves.



ÅLESUND AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

AAUC is situated in Norway's most beautiful town, which is easy to get to by air, sea and land. Ålesund is the regional traffic hub with connections to the whole Sunnmøre region. The area is known for its breathtaking scenery and numerous outdoor adventures.

Ålesund is located on the west coast of Norway and has a population of 43 000 inhabitants. It is rated as one of the most beautiful towns in Norway. The town was devastated by fire in 1904 and was later completely rebuilt in the prevalent style – Art Nouveau, remaining one of the very few Art Nouveau towns in the world. Ålesund offers a wide range of sights and activities with museums, Art Nouveau centre and one of the largest aquariums of the Northern Europe. Throughout the year, Ålesund hosts a theatre festival, food festival, boat festival and several music festivals.

The scenery from the mountain close to the town centre is unique. The region is famous for its beautiful scenery with high mountains and blue fjords, of the which the Geiranger fjord is one of the most attractive tourist destinations in Norway.

Ålesund offers a good balance of town life, nature and sea. Enjoy a cappuccino in a coffee bar after having hiked a mountain top or simply enjoy the fresh air, clean water and lots of space! As a student in Norway you will never be short of possibilities for unique nature experiences.

INDUSTRY

The greater Ålesund area is one of the world's leading cross-roads and clusters of expertise for the maritime industry such as ship design, ship construction and production of ship equipment. These industries are responsible for the development of some of the best and most advanced offshore and fishing vessels in the world. Local companies service the ship-building industry world-wide. The region is also the centre of the Norwegian furniture industry.

STANDARD OF LIVING

The United Nations (UN) has on several occasions ranked Norway as having the highest standard of living in the world. This ranking is based on average levels of education and income, combined with expected length of lifetime, and factors like human rights and cultural freedom. Norway is weighed in particular on high educational levels and material wealth. You will feel safe in Norway.

Combine studies with exciting outdoor activities, both winter and summer. Challenge yourself with skiing, white water rafting or climbing. Or simply enjoy the fresh air, clean water and lots and lots of space. As a student in Norway you will never be short of possibilities for unique nature experiences.

Ane and Malin, mentors AAUC





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