With over 100 years of experience in education, Kristiania University College is a proud provider of tomorrow’s education today.

Kristiania University College has a 105-year-old history. Our priorities are study programmes and research relevant to working life. We see this as an essential part of our social responsibility in order for businesses and organisations to further develop. We believe in teaching our students in small classes, eager to share the latest methods and research with them. Our staff stay close to the industry – we listen to what they need, and vice versa.

Kristiania University College is located in the centres of Oslo and Bergen, and in the middle of the cities’ working life. In many cases our students work on briefs from actual clients, taught by highly qualified teachers with extensive experience from the business and the research community. Guest lecturers from Norway and abroad contribute inspiration and further insight.

Our highly qualified teaching staff have won a series of teaching awards and have headed major research projects within fields such as information technology, the health sciences, marketing, communication or design, either alone or with national and international partners. The professional network our students obtain, and work hard to develop, is second to none.

Our mission is to give as many as possible the opportunity for education and personal development in a lifelong perspective and to the best possible use for society.

Welcome to Kristiania University College!
Kristiania University College – In brief

Kristiania University College is a foundation whose purpose is teaching and research. All financial surplus is used to fund research and strengthen the learning environment.

Facts

- Student population: 10 000 on-campus students and 5 400 online students
- Bachelor students (on-campus): 7 400
- Master students (on-campus): 600
- Students in Kristiania Professional College: 2 000
- Number of exchange students: 110
- Number of on-campus programmes: Oslo: 145, Bergen: 36
- Academic staff: 400
- Administrative staff: 270
- Number of International Partners for Mobility: 80
- Associate member of European University Association and member of ELIA

Kristiania University College is one of the oldest private institutions of higher education in Norway, established by Ernst G. Mortensen in 1914 as Norway’s first correspondence school, «Norsk Korrespondanseskole» (NKS).

In recent years, Kristiania University College has merged with several of Oslo’s strong providers of higher education within diverse areas such as information technology, games, design, film, dance and theatre. We are now organized in four Schools, with ambitions to provide doctoral-level education in each School. Our ambition is to become Norway’s first private university by 2030.

Until the end of our current strategy period in 2025, Kristiania University College has four main focus areas:

EDUCATION
Through an innovative and student active learning environment Kristiania University College offers practical-oriented and relevant study programmes that comply with the needs of society and prepare the candidates for life after graduation.

RESEARCH AND ARTISTIC RESEARCH
Kristiania University College develops research and artistic research through increasing the share of national and international external financing. This ensures research relevance, research-based teaching, and makes it possible to establish PhD programmes.
COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS
Kristiania University College has a well-functioning cooperation with relevant sectors of working life as well as research communities, which makes the University College relevant for working life and society at large.

A PROFESSIONAL AND EFFICIENT ORGANISATION
Kristiania University College manages its activities well thus securing growth and profitability.

Kristiania University College is also one of the biggest providers of online education in Norway.

Kristiania Professional College (KPC) is an integral part of Kristiania University College. KPC offers vocational programmes within the areas of design, communication and technology. It aims to provide practical, work-related and career-oriented programmes with a duration of 1-2 years.
Our Schools

Kristiania University College offers cutting-edge study programmes within fields such as marketing and communication, management and information technology, media and design, and the health sciences.

We offer the largest academic environment in Norway within artistic and creative practices. We also offer Norway’s largest community within HR, strong bachelor and master programmes within Marketing, Information Technology, Health Sciences and many other fields.

We are practice led and research based. Our labs and lecture rooms are found in centrally located campuses in Oslo and Bergen.

See kristiania.no/en for an updated list of study programmes offered.
School of Arts, Design, and Media

Westerdals Department of Creativity, Storytelling and Design
- Art Direction
- Graphic Design
- Interior Architecture
- Retail Design
- Service Design
- Text and Copywriting

Westerdals Department of Film and Media
- 3D Graphics
- Film and TV
- Game Design
- Script Writing
- Sound Design
- Visual Effects

Department of Music
- Music Production
- Popular Music
- Project Management Arts and Creative Industries
- Songwriting and Production

Department of Performing Arts
- Acting
- Dance
- Musical Theatre
School of Communication, Leadership, and Marketing

Department of Communication
- Creative Marketing Communication
- Journalism
- Political Science and Communication
- PR and Communication

Department of Marketing
- Digital Marketing
- Hotel Management
- Marketing and Brand Management
- Marketing and Sales Management
- Purchasing Management
- Service Management
- Travel and Tourism Management and Experience Development

Department of Management and Organisation
- HR and Health Promotion
- HR and Industrial Organisational Psychology
- HR and Technology and Digitalisation Management
- Human Resource Management

Master programmes
- Master in Innovation Management
- Master in Leadership
- Master in Strategic Communication
- Master in Strategic HR
- Master of Science in Marketing Management
School of Economics, Innovation, and Technology

Department of Technology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Science
- E-business
- Frontend and Mobile Development
- Game Programming
- Interactive Design
- Programming

Department of Economics and Innovation
- Business Administration
- Industrial Economy and Service Innovation
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Sustainability and Business Development

Master programmes
- Master in Applied Computer Science with Specialisation in Software Integration
- Master in Human-Computer Interaction
- Master of Science in Information Systems: Business Analytics
- Master of Science in Information Systems: Digital Business Systems
- Master of Science in Information Systems: Management and Innovation
School of Health Sciences

Department of Psychology, Pedagogy and Law
- Applied Psychology
- Public Health and Sport Management

Department of Training, Nutrition and Biomedicine
- Biomedicine
- Personal Training and Coaching
- Physical Activity and Nutrition

Department of Public Health and Manual Therapy
- Acupuncture
- Lifestyle Change and Public Health
- Osteopathy

Master programmes
- Master in Applied Public Health
- Master in Training Science
Kristiania Professional College

Vocational programmes
- 3D and Animation
- Advertising and Brand Communication
- App Development
- Design Thinking in Practice (1 year)
- Digital Content Production (1 year)
- Fashion Design (Esmod)
- Film
- Frontend Development (1 year)
- Game Development
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Interaction Design
- Interior
- Music Business (1 year)
- Music Design
- Product Design
- Product Management for Film and TV (1 year)
- Project Management (1 year)

Online Studies

Online programmes
- Bachelor in Administration and Management
- Master of Business Administration
- Bachelor in Economy and Administration
- Bachelor in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor in Pedagogics
- Master of Science in Financial Management
- Master of Science in Marketing
- A large amount of shorter courses in a variety of subjects
Master Programmes

Our master programmes emphasize the connection between lectures and case studies, current affairs and real issues businesses face every day. There are few students in the class room, taught by the best in the business.

Master in Applied Computer Science

Master of Applied Computer Science is an in-depth study of software architectures, big data, mobile computing, internet of things and interactive technologies. Candidates will acquire practical and theoretical skills in analysing complex applied computing problems, designing, recommending or implementing solutions, and in measuring and evaluating results. You will learn to bridge the gap between industry and academia needs.

Master in Human-Computer Interaction

Master in Human-Computer Interaction will provide advanced knowledge about both the design and development of user interfaces. In addition, you get broad knowledge about the entire engineering process from prototype to complete solution. You will have strong emphasis on how systems are perceived and interacted with from the user perspective. In addition, you will learn how to handle challenges in technologies that surrounds us, and how we engage with them.

Master of Science in Information Systems: Business Analytics

In this programme, you will learn both the theory and practice of planning and implementing analytics projects to support business decisions in an organization. You will gain an in-depth knowledge of various concepts concerning IT Governance, Data Management as well as dive deeper to specialized data mining and analytics concepts related to visual analytics, text mining and big data analytics. This makes you a highly sought-after candidate for positions related to organizational development and implementation of business-based IT and analytics solutions.

Master of Science in Information Systems: Digital Business Systems

Master in Digital Business Systems will equip graduates with advanced knowledge in various and state-of-the-art Enterprise Systems and technology trends, like IoT. Candidates will acquire practical and theoretical skills in assessing organisations’ technological readiness, providing digital business solutions for organisational problems, the ability to initiate and manage technological changes in organizations, among others. You will also be a catalyst between the organisational needs and IS/IT solutions.

Master of Science in Information Systems: Management and Innovation

Master of Management and Innovation will provide the candidates with in-depth knowledge of state-of-the-art Information Systems in organisations and society. Candidates will acquire practical skills in analysing complex Information Systems problems and possibilities; designing or recommending solutions; and measuring and evaluating the results. During the study, the candidates will conduct a research project at a high standard. This includes the ability to develop a solution; to choose the appropriate research approach; to act ethically and professionally; and to evaluate and communicate the results in a systematic way.
Master in Applied Public Health*

This master degree gives you the insight and experience needed in order to work systematically with public health either in the private or public sector – at the local, national or global level.

Master in Innovation Management*

Master in Innovation Management gives you in-depth knowledge into the principles and practice of innovation. The programme focuses on a human-centric approach to innovation while enabling students to explore the organizational context and methods that allow for the successful implementation of ideas.

Master in Leadership*

Master of Leadership provides candidates with up-to-date, research-based knowledge about leadership in the broad sense. The three main themes of the master programme in leadership are: change and innovation in organisations, management and leadership as means to produce results, and self-leadership and leadership of coworkers.

Master in Marketing Management*

Master of Science in Marketing Management gives you in-depth knowledge of marketing and brand management. The three main themes of the master programme in marketing management are: methods of insight, knowledge of consumers and markets, and marketing strategies.

Master in Strategic Communication*

Master in Strategic Communication is an in-depth study of the theoretical and practical field of strategic and targeted communication. It will equip candidates with advanced interdisciplinary knowledge and practical skills related to communication, strategy, organizations and management – with a strong focus on digital channels. You will learn to apply practical skills based on sound theoretical knowledge.

Master in Strategic HR*

Master in Strategic HR provides the candidates with competence on the complexity of HR today, nationally and globally. Students acquire an analytical mindset and practical skillset to work strategically on the most important resource in an organisation: the personnel. The students gain a critical, ethical, and holistic gaze, based on up to date research. This unique new program is the first full-time masters on strategic HR in Norway.

Master in Training Science*

How should one exercise in order to optimize one’s physical performance during the life cycle? How does one coach individuals of different ages and backgrounds? These are some of the questions you will be able to answer with a Master in Training Science.

* Master is taught primarily in Norwegian.
Kristiania University College has an ambition to become Norway’s first private university. This requires a comprehensive commitment to research and artistic research at a high international level.

Our research activity provides a sound scientific basis for our innovative educational programmes, in addition to making sure our students fully appreciate the relationship between theory and practice. The research conducted are to a large extent the result of international collaborations and are published in international journals.

Every year, Kristiania University College welcomes guest lectures from partner universities to give lectures and cooperate on research, exhibitions and projects with partners and professionals from around the world, through Erasmus+ or other programmes. For information on our research groups and current research projects, see kristiania.no/en/research

Kristiania University College’s main goals are:

- further develop a strong professional environment
- increase the scope of scientific publishing as well as documentation of artistic research
- increase the proportion of externally funded projects
- further develop internationalisation through strategic collaborations
- include research communication as part of the professional development
- establish PhD programmes and increase the number externally funded fellows
- strengthening research-based education

Ongoing research projects: 75
Number of research groups: 29
ERC Grants: 20 mill NOK
Publications with international co-authorship (2019): 51.6 %

All publications listed in Current Research Information systems in Norway CRISTIN: cristin.no/english
All open PhD positions are published on our web page.
Campus Oslo

All our locations are in central Oslo.
Urtegata 9 is located across the Aker river from Fjerdingen, and is one of the largest creative and artistic environments in Northern Europe.

Our primary campus at Kvadraturen consists of Kongens gate 22, Prinsens gate 9 and Kirkegata 24. It houses the primary library, anatomical learning center, work-out facilities and excellent work spaces for students. The campus is a block away from the primary pedestrian street in Oslo, Karl Johan, between the train station and the Royal Palace.

Fjerdingen at Christian Krohgs gate 32 is a converted industrial building located next to hip Grünerløkka. It has several music studios, a black box, practice rooms, a large auditorium and a library.
Campus Bergen

C. Sundts gate 33 is home to Kristiania Professional College in Bergen.

Kalfarveien 78c is the location of Kristiania University College in Bergen.
Exchange programme

Kristiania University College welcomes international students. We cooperate with a wide variety of partner institutions around the world, within all our fields of study.

Incoming exchanges

We hold the Erasmus+ Charter for Higher Education, are active participants in the Nordic exchange programme NordPlus, and hold a variety of bilateral exchange agreements with institutions around the world. We accept incoming exchange applications from all our partners at bachelor and master level.

– I felt at home in Oslo right away. The city is big, but does not feel that way at all. As for the student community, the students in our class all work together and there is an open and helpful way of communication between the students and teachers as well. Roosmarijn Everts, The Netherlands.
All these projects that we’ve done were exciting! Working so much for organisations and companies is awesome. It’s not a simple project for school: it’s a project that you have to sell to the client. Yann Guenot, France.

The teachers are very passionate about what they are teaching, which is lovely to experience ... It’s great to work with dedicated students who take learning and experiencing seriously. Florentina Bowden, England.
The life of a student in Norway

Exchange students can take courses in English in all our campuses in Oslo, while our Bergen campus is open to Scandinavian-speaking students.

Oslo is the fastest growing capital in Europe, with career opportunities in most fields. Our exchange students find it clean, well-organized and safe, with an excellent public transit system.

As a student at Høyskolen Kristiania, you have access to student housing in Oslo, health and counselling services and sports facilities through SiO, the Student Welfare Organisation of Oslo and Akershus.
Høyskolen Kristiana’s LiveACT is Norway’s largest student-run music festival. Each year 5000 concerts are performed in Oslo, making it the city in Europe with the most concerts per capita.

Even in the two largest Norwegian cities, you are never more than 15-20 minutes away from raw nature, by public transport or city bike. Western Norway’s fjords are spectacular, while the Oslo fjord is known for its cozy islands. 50% of Oslo’s city area is forest, and a wonderful place to ski.
Love Nordic design and architecture? No better place to see it. Here from the Opera building by Snøhetta.

Our campuses are the most centrally located in Oslo, in the Old Town Kvadraturen and the hip Grünerløkka district, in one of the world’s 10 best coffee cities according to the USA Today.
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