



## Welcome to the master's program in Climate Change Management

Please find the program for the opening weeks below. Here we list some activities offered on program level in the first part of your study.

Date	What	Where and when?	Compulsory?
Mon 9 Aug	Orientation day for international students	Online	
Mon 16 Aug	Official start of study year	Online student registration + confirmation of attendance	Yes
	Opening ceremony	09:30-11:00, Campus Sogndal	Yes
	Welcome to the master program, info about the program and the start-up week	11:15-12:00, Classroom Stad, Høgskulebygget, 2nd floor	Yes
	Welcome to campus	12:15-13:00 Outdoors campus	Yes
	Welcome to Sogndal town	13:15-14:00 Outdoors Sogndal	Yes
Tue 17 Aug	Fjord-to-mountain excursion to introduce climate change ecology	08:30 at Ingafossen (campus) return at 16:00	Yes
Wed 18 Aug	Climate trail	Start 09:30 at campus Activities all around Sogndal	Yes
	Interdisciplinary knowledge production	12:15-1500	Yes
	Barbecue party / social gathering	To be announced	
Thu 19 Aug – Fri 20 Aug	Sognefjellet excursion	08:00 Thursday at bus station, return Friday at 19:00	Yes
Mon 23 Aug	Start of first course: Climate change and climate policy	9:15-12:00; see Canvas for details	Yes
Date not set	Social gathering with 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year students, and staff members		
Date not set	First departmental lunch seminar	First Wednesday each month	
Date not set	Excursion to Fjærland	Glaciers and the glacier museum	

For the fjord-to-mountain and Sognefjellet excursions, you will need proper personal equipment. Therefore, please bring rainwear, solid footwear, warm clothing (wool underwear, hat, etc.), headlamp, sunglasses and a small daypack. The weather in the mountains in August can be everything from mild and sunny to rather cold and rainy. You can find an updated weather forecast (10 days ahead) for the [fjord-to-mountain](#) and [Sognefjellet](#) excursion locations. More information on the excursions and the opening week will be given during the info session on Monday 16 Aug.

### International students and the autumn semester

Because of travelling restrictions due to Covid-19, we cannot expect all international students to be able to come to campus in time for semester start. Moreover, Covid-restriction also reduce teaching capacity on campus. This means that the courses that are taught the first semester will combine online (via [Zoom](#)) and on campus learning for as long as necessary. We are currently working on the course plans to try to facilitate for learning both for distant and on-campus students.

The plans and schedules for the separate courses will be distributed via our online learning platform [Canvas](#). When you complete the online student registration, you will get access to Canvas.

From our experience, students benefit from being part of a class, and on this basis, we urge you to come to Norway as soon as possible. We have recently received information that the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) is now accepting and processing applications for student visa and study permits for students outside the EU/EEA. You can find updated info and further links, also instructions for student registration, on the web pages of the [HVL Admission office](#).



## Information

Basic information on the Master's program can be found on our [homepage](#), and you may get inspired by watching our [film](#). We are glad to inform you that most of our graduated students get relevant jobs so far.

If you want to know anything more on how it is to be a student at the Master's program or in Sogndal, about work opportunities, etc., please contact our [student buddies](#), Sheroze and Yngvild. You may contact them any time during the summer (see next page for details). You may also contact them and other former and current students, via our common [Facebook](#) group.

We look forward to seeing you in August, at campus or online!

Best wishes

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## Student buddies

Hi!

We are Yngvild and Sheroze, and we have just finished our first year at the Climate Change Management master.

If you have any questions before you arrive, please contact us through the summer.

Also, we will be your buddies when you come to Sogndal.



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