



Resolution: Exams in English for all students who need and/or want them

We live in an increasingly globalized world and we are students in a university that has internationalization as one of its pillars. In late 2009, it was claimed that “the University of Bergen is the most international university in Norway” (1), and the new strategy for the period 2016-2022 states that UiB will continue to develop its international activities and that its alumni shall provide research-based knowledge and expertise worldwide (2). Students are thus key in this internationalization process.

Students are evaluated through exams. These are instances in which we have to show the subject based knowledge we have obtained and developed during the semester, thus the key focus should be on how well we have understood the learning outcomes. Exams should therefore be held in a language that is well known to the student, both personally and professionally, unless there are specific and relevant reasons to do otherwise.

As the Student Parliament, we strive to give students at the University of Bergen the best possible conditions in order to perform optimally under the examinations. UiB is an increasingly international institution, both with respect to international students coming here and UiB students going abroad, as well as due to the fact that most of the subject related literature is in English. We believe that it is important that all students who take a course in which the lectures and/or the recommended literature is in English, must be provided with the exam in the mentioned language, in addition to Bokmål and Nynorsk. Students should also be given the possibility to answer the exam questions in English. This is with the exception of exams in which the knowledge to be evaluated is that of a specific language or in studies in which communication is of crucial importance, for example, lektorutdanning. In most cases it shall still be possible to test students on the understanding of Norwegian terminology, while still keeping the tasks of the exam in English.

It is the opinion of the Student Parliament that:

- whenever lectures and/or recommended literature for a course is in English, the exam must be supplied in English, in addition to Bokmål and Nynorsk.
- all students who need and/or want to answer exam questions in English must be allowed to.

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