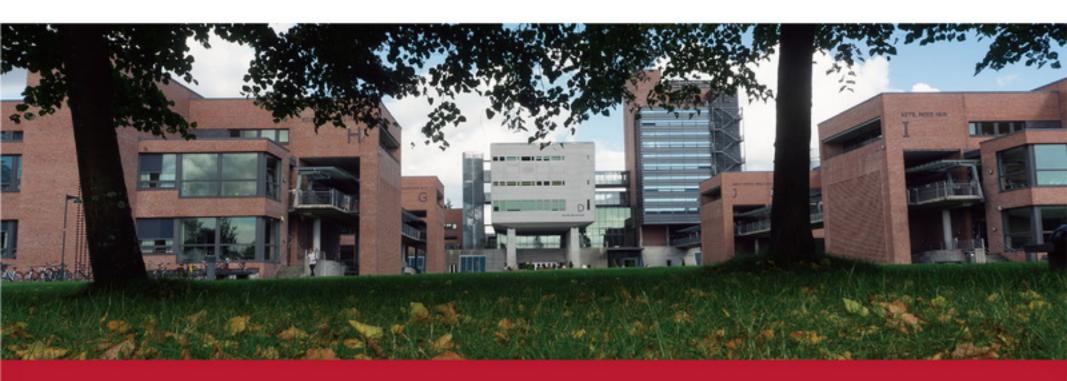


UNIVERSITETET I AGDER



University of Agder

The University of Agder is Norway's newest university, but its roots span 170 years of history. The idea of a university in the Agder region is not new.

In his short period as the ruler of the union of Denmark and Norway, Johann Friedrich Struensee planned on reforming the University of Copenhagen. He gave Bishop Johann Ernst Gunnerus of Trondhjem the task of developing more detailed plans. Gunnerus presented a proposal in 1771 in which he suggested establishing a new university in Norway, and placing it in Kristiansand.

Regardless, the idea was soon discarded as planning began for the first Norwegian university. In 1811, a resolution was passed to establish Norway's first university in Christiania (Oslo).

About the University of Agder

The University of Agder (UiA) is situated on the southern tip of Norway and is located on two campuses, in Kristiansand and Grimstad.

The university has 11 000 students and 1100 faculty and staff members. It is one of the youngest universities in Norway, but its history dates back to 1839 when the first teacher training institution in the region was established. It is a public university with state-of-the-art buildings on both campuses. Research is the foundation of all teaching activities at UiA and covers a wide variety of disciplines.

Being a driving force for societal and regional development, the university of Agder has close contact with industry, organisations and cultural institutions. It is an internationally oriented university in a region exposed to strong international competition.

Values

Core values of the University of Agder are: transparency, trust, integrity, generosity and collaboration. These values are reflected in a flat organisational structure which encourages students, lecturers and researchers to interact and inspire each other.

'Agder' means 'on the edge' and the name suits the university and the twin counties of Vest-Agder and Aust-Agder in the southern part of the country. As a young university, the University of Agder aims to be on the cutting edge of innovation, education and research.



