



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

We are happy that you have chosen to study Master in Climate Change Management (MACCM) in Sogndal and look forward to meeting you! You have already received formal information from our admission office, and it is important that you follow all the instructions provided there. During the first week of August, you will receive the login information needed to register as a student in our Studentweb (it is not possible to register before you have this information).

Below is the tentative program for the opening week. The opening week is considered important for social welfare and for getting to know Sogndal and its surroundings. It also serves as an introduction to the program, and the fieldwork is compulsory and linked to specific courses. We are aware that the process of receiving a visa may be challenging for some, but we hope you will all be here by 14 Aug! Teaching in the first course, *Climate change and climate policy*, starts on 21 Aug, and is not initially planned for digital attendance.

Date	What	Where and when	Compulsory*
Mon 14 Aug	The official start of the study year	Online student registration + Confirmation of attendance	Yes
	Welcome to the master's program and information about the opening week	09:00-10:00, Stadionbygget 02-03	Yes
	Meet your student buddies	10:00, Buddies meet and pick up the students	Yes
	Opening ceremony	10:30-11:30, Outdoors campus	
	Lunch	11:30-12:30, Outdoors campus	
	Campus tour ( <a href="#">map</a> and <a href="#">digital map with room overview</a> ), meet the student organisations, what is where in town	12:00-15:00, Outdoors campus and Sogndal town	Yes
	MACCM barbeque	17:00, To be decided	
Tue 15 Aug	Fjord-to-mountain excursion to Molden, introduce climate change ecology (third course)	08:30, Ingafossen bus stop (campus), return at 16:00	Yes
Wed 16 Aug	Being a master's student in Climate change management	09:15-12:00, Stadionbygget 02-03	Yes
	Climate trail	12:00-14:30, Start on campus, activities around Sogndal	Yes
	Barbecue and social gathering with HVL in Sogndal centre	From 14:30	
Thu 17 Aug– Fri 18 Aug	Sognefjellet excursion	08:00 (Thursday), Sogndal bus station, return 19:00 (Friday)	Yes
Sat 19 Aug– Sun 20 Aug	Buddy activities	To be announced	
Mon 21 Aug	Start of the first course: <i>Climate change and climate policy</i> . Excursion to Fjærland	09:00-17:00, <a href="#">The Norwegian Glacier Museum</a> and Walk and talk in the village (see Canvas for details)	Yes
Aug-Sept, date not set	Social gathering with 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year MACCM students and staff members		

\* There will be individual adjustments for students that have not received their visas in time.



### Excursions and equipment needed during the opening week

During your studies, you will be taking part in several different excursions, and you should be ready to start already the first week! For the fjord-to-mountain and Sognefjellet excursions, you will need proper clothing and equipment.

Therefore, please bring:

- rainwear, sturdy boots, and warm clothing (wool underwear, hat, gloves, etc.)
- headlamp and sunglasses
- a small daypack, drinking bottle, and mat to sit on

There is a facility for borrowing equipment in Sogndal. If you do not have all this equipment, please contact the student buddies (see below) to help you find and order the necessary equipment.

The weather in the mountains in August can be everything from mild and sunny to cold and rainy, and in the Sognefjellet we will also visit the glacier and mountain caves. You find an updated weather forecast (10 days ahead) for [the fjord-to-mountain](#) (the mountain Molden) and [Sognefjellet](#) excursion locations.

More information on the excursions and the opening week will be given during the information session on Monday 14 Aug.

### Further information

Basic information on the Master's program can be found on our [homepage](#), and you may be inspired by watching our [film](#). 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 also get access to Canvas. You should also visit our [homepage](#) for international Master's students for further information if you are a non-native student.

If you want to know more about how it is to be a student in the MACCM program and in Sogndal, get more information about the different courses and teaching activities, etc., please contact [our student buddies Paulina and Hadi](#) who just finished their first year of the program. You may contact them any time during the summer, and if you provide them with your travel information, they will try to be there to welcome you when you arrive in Sogndal. We also have a common [Facebook](#) group where old and new students and staff may be contacted.

We look forward to seeing you in Sogndal in August!

Best wishes

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## Student buddies

Hi!

We are Paulina and Hadi, and we have just finished our first year in the Climate Change Management master.

If you have any questions before you arrive, please feel free to contact us throughout the summer. Also, we will be your buddies when you arrive in Sogndal. We are excited to meet you!



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