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To prospective students in the study programme
**Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Applied
Statistics**

Dear Prospective Student.

We are happy to welcome You as a student on the study programme *Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Applied Statistics*.

The Department of Chemistry, Biotechnology and Food Sciences is responsible for Your study programme. The Department invites you to an information meeting on

**Monday, August 15, 2011, at 1.15 pm,
In the Library, in the Biotechnology building, ground floor**

We hope also that you can join our lunch for all new students and employees on *Monday, August 15th, at 12 am*. Lunch will be served in the main hall, in the Biotechnology building, ground floor.

You will find relevant information for new students here:
http://www.umb.no/sit_english/artikkel/introduction-programme-2011

The Master of Science study in Bioinformatics and Applied Statistics has two independent specializations Bioinformatics which is based on a Bachelor of Science degree or equivalent, consisting of both mathematical and biological subjects. Applied Statistics is based on a Bachelor's degree in mathematical science, containing at least 70 credits (ECTS) of mathematics and statistics in addition to at least 10 credits (ECTS) of programming. More information about the two specializations will be given on Monday August 15th, 2011.

The academic year at the University of Life Sciences is divided into five teaching periods: August block, autumn parallel, January block, spring parallel and June block. During the block periods, students read one course intensively (5 credits (ECTS)), usually ending with an exam at the end of the block period. During the parallels, students read several courses (25 – 30 credits (ECTS)).

There are no mandatory courses in the August block for students in the MSc programme in Bioinformatics and Applied Statistics, but one recommended course would be Mathematical statistics STAT250. This course starts at Monday August 15th at 9.15 am in room BT3.A16 in the Biotechnology Building. You can read more about this course here: <http://www.umb.no/search/courses/stat250>

If you choose to follow the courses, please remember still to come to the information meeting at 13.15 am on August 15th (the course responsible are informed about this information meeting). If you choose not to follow



any courses in the August block, Your study starts with the autumn parallel, the first day is Tuesday, September 6th, 2011.

There is free wireless Internet on campus Ås, for all students. In addition, most student apartments have Internet connection (wired), but please remember to bring your own Internet cable.

All students must contact their study advisor at the beginning of their study. This is to ensure that You get information about which courses You must include in your educational plan. The educational plan will vary, depending on Your background. You will find an overview over mandatory courses here:

http://www.umb.no/statisk/ikbm/2011/velkommen/study_plan_1112.pdf

On Monday, August 15th, You are welcome to join the buddy programme; a social gathering with new and old students at the Department. For more information:

http://www.umb.no/statisk/ikbm/2011/velkommen/program_buddyweek_for_molekylet.pdf

If You have questions, please contact

The Student Information Centre, +4764966100, sit@umb.no

Questions about student apartments: <http://www.sias.no/english/housing/>

If You have questions after August 8, please contact

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Welcome as a student at the University of Life Sciences!

Sincerely yours

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