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To prospective students in the study programme
Master of Science in Microbiology

Dear Prospective Student.

We are happy to welcome You as a student on the study programme *Master of Science in Microbiology*.

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 15th 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 international students here:
http://www.umb.no/sit_english/artikkel/introduction-programme-2011

The Master of Science study in Microbiology is based on a Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology, or equal. You will be given more information about the study programme and Your study opportunities 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)). A full time study equals 60 credits (ECTS) per year.

There are no mandatory courses in the August block for students in the MSc programme in Microbiology. However, we can recommend

- *MVI321 Fermentation Microbiology* (5 credits (ECTS)). This course starts on Monday, August 15th 2011, at 1.15 pm in Room MU67 (The Dairy Building). You can read more about the course here: <http://www.umb.no/search/courses/mvi321>.
- *MVI390 Immunology, Food Allergy and Intolerance* (5 credits (ECTS)). This course starts on Tuesday, August 16th 2011, at 9.15 am in Room T201 (Tårnbygget). You can read more about the course here: <http://www.umb.no/search/courses/mvi390>,



If you choose to follow one of these courses, please remember still to come to the information meeting at 1.15 pm on August 15 (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 of which 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 you 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 during the summer, 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 8th, please contact

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Welcome as a student at the University of Life Sciences!

Sincerely yours

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