



Election Programme 2026-2027

1. Principles of the List

Studentlisten has emerged as an alternative in response to the lack of effective, student-centred lists. Where other lists are often built on ideological affiliations and have clear parallels to parties in Stortinget, we have one single starting point: the students at UiB.

We believe it is important to have visions and values, but these must never come at the expense of what matters most, which is actually talking to students and understanding what they need and miss in their everyday study life. That is why Studentlisten is built on a broad foundation of elected student representatives from various levels at UiB: faculties, departments, and student organisations.

In developing Studentlisten, we have actively sought out student councils, subject committees, and organisations to listen to their experiences and needs. In our view, this is not extra work. It is the very core of representing students. Our experience, however, is that this is often deprioritised, and that is precisely why Studentlisten exists.

For us, it is essential that this work does not stop after the election. Student democracy cannot be reduced to campaign periods. It must be a continuous process in which students have real opportunities to be heard and to influence their own everyday study life.

This is the fundamental principle of Studentlisten: Representation must be rooted in students' needs and wishes, not ideological agendas.

2. Learning Environment and Everyday Student Life

Students' personal finances are under increasing pressure, and socioeconomic background has a significant impact on how one succeeds as a student. UiB must take active responsibility for leveling these differences. A good learning environment is crucial for students' health, well-being, and academic performance, but also for the desire to be on campus. To ensure comfort and student well-being, it is important that air quality is good and that water dispensers are easily accessible. All student workspaces at UiB must have access to power outlets. Spaces that are not being used can be redesigned with seating pods to create more social meeting points or workspaces for students. Students' voices must be heard in the upgrading of spaces or new builds. The University of Bergen has many older buildings that do not accommodate universal design. To retain students at UiB, social activities such as ping pong tables are also important.

Studentlisten wants to:

- Work for a learning environment that takes into account the increasing variation in students' financial and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Extend the 24-hour library scheme for the entire semester
- Ensure that students have priority at their own faculty's reading rooms and work to expand capacity during peak periods
- Ensure good ventilation systems and regular maintenance
- Install more water dispensers at all faculties
- Establish a low threshold for reporting poor indoor climate
- Ensure good access to power outlets in all reading rooms and lecture halls
- Convert underused or idle spaces into seating pods
- Involve students early in the planning of new builds and upgrades
- Follow up to ensure that student input is taken into account in final decisions
- Prioritise universal design when older buildings are upgraded
- Install ping pong tables at all faculties

3. Education, Research, and Study Quality

We are in a time when the finances of academia are increasingly marked by cuts and deprioritisation, which has direct consequences for study quality. UiB must ensure that teaching continues to provide students with good learning outcomes, with room for varied teaching methods and student-active learning models. Good teaching also requires that pedagogical competence is emphasised and that assessment methods throughout the programme give students the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and skills in different ways. For many students, placements are an important gateway to working life and must be organised so that students receive genuine follow-up and academic benefit. Artificial intelligence has changed everyday study life, and UiB must respond to this with clear, shared guidelines, good training, and an ethical approach rather than surveillance measures. UiB should also do more to enable students to gain early insight into and participate in research work as a natural part of their education.

Studentlisten wants to:

- Ensure that students encounter different teaching methods and more student-active teaching models based on team-based learning where relevant
- Work to ensure that newly hired teaching staff have stronger pedagogical skills
- Work for varied examination formats throughout the course of study
- Work to ensure that students on placements receive good follow-up from both UiB and the placement sites
- Work to make all placement courses credit-bearing
- Work for paid placements
- Work against the adoption of AI detection tools
- Work for better training in the use of AI
- Work to establish centralised AI guidelines
- Make it easier for students to participate in research projects
- Create courses and projects that provide insight into research work at the undergraduate level
- Promote the conscious use of AI through ethical and academic guidelines

4. Student Volunteering and Welfare

Loneliness is a growing problem among students and negatively affects both well-being and mental health. The University of Bergen, together with other actors, has a responsibility to prioritise measures that strengthen community and lower the threshold for social participation. Student volunteering plays a central role in this work, and student organisations must be given respect and predictable frameworks to create inclusive meeting places. International students are an important part of the student city of Bergen, but many experience barriers to participating in voluntary activities. Sammen should therefore, in cooperation with UiB and other relevant actors, work actively to lower these barriers. At the same time, access to safe and affordable housing is a fundamental prerequisite for good student welfare. UiB and the City of Bergen must make it easier to build more student housing.

Studentlisten wants to:

- Increase support for student organisations that create inclusive activities
- Give UiB-affiliated student organisations first right to reserve spaces at UiB
- Bergen Municipality must give higher priority to student organisations in the allocation of sports hall time
- UiB shall first consult Sammen about whether they wish to purchase buildings UiB plans to sell
- Grant housing projects intended to become student housing exemptions from noise requirements
- Ensure that information about student organisations and elected positions is always available in English
- Encourage student organisations to use both Norwegian and English as working languages where possible
- Increase visibility of low-threshold services for international students
- UiB shall ensure stable and financial support for student organisations
- UiB and faculty channels shall be more open to promoting student organisations
- Create a forum for student bars at UiB to strengthen the exchange of experience and build community
- Work for more low-threshold mental health services and increase the number of psychology sessions available through Sammen

5. Climate and the Environment

We face the greatest challenge of our time: the climate crisis. As a large institution with several hundred buildings, thousands of employees, and tens of thousands of students, the University of Bergen has a particular responsibility to contribute actively to the green transition. UiB has strong research groups in climate and the environment, such as the Bjerknes Centre and Polhavet 2050, but must also take clear action in its own operations, in its engagement with students, and in the dissemination of its climate research. The university must reduce its own climate footprint while making it easier for students to make environmentally friendly choices in their everyday study life. The food available on campus plays an important role in this and must make sustainable choices accessible without compromising on price or availability.

Studentlisten wants to:

- Prioritise climate measures in building management through energy efficiency, better waste management, and greener procurement
- Work for a car-free Nygårdshøyden
- Promote student-driven initiatives that contribute to the green transition, such as repair workshops, swap days, and reuse projects at faculties
- Introduce an internal carbon levy on flights paid for by UiB, with the funds going to climate measures and student-oriented environmental projects
- Improve the dissemination of UiB's climate research so that students and staff can more easily make knowledge-based choices in everyday life
- Establish a green office so that students, student organisations, and staff have a shared arena for working on green initiatives together
- Introduce a system where vegetarian food is the default option, with the possibility to opt out for meat
- Ensure affordable, accessible vegetarian and plant-based options in all Sammen canteens
- Collaborate with Sammen and UiB to cut food waste and offer more locally produced food
- Ensure that green transition measures do not come at students' expense
- Ensure that UiB involves the student democracy early in environmental measures that affect everyday study life
- Ensure that climate work at UiB is knowledge-based and easily accessible to all students

6. International Solidarity

UiB has a responsibility to stand up for academic freedom, human rights, and international law. The university should support schemes such as Scholars at Risk and Students at Risk and help ensure that students and researchers who are threatened or persecuted have the opportunity to continue their academic work. At the same time, UiB must pursue a conscious and responsible practice regarding international cooperation, procurement, and the use of services. The university should work towards ethical guidelines that ensure UiB does not contribute financially or academically to actors involved in serious violations of international law, while also considering greater European independence in digital services and infrastructure.

Studentlisten wants to:

- Support the Students at Risk and Scholars at Risk schemes
- Work for UiB to advocate for an economic and academic boycott of the state of Israel
- UiB must begin the work of phasing out American products and services in favour of European alternatives
- UiB must begin the work of phasing out products and services from companies that support or participate in violations of international law