

# **LANGUAGE STRATEGY FOR BERGEN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (BAS)**

## **Main principles**

1. BAS shall strive for good language in all communication.
2. Norwegian (Bokmål and Nynorsk) is the main language both administratively and in the first three years at BAS. The last two years are open to international students and teaching and communication takes place in English.
3. In international work, English will most often be the main language. In the Scandinavian context, one should use Norwegian.
4. Students and staff shall be encouraged to develop their own competence in both Norwegian and English. BAS shall facilitate that employees can have the necessary linguistic competence to participate actively in international professional environments.
5. Students and staff must respect linguistic diversity and use an inclusive language.
6. BAS shall, as far as practical advice, have central information about our activities in English in addition to Norwegian

## **Education**

1. Norwegian is primarily the language of instruction at BAS in the foundation level (year 1-3), while English is the language of instruction in the advanced level (year 4-5)
2. Curriculum literature should be in Norwegian where possible. English literature is used where it is most academically appropriate. Swedish and Danish can also be used.
3. BAS shall offer courses in academic writing with the aim of developing language, text and genre competence for the students
4. Unless otherwise stipulated, students may choose to prepare written assignments and presentations in Norwegian, Swedish or Danish. Students can request to answer the exam in English.

## **Research and teaching**

1. Publication can take place in English, but dissemination should take place in Norwegian where appropriate.
2. English is the main language for publication in international channels. When publishing in Norwegian, a summary should be made in English, and vice versa.
3. BAS shall stimulate, and conduct active training, in writing professional articles, also in English

## **Language requirements for employees**

1. Administrative staff at BAS must master both Norwegian and English. Language requirements must be clear from the announcement text.
2. Employees in academic/professional positions must master Norwegian and / or English. Good skills in Danish or Swedish can be equated with Norwegian. For positions advertised internationally, requirements for Norwegian upon appointment must be clear from the announcement text.