

STA`s Policy paper 2021-2023

The policy paper establishes the basic principles of the Student Organization of Agder (STA), and is the highest political document in the organization

Equal right to education

Public higher education in Norway shall be free and the full-time student shall be realized. One must actively work towards equalizing the differences that prevent the individual person to participate in and to finish higher education.

Quality culture and decorum

Higher education shall be of a high quality, internationally oriented, research- based and relevant for the society. Education, research, and dissemination shall be characterized by critical thinking.

Academia shall consist of a quality culture where the academic community is founded on the idea of students` as partners.

Student involvement must be present in all parts and shall contribute to a continuous development of the quality culture.

Higher education shall contribute to academic decorum. It shall give the students` tools to develop analytic qualities, to understand critical thinking and contribute to the development of a professional and ethical sense. This shall give the students` the tools to ask the critical questions in the development of academia but also in the society as participating citizens.

Internationalization and solidarity

Higher education shall be an arena for internationalization of education, knowledge, and culture. Internationalisation shall be viewed as a resource and must therefore be invested in to ensure international perspectives among students and employees.

A global mindset shall build bridges towards new ways of cooperation, both on and outside the campus. The university shall facilitate for exchange being the norm among national students. Students exchanging to UiA shall be more included in the student environment.

The students` right of safety, academic freedom and democratic rights is a fight academia internationally shall stand together on.

Academia`s social responsibility

Norwegian academia shall consist of professional autonomous institutions that values academic freedom. It is especially important to protect the students and employees' freedom of speech, rights, and professional freedom. Academia should be an active participant in the common public debate.

Education, research, and innovation is important to build up and develop the society. Therefore, academia must have answers on the challenges society is up against both regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Academia, in cooperation with the surroundings, must ensure that people can learn their whole life to meet the challenges of the future.

Academia must be aware of its responsibility and make visible the ways it answers the challenges the society is up against.

The learning environment and diversity

Higher education shall be inclusive and diverse, in addition to being characterised by co-creation with internal and external actors in the surroundings. There shall be zero tolerance for bullying and harassment in higher education.

Students' rights and learning environment must strengthen. Everyone that studies at UiA shall experience mastery and have a learning environment that gives room to succeed with their studies. In addition to this, the university shall insure students against accidents and injuries on an equal footing with employees.

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