

The Norwegian Police University College

The Norwegian Police University College (PHS) is the national education institution for police service and county administrative officials in Norway, with its own board as its highest authority. Administratively, PHS resides under the Norwegian Police Directorate, and its purpose is to provide fundamental training for service in the police service or county administration, as well as further and continuing education for employees of the department. PHS also carries out research and development and handles work-related communication within its professional areas. PHS has four college locations: Oslo, Bodø, Stavern and Kongsvinger.



Pic: PHS Bodø

The objective of PHS is to train police officers, both men and women, to act independently and analytically, and to be conscious of their own opinions, attitudes and choices in their everyday work.

Bachelor - Police Studies

The Norwegian Police University College offers a 3-year program that leads to a Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS credits - European Credit Transfer System). The program is professionally oriented and intended to provide a broad theoretical and practical foundation for police work as a generalist.

Masters in Police Science

The Norwegian Police University College offers a Masters degree in Police Science. The degree is organized as a part-time study over three years (six terms) and is worth 120 ECTS credits. The admissions are scheduled for 2015.

The purpose of this Masters degree in Police Science is to meet the need for higher analysis and research competence within the police service by developing police science as an academic discipline closely linked to police practice. The objective is to reinforce the skills of the police service for knowledge-defined and strategic police work with the emphasis on crime prevention.

The course qualifies students for a variety of national and international police assignments, such as analysis tasks, teaching assignments, project management and strategic steering, preventative and knowledge-based police work, and research in the field of police science.



Pic: PHS Oslo

Further and continuing education

The Norwegian Police University College (PHS) runs more than 40 different courses of further and continuing education. Most of these courses provide successful students with recognised qualifications rated at between 5 and 30 ECTS credits. Both further and continuing education courses at PHS are designed to contribute to the development of skills and abilities among course participants, thus reinforcing the overall competency level of the entire department. The courses are progressively adapted to accommodate developments in society and criminality, and are designed to meet the skills requirements defined within the department. The courses are to be firmly rooted in both theoretical and experience-based knowledge.

PHS places emphasis on providing relevant and contemporary training within a range of professional areas and for different target groups within the department. Further and continuing training courses will be increasingly made available to participants from collaborating departments with a view to promoting cross-boundary interaction and shared problem-solving.

Research

Through its research, the Norwegian Police University College is to contribute to the continued development of the police service and to assuring that the service remains knowledge-based, critical and analytical.

Police Science is an interdisciplinary field of research that is currently being developed at both national and international levels. New professional areas and research-based training courses are appearing all the time. Critical and constructive research at The Norwegian Police University College (PHS) is to contribute to making police work more knowledge-based and to developing police science as a discipline closely linked to practice.

Police Science can be defined as following: «Police Science is the scientific study of the police as an institution and of policing as a process. As an applied discipline it combines methods and subjects of other neighboring disciplines within the field of policing. It includes all of what the police do and all aspects from outside than have an impact on policing and public order» (Jaschke et al. 2007). Police research also contributes knowledge to central authorities and to society in general.

PHS has four focus areas for research:

- The police service as a societal institution
- The organisation, culture and behaviour of the police service
- Police strategy, practice and methods
- The challenges facing the police