

# Liberal Liste.

We have strong faith in creativity, responsibility and diversity of the individual human. We want to achieve equal opportunities for everyone to find their preferred way in life. As social liberals we understand that different people have various wishes and needs and come from different backgrounds. This fact shall also be reflected in higher education.

The Liberal List is sceptical against the practise of conserving systems for their own sake and means that the individual student is more important than the system. The university needs to show pragmatism and flexibility in its encounter with the individual student, and the course of studies should be adapted to the individual's wishes and needs as much as possible.

## **Freedom**

#### Internationalisation

An international university environment requires **sufficient resources to provide Norwegian language classes** on all levels. Today's system with placement tests ought to be preserved, however the university should make it possible for everyone who passes these tests to receive a place in an according class in the same semester.

#### **Diversity**

A good university is a place where we are challenged not only in our fields, but also politically, philosophically and socially. Therefore it is natural that **all political and religious activity is permitted on campus.** 

The Liberal List wants to **treat all student groups equal.** We want to maintain support to a heterogeneous variety of student organisations, even if some of the things that some organisations stand for may be perceived as being controversial, illiberal or against common sense. **Freedom of speech** is important and the student parliament shall not act as thought police. However freedom of speech does not include freedom from criticism.

## **Flexibility**

Everyone shall have the possibility to study when, how and where they want. Therefore we demand that more lectures shall be made accessible as **video lectures**. As a main rule **no lectures and seminars shall be mandatory**. Those who want attendance of their courses to be mandatory ought to justify this from a professional viewpoint.

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Responsibility for one's own learning includes the possibility to study whenever you want. We demand **longer opening hours** for the university, kiosk, main cafeteria, coffee bar and the libraries. It ought to be possible to enter university also during weekends and in the evening. All students should receive **key cards** for this purpose.

The Liberal List demands that each student should be free to choose if they wish to pass their **written school exams on paper or electronically on a PC**. Such a reform will contribute to everyone being able to reveal their full potential, regardless of handwriting or other handicaps, and it will be a first step towards the **paperless university**. Death to dead trees!

We demand **better and more detailed feedback on exams**. In order to improve the quality of evaluation, evaluation deadlines need to be re-evaluated.

And finally, we want education stay free for everyone!

## **Environment**

The Liberal List wants to make the university a more eco-friendly place by going in for **responsible use of resources** and an increased focus on eco-friendly solutions. As an important factor in society and on account of it being a large consumer, the university is in a position to function as an example and contribute significantly to a **cleaner future**.

#### Limit the use of paper

It should be possible to **study paperless** to a maximum extent. All documents shall be distributed electronically and all home exams shall be delivered digitally. Not only will paper be saved that way, a disposal of paper as main medium will **eliminate emissions** connected to the transportation of the material as well as of the product.

The university libraries shall receive new books as **e-books**. This will ease study life in combination with the above mentioned measures, as the same material will be accessible for several people at the same time.

We demand Fair Trade coffee and tea in all cafeterias.

The University of Tromsø shall be the most eco-friendly institution in town and shall strive to be climate-neutral.

# Welfare

We call for a food selection in SiTø's cafeterias and the Mix-kiosk, that is also directed towards people with **special dietary needs** (vegetarian, glucose/lactose intolerance, halal, etc.) and for **accessible prices**.

Further **relevant student jobs** need to be created on campus.

#### Housing

Additional reasonably priced housing units of an appropriate standard need to be build and they need to be build now! A **comprehensive**, **student-friendly housing policy** needs to be developed. Tromsø commune needs to make plots close to the city centre available for building student houses and use its right of preemption to the advantage of all students. At the same time it needs to be investigated, to which extent unused **houses in the city centre** can be used as temporary student houses.

The rents are too damn high for housing units without access to a **wireless network**. SiTø's rooms and flats are connected to the university network, which makes the purchase of a few WiFi-routers to provide access to eduroam in all homes a minor investment.

The unethical monitoring of all internet traffic in the student houses is an outraging violation of the right to privacy, which UiT should not stand for. We demand that the surveillance of our homes is put to an end immediately!

#### Support of student organisations

The Liberal List wants to strengthen student organisations and **encourage an increase of on-campus activity.** In order to achieve this, student organisations visible on campus, need to be **prioritised in the allocation of funding.** 

## **Aesthetics**

We call for a **larger variety of art on campus** and demand that parts of the decorations get replaced frequently. Such measures will lead to an increase of variety and help to **support more artists**. The art can be swapped between buildings.

For practical and aesthetic reasons we demand better lighting outside on the campus area.