



**UiO : University of Oslo**

# **UiO collaboration with Australia - student mobility**



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# Some history

## 1995-96

First exchange agreements  
with 3 «no 2» universities.

71 Norwegian students in Australia

## 2002-03

13 cooperation agreements, incl 6 «Group of 8».

4545 Norwegian students in Australia, 54 from UiO.

## 2012-13

14 cooperation agreements, 7 «Group of 8»

1930 Norwegian students in Australia, 86 from UiO.





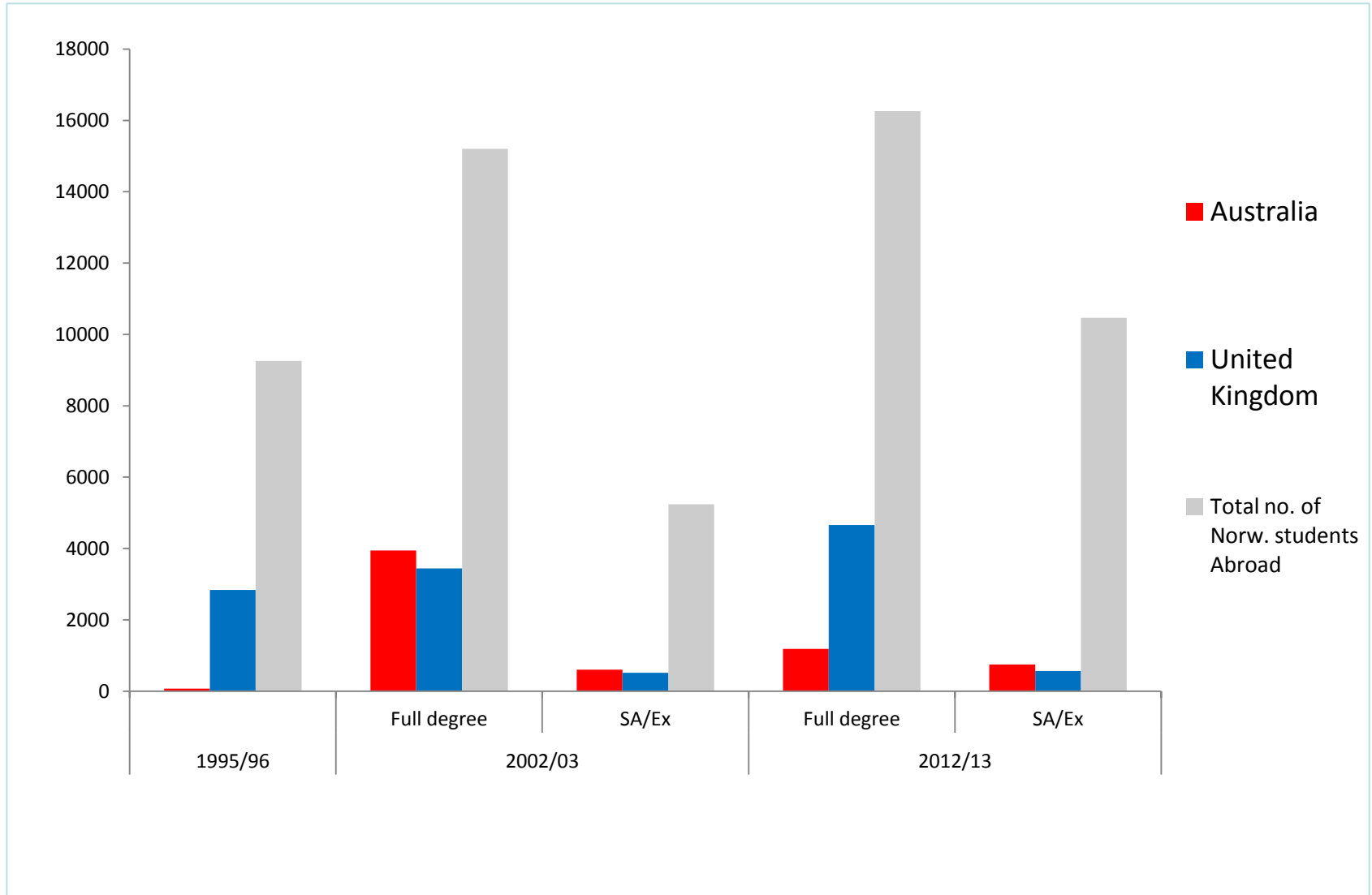


University of  
Western Australia, Perth

University of  
New South Wales,  
Sydney



# Norwegian students abroad



# Taking control

- Visit partners together with academic staff
- Direct cooperation in all student mobility (no agents)
- UiO: Group of 1 in Norway
- Focus on reciprocity and balance in the student exchange
- Participate in the annual exchange fair circuit

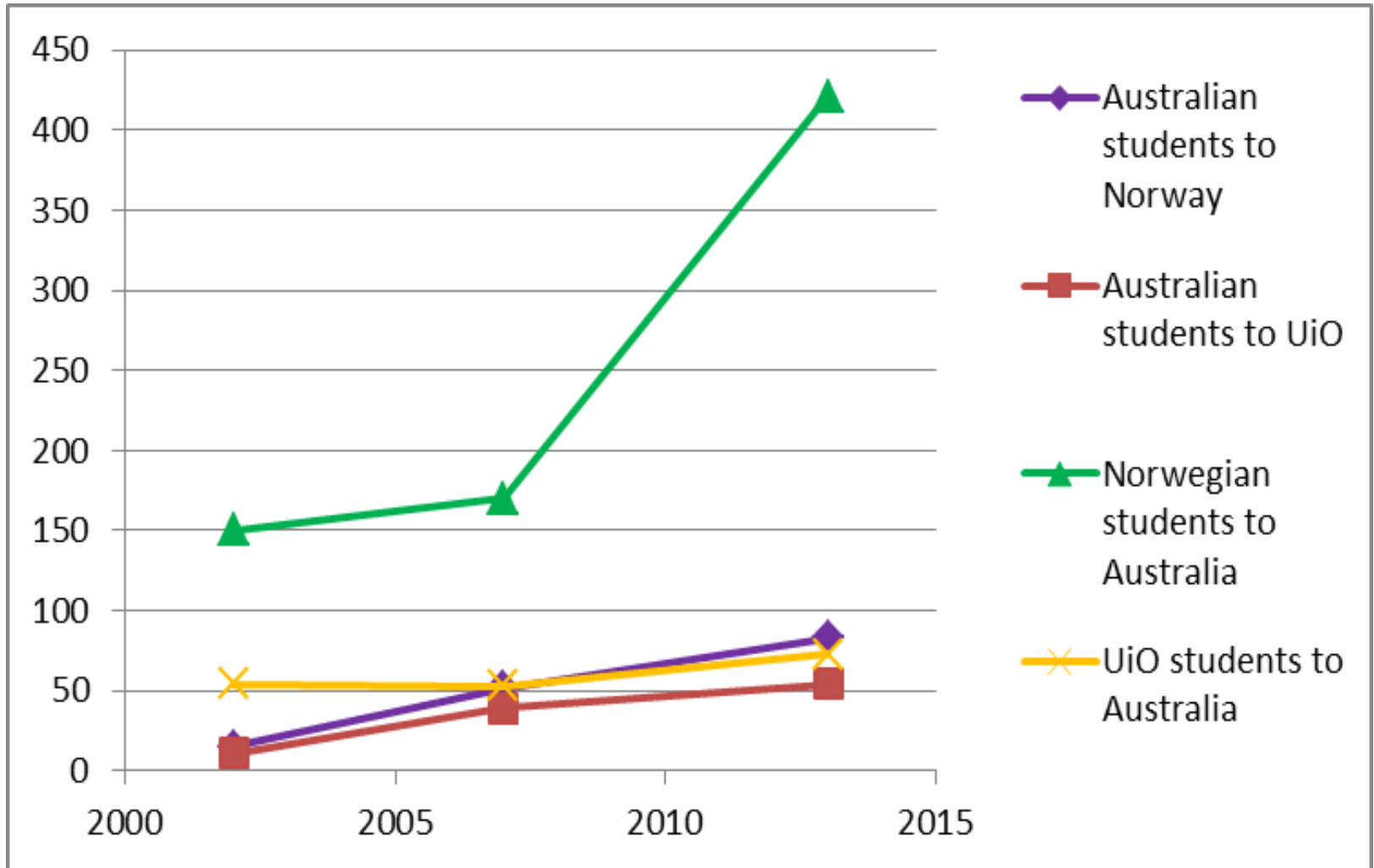


# Exchange Fair Circuit





# Reciprocity



# A Success Story: The Faculty of Medicine



- Started early (2000)
- Offers relevant and interesting course package in English
- High level engagement + resources
- Regular visits and teacher mobility
- Focus on 3 partners in Australia



## **From an article written by a U of Melbourne student on exchange in Oslo in 2011**

Recently I have come back from a six-month stint in the capital city of Norway, Oslo.(..) I joined 100 other medical students at the University of Oslo for the Women's and Children's Medicine program.

Combining a subculture of dark humour, obsessive skiing, punk rock mixed with medieval history and high taxes, Scandinavia is truly a unique place.

One of the highest taxed, most expensive countries in the world, it is a land of amusing contrasts, eccentric tastes and outstanding performance in governance and medicine.

It was a pleasure to visit.



**Thank you for listening!**