

Field report semester abroad

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Study programme at the EUF
B.A. European Cultures and Society
Combination of subjects (for Educational Students)
Country
Norway
Partner university
University of Bergen
Semester abroad (e.g. fall semester 2016/17)
Spring semester 2018/19
Duration of the semester abroad (lectures and examinations)
6 months
Preparation
<p>If you prefer to live in a student dormitory then you have to apply early on, and use the reservation code that the student housing team is sending you (which guarantees you to have a place).</p> <p>If you are interested in applying for a free Norwegian language course at the uni (all levels are available), again, you have to be early, because the places get filled up quick.</p>

Studies at the partner university (e.g. period of lectures, language of instruction, courses offered, type of examination)

All the courses I took on were taught in English. There are lectures, seminars, and workshops; usually courses that are a lot of credit consist of both a lecture and a seminar. Examination can be either a take-home paper or an exam that takes place at the uni. Oftentimes there is a task or there are several smaller (group)tasks during the semester that you have to complete in order to be allowed to take the exam at the end. (All of these technical information can be found on the university's website when you search for a particular course.)

Life in the host country (e.g. living, shopping, leisure, costs)

The simplest way to say this is that everything costs twice as much in Bergen than in Flensburg, especially groceries; but there are a lot of leisure activities organized by the uni that are free.

A gym membership for an entire semester including every sport and the swimming pool is around 112 euros.

And if you get lucky you can pay around 300 euros for accommodation in one of the student dormitories. (The prices are normally higher, but a rent of around 300 euros is also possible.)

Practical tips/conclusion

Once the dates of the courses are published, you really should check them out (before you apply for them) because there are many that (more or less) follow each other instead of happening during the same period. Meaning, a course could last from February to March (with the exam also happening at the end of March) and then another course could start in March and go on until May (with the exam happening in May).

(But of course there are a lot of examples of the “normal” structure too, meaning, you have all your courses throughout the semester and then you have all your exams at the end, around May and June. Important thing is to look before you choose so you won’t be surprised.)

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