



## Erfahrungsbericht Auslandssemester

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<b>Studiengang an der EUF</b>
B.A European Cultures and Society
<b>Fächerkombination (falls BABW)</b>
<b>Gastland</b>
Norway
<b>Gasthochschule</b>
University of Bergen
<b>Semester im Ausland (z.B. WiSe 2016/17)</b>
WiSe 2019/20
<b>Dauer des Auslandssemesters (Vorlesungen und Prüfungen)</b>
4 months
<b>Vorbereitung</b>
<p>I participated in the Norwegian language course offered at the University of Flensburg and informed myself online about the university and the courses I planned on taking there. I would recommend to save the checklist for international students provided at the partner-university website, since it is necessary to really do all the steps listed there within the given deadlines. Another thing, I would recommend to everyone who is planning to spend a semester in Norway, is to plan out your financial situation. Norway is really expensive and it is likely to underestimate the prices there. I planned with a budget per month twice as high as I use here in Germany and it turned out to be just sufficient.</p> <p>Lastly, if you don't want to share a room, start as early as possible to look for a place to stay! It is super difficult to get a place to stay outside of the student dorms, which in many cases force students to share rooms, because single rooms or apartments are limited or not available for Erasmus students. I only applied for single rooms but got a shared one. You only have two days to accept or deny the room they offer you, so if you plan on denying the offer of an shared room, you should already have an alternative.</p>

**Studium an der Partner-Hochschule (z.B. Vorlesungszeitraum, Unterrichtssprache, Kursangebot, Prüfungsform)**

My studies at the partner-university were surprisingly easy-going. In my opinion, they are really generous with the credits you get for each course ( I only needed to take two courses to get 30 credit points) In general I really enjoyed the lectures and can say that I learned a lot. The course catalogue is really broad and the university has multiple faculties you can choose from. For EUCS students the social science faculty is probably the most interesting. They also offer a wide range of courses in English. The semester in Norway starts very early (in the beginning of August) but also ends already before Christmas. The exams were fair, but many are electronic exams, which require that you have a laptop which supports the software you have to download in order to take them.

**Das Leben im Gastland (z.B. Wohnen, Einkaufen, Freizeit, Kosten)**

Everything is more expensive, which is why it is really important to plan your finances accordingly in order to have a nice stay.

As an international student you receive support in almost all areas by the student organisation „Sammen“. There you also have a housing guarantee for their student dorms. Although as already mentioned, there you are most likely put in a shared apartment (with 8 or 16 persons) and also a shared room. If you don't want that you should start early to try to find something outside of this organisation. But apart from that, the student dorms were clean and modern. Also you get in contact with a lot of other international students and (at least in my case) get integrated easily and quickly. The student dorm was equipped with a gym, a grocery store, a reception, a train station and a club/common area.

Unlike here, the university doesn't provide you with a ticket for public transportation, so you have to buy that yourself (6 month ticket = around 150Euro). You need public transport to get to the university from the student dorm so there is no way of avoiding to buy that.

For activities in your free time, I would recommend bringing some hiking equipment, since the nature and mountains surrounding Bergen shouldn't be missed out on.

### Praktische Tipps/Fazit

To summarize, during your stay in Norway you get really well guided through everything in regards to organization, housing and university. The student organization offers you all you need. The university offers an interesting course catalogue and the lectures are informative and the amount of work is doable.

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Pictures from the Trolltunga hike.



As a student you have free access or get student discounts to multiple museums.