Norway
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) Adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for a UCEAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA Adviser for this program.

COVID-19 Information

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. UCEAP has been updating their website’s Coronavirus Notice with up-to-date information. Please check this website for the most up to date information about which programs are running in the 2022-23 academic year.

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“Why Norway may be your kind of study abroad.” The Californian Abroad, December 14, 2016.
University of Oslo (Fall, Spring, Year)

Oslo is a welcoming and bike-friendly city just minutes from nature. Compared to Berkeley, days become much shorter (and colder) in the winter and much longer in the summer. Previous program participants encourage either arriving early before the start of fall semester or staying later after spring semester to take advantage of the beautiful summer season. In addition to city activities like restaurants and cafes, hiking and camping are common activities near Oslo.

Housing

Students live in dorms and they are relatively inexpensive compared to Berkeley housing. Expect to utilize communal kitchens. There are several options of buildings that will vary in geographic location (for instance, Grunnerlokka is in the city center whereas Kringsja is near the lake and forest) and there is a wide variance of the age of buildings. Buildings may not be within walking distance to campus, and most students will bicycle to and from classes.

Academics

A wide variety of coursework is available in English at the University of Oslo. Classes may meet less often than at UC Berkeley, but for a longer duration. In many cases, final exams determine the course grade.

Student Life

Program alumni encourage putting oneself out there in order to make Norwegian friends and taking advantage of the Erasmus activities for planned trips.

Oslo Summer

Enjoy the long days of Norwegian summer while taking courses at the University of Oslo’s International Summer school. Note that you will be in classes and living with students from countries outside of Norway, so this is a great program to make friends from all over the world.