Exchange Program with University of Bergen Faculty of Law in Bergen, Norway

The University of Bergen faculty is well known for criminal law, private law, and intellectual property law. The campus is steps away from the heart of the city as well as minutes away from mountain hiking. During the 2021-2022 academic year, no Minnesota Law students participated in the semester exchange with Bergen.

Summary of Course Offerings
See the list of courses and their descriptions on the course overview page.

Semester Dates
Fall semester: early August through end of December
Spring semester: early January through end of June

Language of instruction
English

Courses/Credits/Grades
Courses are typically 10 ECTS credits each and a standard course load is 30 ECTS per semester.
2 ECTS credits = 1 Minnesota credit; maximum of 15 Minnesota credits may be transferred.

Registration and Housing
Students select courses as part of the online application process. Exchange students are guaranteed housing if they stay at least one semester and apply within the designated application period. See the student accommodation page for more details.

Minnesota Law Enrollment
Register for 12-15 credits worth of classes at Minnesota Law as usual for the term you will be away. Before leaving for your semester abroad, contact the Law School registrar at lawreg@umn.edu to convert your credits to Off-campus Legal Studies.

Financial Aid and Tuition Payment
Financial aid will remain in effect for the semester you are in Norway. Please make arrangements to have the balance (after tuition is deducted) sent to you in Norway if disbursement occurs after you have departed the U.S.

Insurance
CISI health insurance is required and will cover you while you are outside of the country. Complete the U of M’s travel registration which includes CISI coverage. Once you have signed up, you will receive proof of insurance. U of M student health coverage for the semester is about $1,000.00. It is highly recommended in the event you need to return home for any reason prior to the end of the semester. This expense has not been included in the estimated budget.
Travel Documents
You must have a valid passport to travel abroad. If you do not have a passport, please apply immediately. You will need a visa to enter Norway. Your student visa must be obtained BEFORE you leave the U.S. You will not be able to get it after you arrive in Norway.

Cancellation Policy

Student Cancellation Due to Program Changes
In the event that course offerings to exchange students are changed so as to offer no comparable program of study, or changes in other significant aspects of the program occur, you are entitled to a full refund of any and all tuition and fees paid should you find the program as altered unsuitable to your goals.

State Department Advisories
The most current Consular Information Sheet on Norway is available on the internet at [http://travel.state.gov/](http://travel.state.gov/) in the event the U.S. State Department issues any information or warning about current events in Norway which would impact your safety, or the stability in the geographic region, you will be notified via your U of M email account and telephone prior to your departure. If, based upon the information conveyed to you, you wish to cancel your enrollment in the program, you will receive a full refund of any and all tuition and fees paid.

Cancellation of Program by University of Minnesota Law School
The University of Minnesota Law School reserves the right to cancel this program within six weeks prior to the start of classes for the semester in which you intend to enroll. The Law School has never exercised this option and cancellation is not expected to occur this year. In the event of cancellation, however, arrangements will be made to permit you to enroll in courses offered at the University of Minnesota Law School.

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Accessibility
Visit the [students with special needs page](#) to learn more about the support Bergen provides related to accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
### Estimated Costs of Living in Norway, 2022-23

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Fees and Resident* Tuition – U of M Law School (for 2021-22) $23,320

Estimated average living expenses for five months 4,400

Semester-long expense: Books & supplies 300

Semester Fee 65

Mandatory CISI health coverage for five months** 240

**ESTIMATED TOTAL: $28,325

**NOTES: No estimate for round trip air travel is included in this proposed budget. University of Minnesota student health coverage is not included in this proposed budget.

# All estimates associated with living expenses are based on information provided by the Bergen [How to Finance Your Studies website](#)

* Non-resident tuition and fees total $27,808 for one semester

** The University of Minnesota requires any student spending a semester abroad to purchase this coverage