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1. Welcome

Welcome to the University of Bergen. It is an honour and a privilege to have you as a student. We hope that your stay at the university will be an interesting and rewarding experience both for you and for us.

There are undoubtedly challenges in store for you. Daily life in Norway may be different from what you are accustomed to. By carefully planning your stay, we hope that you can avoid some of the frustrations and problems that might arise.

We hope that this booklet will answer some of the questions you might have when planning your stay in Bergen as a newly arrived international student at the University of Bergen. But please remember that although we try our best to assist you, you are responsible for obtaining all the necessary information yourself. We therefore encourage you to stay updated using the available sources of information.

Best regards

Division of Academic Affairs



2. Norway

Path to the North

The name Norway is thought to mean 'Path to the North'. Norway consists of the western and northern parts of the Scandinavian Peninsula, as well as the northern territories of Jan Mayen and the Svalbard Archipelago. In addition, Bouvet Island, Peter I Island, and Queen Maud Land in the southern hemisphere are Norwegian territory.

Considering Norway's location in the far north, the country's mainland climate is surprisingly mild. Norway's climate fluctuates greatly from year to year, especially in the northernmost parts of the country, which are located at the edge of the global temperate zone. More information about the Norwegian climate can be found at yr.no/english.

Although Norway is Europe's sixth largest country in terms of land mass, it is sparsely populated and ranks only 28th in terms of population. The population is only 4,858,200.

Government, Society and Economy

Norway is a constitutional monarchy and has a democratic parliamentary system of government. Both the democratic system and the monarchy were established by the Constitution of 1814. Parliamentaryism was introduced in 1884. Today, the King has little real political power, but has an important symbolic function as the Head of State and official representative of Norwegian society.

Norway is one of the few countries in Europe which has not joined the European Union, but it is a member of the European Economic Area (EEA). Through the EEA Agreement, Norway also participates, albeit with no voting rights, in a number of EU agencies and programmes, including industrial, environmental, educational and research programmes.

The Sámi Parliament is the national elective assembly for the Sámi of Norway. The traditional Sámi settlement area extends over four countries: Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden. The Sámi people inhabited these areas long before the establishment of state boundaries, and they are therefore

recognised as an indigenous people in Norway. The traditional sources of livelihood of the Sámi people include reindeer husbandry, hunting and fishing, farming and Sámi handicrafts.

Norway has traditionally not had a large bourgeoisie, and the vast majority of Norwegians were farmers and fishermen right up until the 20th century. Only a small percentage of Norway's land area is suitable for productive agriculture or forestry, but the country is richly endowed with natural resources, including fish, timber, hydroelectric power, petroleum and natural gas. In fact, Norway is Europe's second largest producer of oil, and its fourth largest producer of natural gas. These resources, particularly those in the offshore sector, have helped Norway to develop into one of the world's richest countries per capita. This is partly due to the country's proximity to the important markets of Western Europe and its easy access to energy, widespread industrialisation, political stability and high educational standards. Norway also has longstanding maritime traditions, and is the fourth largest shipping nation in the world.

Norway is a welfare state, and an active policy of social distribution has been implemented as a means of sharing the nation's wealth. This policy has led to increased income equalisation, irrespective of geography, gender, age or profession, and it has helped to create a more financially and socially cohesive society.

Today, you will find that many Norwegians are firm believers in gender equality. Approximately 60% of students who graduate from Norwegian universities and university colleges are women, and, since the 1980s, women have occupied almost 50% of government ministerial posts. Norway is also one of the few countries in the world with paternity leave for fathers.

The majority of Norwegians are members of the Protestant State Church. Although there is no separation of church and state, all inhabitants have the right to practice their religion freely.

You can find more information about Norway at the Norwegian Tourist Board's website: visitnorway.com or norway.com

3. The City of Bergen

The City

Bergen has about 251,000 inhabitants. The city is situated on Norway's mountainous west coast. The city's green areas and tree-lined streets and lakes, and its spectacular setting between the mountains and the sea are striking features that impress many visitors. Bergen's average annual rainfall of more than 2,000 mm has made colourful umbrellas a common sight in the urban landscape, particularly during the autumn. Considering the city's latitude of 60 degrees north, the winters are relatively mild, with only rare and short cold spells. Skiing conditions in Bergen are therefore unreliable, but nearby mountains offer relatively stable snow conditions. The city is also the gateway to the fjords, one of Norway's biggest natural tourist attractions. Two West Norwegian fjords are in fact among the natural sites on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

History

Bergen has a long history of shipping, fishing and trade. German Hanseatic merchants settled here in the early Middle Ages and gave the city a continental feel which is still visible in the city's architecture, in the names

of shops, and can also be detected in certain words used in the local dialect.

Culture in Bergen

The city has a remarkably dynamic cultural life. The close relationship between the composer Edvard Grieg and the city has contributed to an active involvement in music, and the city has a symphony orchestra of high international standard. The Bergen International Festival, held each year at the end of May, is a major cultural event. Den Nationale Scene (DNS), the city's main theatre where Henrik Ibsen was once artistic director, is located right in the heart of the city. The city's cultural traditions continue today, with modern dance and theatre ensembles and a strong, internationally recognised rock and electronic music scene. The city has a wide variety of cafés, pubs, bars and restaurants which serve specialities from all over the world. See chapter 12 for more information about culture in Bergen.

Students in Bergen

Bergen is the administrative and educational centre of Western Norway.

During the academic year, the city of Bergen is home to more than 25,000 students, or about 10% of the city's population. There are a number of higher education institutions in Bergen, but the majority of students attend UiB. Approximately 60% of the students at the University of Bergen come from Western Norway. International students make up roughly 10% of the student body. The majority of these students are taking part in international exchange programmes.

You can find more information about Bergen at the Bergen Tourist Board's website visitbergen.com.

How to Get to Bergen

By plane: Bergen Airport Flesland has daily connections to European airports. The two largest airlines in Norway are SAS (sas.no) and Norwegian (norwegian.no).

Airport shuttle buses depart from the airport to the city centre every 15 minutes on weekdays and shortly after flight arrivals at weekends. The fare is currently NOK 90.

By train: The railway station is situated in the centre of Bergen. Trains operated by NSB depart for/arrive from Oslo several times a day.

By bus: The bus station is located next to the railway station. Nor-way Buss express buses depart for/arrive from Oslo 2–4 times a day.

For more information about travelling to Bergen, please visit visitbergen.com or norway.com

4. The University of Bergen (UiB)

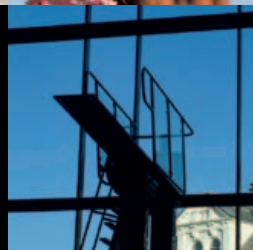
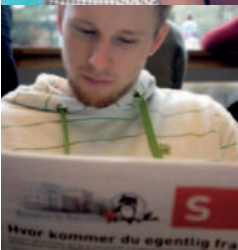
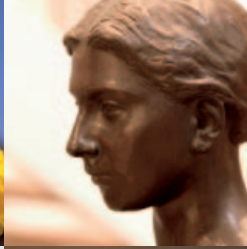
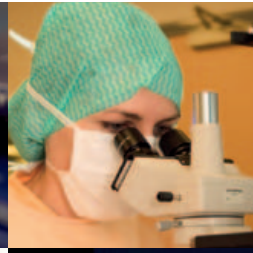
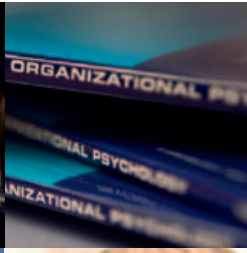
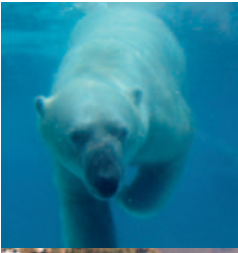
History

Although the University of Bergen (UiB) was formally established in 1946, its history goes back to renowned Norwegian pioneers such as Fritjof Nansen, Vilhelm Bjerknes and Armauer Hansen. In the 1890s, Fridtjof Nansen, the polar explorer and oceanographer, inaugurated a series of summer courses in marine sciences at Bergen Museum. Later, in the 1920s, Professor Vilhelm Bjerknes, founder of the Bergen School of Meteorology, developed methods for weather forecasting which are still in use today. Haukeland University Hospital dates back to the time of Dr Armauer Hansen, who discovered the leprosy bacterium in 1873.

With its 14,500 students and around 3,200 faculty and staff, the University of Bergen is a medium-size European university. There are a diverse range of people from many disciplines at UiB, and the University offers 150 study programmes and over 3,000 different courses. The university has earned a reputation as Norway's most international university, and, even on a

European scale, its record in international activities is noteworthy. It has over 30 years of experience in building relationships and cooperating with universities in many parts of the world, particularly in Europe, North America, Eastern and Southern Africa, and Asia. About 1,200 students from all over the world study at UiB. In addition, the university sends students to more than 50 different countries each year.

The University of Bergen is also the most urban university in Norway, with most of its campus concentrated in the heart of Bergen. Courses such as natural and social sciences, psychology, arts and law are all taught at the main campus at Nygårdshøyden, an area which contains a mix of houses, shops and academic departments and faculties. Årstadvollen is the university's medical campus next to Haukeland University Hospital where the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry is located.



The Six Faculties

The University of Bergen (UiB) is divided into six faculties:

- The Faculty of Humanities
- The Faculty of Law
- The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
- The Faculty of Psychology
- The Faculty of Social Sciences

The University of Bergen has about 60 specialised departments, centres and institutes. There are several interdisciplinary centres. Many of the centres are responsible for study programmes. Among these are the Centre for Development Studies, the Centre for Studies of Environment and Resources and the Centre for International Health.

Teaching Language

The teaching language at the University of Bergen is Norwegian, and a good knowledge of Norwegian is essential for regular degree students. However, UiB offers more than 30 Master's programmes and several courses taught in English. All these programmes and courses are described on the website uib.no/education.

Degrees

Since 2003, Norway has been adapting its system to meet the objectives of the Bologna process for European higher education. Most of the elements have been implemented through the Quality Reform. A central part of this work has been the implementation of a degree system with a Bachelor, Master and PhD structure which follows European standards.

With the introduction of the new degree system, it has become easier for students who complete all, or part of, their education in Norway to obtain recognition for their qualifications in other countries.

For more information on the Norwegian degree system, please visit nokut.no or uib.no/education.

The **Bachelor's degree** is awarded after three years of study and is equivalent to 180 ECTS credits. Students normally take undergraduate courses equivalent to 90 ECTS credits with a major in a certain subject, which is the main part of the selected programme. Please note that the University of Bergen only offers Bachelor's programmes taught in Norwegian.

The **Master's degree** is obtained after two years of study, equivalent to 120 ECTS credits. The Master's degree includes postgraduate courses with a high level of specialisation based on the Bachelor's degree. Students will be required to write a thesis equivalent to 60 ECTS credits, or in some cases 30 ECTS credits.

For internationalisation purposes, a number of Master's courses and Master's programmes taught in English have been introduced at the University of Bergen. These Master's programmes are open to international students who wish to take a complete Master's degree at UiB. Please visit the web page uib.no/education for more information about application procedures and deadlines.

Professional degrees: The University of Bergen offers various professional programmes. These programmes are of four to six years' duration and cover disciplines such as law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, psychology and teacher training. The professional programmes are taught in Norwegian.

The **Doctoral degree (PhD)** is awarded after three years of study following completion of a Master's degree or a professional programme. In addition to completing a doctoral thesis under contract-bound supervision, the candidate must complete obligatory training in scientific theory and method. At least one semester is reserved for the researcher training programme. Students who have obtained a Master's degree may apply for permission to submit a thesis for the PhD degree. No obligatory training is required for this.

Please note that a good command of the English language is recommended if you wish to attend classes in either Master's programmes or PhD programmes.

For more information see uib.no/phd/en.

5. Studying at UiB

The First Week at UiB

During the first week of the semester, you will be given necessary practical information as well as an introduction to student life in general. The Introductory Programme and the Mentor Week (autumn semester only) both take place during the first week of the semester. The Introductory Programme will guide you through all the formalities and practical matters concerning your studies and your stay in Norway. The Mentor Week introduces you to leisure activities and social events.

Introductory Programme

We recommend that all new international students take part in the Introductory Programme. You will receive your own personal 'welcome information' envelope and detailed 'Semester Start' brochure, and you will be guided through all the necessary formalities. This is also an excellent opportunity to meet other newly arrived international students.

As part of the Introductory Programme, you will also meet with your faculty and/or department within the first few days of the semester.

More information and programme details will be available at uib.no/education.

Please check the website regularly prior to your arrival for changes and updates.

Mentor Week

The Mentor Week is only held during the autumn semester. You will meet both international and Norwegian students through various social and academic get-togethers. Mentors will guide you and your fellow students through a week filled with social activities.

Computers and E-mail

Students at UiB must have access to computer services in order to complete their studies. In order to access these services, you must open your own user account the day after you have completed your semester registration on our StudentWeb.

The most important channels of information between you and the university are your UiB e-mail account, your personal pages 'My Space', and the web. Make sure that you check your e-mail regularly. More information and details will be provided in the Introductory Programme and the 'Semester Start' brochure, as well as at uib.no/education.

Workload and Lectures

The academic year is divided into two semesters, and one semester's full workload is 30 ECTS credits. The University of Bergen offers a variety of courses, involving different working methods and means of assessment. Some courses have compulsory assignments and attendance while others have a freer structure. Attending lectures is nonetheless an excellent way of being introduced to the course material. In addition, some courses also offer lab work, field trips, seminars and discussions which put knowledge and understanding into practice. Detailed course information, schedules and curriculum will be published at uib.no/education.

Students admitted to a study programme will receive regular guidance and monitoring as well as an Individual Education Plan detailing the student and the institution's mutual commitments, to which both parties must agree.

Reading and Computer Rooms

All faculties have both reading rooms and computer rooms available. There are also designated areas where you can use your own laptop. You may also use the services provided by the various faculty libraries. All students must respect the rules and regulations that apply in reading rooms.

The University Library (UB)

The University Library (UB) offers library and information services to students and staff at the University of Bergen. The library has large collections of printed material and extensive digital (online) services. The printed collections include about 1.8 million volumes of books and periodicals, as well as newspapers, photographs, maps and other documents.

A large number of information databases and more than 13,000 full-text online journals are also available. Most documents, both printed and digital, can be found via our online catalogue (BIBSYS) or through the online library portal (Bibliotekportalen). There are branch libraries at all faculties, where you will find resources related to your studies, as well as learning resource centres and reading rooms.

For more information, visit the website: uib.no/ub/en.

Most branch libraries are open from 08.30 to 19.00, but hours may vary.

Examinations

The University of Bergen uses different forms of examination such as school examinations, assigned exam papers, take-home examinations and oral exams. The type of examination may vary according to the subject. Many subjects require students to complete mandatory assignments (e.g. lab work or methodological assignments) or a term paper before being permitted to take examinations. Many language subjects offer continuous assessment throughout the semester.

Before attending any examinations all students must read relevant examination information, including 'instructions for candidates', 'the use of sources in written work' and more, which are found at uib.no/education



Grading Scale

In general all faculties use the following grading scale:

Symbol	Description	General, qualitative description of evaluation criteria
A	Excellent	An excellent performance, clearly outstanding. The candidate demonstrates excellent judgement and a high degree of independent thinking.
B	Very good	A very good performance. The candidate demonstrates sound judgement and a very good degree of independent thinking.
C	Good	A good performance in most areas. The candidate demonstrates a reasonable degree of judgement and independent thinking in the most important areas.
D	Satisfactory	A satisfactory performance, but with significant shortcomings. The candidate demonstrates a limited degree of judgement and independent thinking.
E	Sufficient	A performance that meets the minimum criteria, but no more. The candidate demonstrates a very limited degree of judgement and independent thinking.
F	Fail	A performance that does not meet the minimum academic criteria. The candidate demonstrates an absence of both judgement and independent thinking.

Please note that in some subjects/courses the grade pass/fail is used.

The Norwegian grading scale, which is employed by all Norwegian institutions of higher education, follows the ECTS letter grade scale, but is applied in accordance with nationally established grading criteria. There is a qualitative description for each of the different grades and the scale is used absolutely (criterion-referenced assessment)

rather than relatively (norm-referenced assessment). The use of the grading scale is monitored by a national group appointed by the Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions and the distribution of grades is evaluated in accordance with the ECTS grading scale.

6. Arrival and Departure

Before Leaving Your Home Country

There are many practical things to take care of before you leave for Bergen and many more after you arrive here. We would like to give you a brief presentation of some of them. You will also find information at uib.no/education.

Residence Permits

All international students and personnel must have a residence permit while staying in Norway, except for citizens of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden. Students from EU/EEA countries who will be staying in Norway for less than three months do not need a residence permit.

As a general rule, a residence permit should be applied for and granted before the student arrives, irrespective of whether a visa is required to enter Norway. However, the following students are exempt from this rule:

- Students from European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries.
- Students from non-visa countries who come to Bergen on a bilateral exchange programme between the University of Bergen and a foreign university.

The **processing** of a residence permit application takes at least six to eight weeks from the application is received, but may take even longer. We therefore advise you to start this process immediately after receiving your Letter of Acceptance. Contact the Norwegian Embassy or Consulate in your home country for an application form. Your Letter of Acceptance from the University of Bergen must accompany the application, along with your passport, two recent photographs and guarantees of accommodation (normally given in the Letter of Acceptance) and financing. The amount required for financing is NOK 87,600 for one academic year (10 months) or NOK 43,800 for students accepted for only one semester (as of March 2010). This does not apply to students from the EU/EEA countries. As a general rule, this amount must be deposited in a Norwegian bank account. Once a student has been accepted, detailed information regarding the procedures for each student category will be provided. You will be notified directly about the outcome of your application.

Residence permits can be renewed while the student resides in Norway. Applications

must be submitted to the local police office at least one month before the permit expires. If this deadline is met, the current permit will remain valid until processing is completed. This may take two months.

Please note that the fee for obtaining a residence permit is NOK 1,100, which must be paid when you deliver your application. You will also be charged NOK 1,100 on renewal. This does not apply to students from the EU/EEA countries.

All students from EU/EEA countries must remember to bring a European Health Insurance Card, valid for the whole study period in Norway. Upon request the card will be issued by the relevant medical insurance authorities in your home country before departure (see Chapter 9 for more detailed information).

Students outside EU/EEA countries are advised to consult medical insurance authorities in their home country in order to ensure that they have valid insurance during their stay in Norway.

Arriving in Norway

Procedures upon Arrival

Students who have been granted accommodation in one of the student hostels must go to SiB's reception at the Student Centre to collect the room key and sign the rental contract. Please note the reception opening hours, particularly the extended opening hours in the beginning of the semester, which are found at sib.no. We advise you to arrive during the reception opening hours.

Please see chapter 8 for more information regarding accommodation.

You will need Norwegian currency to pay for your bus ride or taxi when you arrive. You will receive information about directions from Bergen Airport Flesland to SiB's reception and the student hostels before departure.

Please note that Norwegian kroner (NOK) is the only currency accepted in Norway. A money exchange machine for US dollars, British pounds and euros is available at Flesland Airport.



Arriving on Campus

As a new international student at UiB, there are certain obligatory registrations and formalities that you need to complete in the first few weeks of the semester. The Centre for Information and Student Services will have an information desk to assist all new students. When you participate in the Introductory Programme, you will be provided with a personal welcome information envelope and you will be guided through all the necessary formalities. Should you be unable to attend the Introductory Programme, your personal welcome information envelope will be available for collection at the Centre for Information and Student Services upon your arrival.

Important Health Information

The Norwegian health authorities request that the following information is presented to all new international students intending to stay more than three months in Norway:

On arrival in Bergen, the Norwegian health authorities require that all students who need a residence permit have to be tested for tuberculosis by getting a chest X-ray at Haukeland University Hospital. Students from the following countries are exempted from the tests: Nordic countries, Austria,

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, UK, and the USA

The purpose of the visits is:

- To check documentation of earlier tests and vaccinations for tuberculosis
- To take a chest X-ray

Persons exempted from tuberculosis testing in accordance with the above list must nonetheless attend a health check if they have resided in countries other than those listed above. This also applies to students who reside in TB risk countries for more than three months, for example during field work. The health check is part of the obligatory registration procedure for international students, and you can make an appointment for testing during the Introductory Programme for new students.

Note that your residence permit will not be valid without final clearance from the Norwegian health authorities. It is therefore important that you remember to bring your vaccination records. It is also possible to be tested for hepatitis and HIV at the Office for Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Travel Medicine, if desired.

Please note that Norwegian laws concerning drug abuse are very strict. Importation, possession and use of drugs, including hashish and marijuana, is illegal. Contravention of these laws can lead to arrest, deportation or imprisonment. Drug dealing and trafficking carry a heavy prison sentence. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. Please also note that Norway, like most other Western countries, has its share of sexually transmitted diseases and that the legal sexual age of consent is 16 years. Any violation of the sexual age of consent is regarded as a serious offence.

Leaving Norway

Several matters must be attended to before you leave Norway. Please check detailed information on our website before you leave: myspace.uib.no

7. Information and Student Services

Academic Calendar

The academic year runs from week 33 to week 25 and is divided into two semesters:

Autumn semester 2010 (week 33 to 51)

Spring semester 2011 (week 2 to 25)

Semester and Exam Registration

The University of Bergen does not charge tuition fees. All persons attending regular courses/lectures or preparing for university examinations are obliged to register each semester. This also applies to international students and scholarship holders. The semester fee (which is also your membership fee for the Student Welfare Organisation) must be paid when you register. ERASMUS, NORDPLUS and other bilateral exchange students are exempted from paying the semester fee. However, semester/examination registration on the StudentWeb is compulsory for all students. All exchange students are entitled to the same services from the Welfare Organisation as all other registered students, including sports facilities, various health and social services and student hostel accommodation.

The semester fee is currently NOK 470 and can be paid in any bank or post office. Students who are required to pay the fee will receive an invoice in their welcome information envelope.

The deadlines for semester and examination registration on the online registration service, StudentWeb, and payment of the semester fee are as follows:

Autumn semester: 1 September

Spring semester: 1 February

Spring semester at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry starts at 3 January 2011.

For more information visit uib.no/students

Please note that these deadlines are firm.

Student ID Card

Registered students are required to have a multifunctional student identity card. You must complete your semester registration before you can obtain a card.

For more information and details on StudentWeb and Student ID cards, please visit uib.no/education.

Centre for Information and Student Services

The Centre for Information and Student Services is responsible for providing a number of services, both on your arrival and throughout the semester.

Visiting address:

Langes gate 1 (campus map index no. 30)

Tel: (+47) 55 58 21 40

E-mail: infosenter@ua.uib.no

Regular opening hours:

Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri 09:00–13:00,

Thursdays 10:00–15:00

General services:

- Academic transcripts
- Name and ID number changes
- Student status confirmation
- StudentWeb assistance
- Exam registration

Information and advice regarding:

- Extension of residence permits
- State Educational Loan Fund
- Admission, rules and regulations
- Counselling by appointment
- Special needs and adaptations
- Advice for dyslexic students

Student Advisers at the Faculties

Each faculty has their own information centre with several student advisers/counsellors who also act as international coordinators. The coordinators provide academic guidance and should be contacted if you have questions regarding your studies. Contact information for your subject is found in chapter 14.

8. Accommodation

Student Housing

The student hostels are run by the Student Welfare Organisation (SiB). In agreement with the University of Bergen, SiB offers guaranteed accommodation to all international students who apply and pay the deposit within the given deadlines.

The monthly rent for a room for one person will vary from NOK 1,440–4,775. When you arrive in Bergen, you will receive an invoice for your monthly rent. You must also pay for electricity on a monthly basis.

The rent includes central heating. All rooms have free access to the internet provided you bring your own laptop/PC. Internet access from your room will be activated after you have registered as a student, and practical information about this will be given during the Introductory Programme.

Duvets, pillows, bed linen, towels and kitchenware are not included and must be supplied by the student.

Note that tap water is drinkable in Norway.

The student hostels are not responsible for students' valuables and students are therefore recommended to take out a home contents insurance policy.

You can find more information about student hostels by visiting sib.no.

Application and Housing Contracts

Your reservation is binding. You cannot terminate your reservation at the beginning of the semester without paying rent. Any changes to your study plans or your planned date of arrival must be reported without delay.

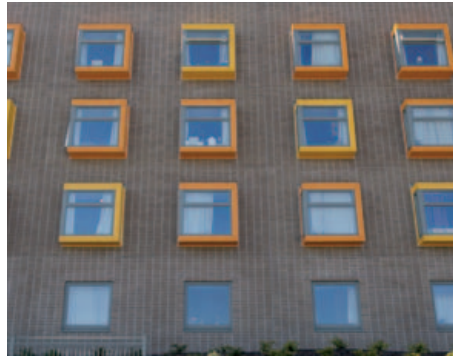
Please find the updated information regarding opening hours and directions for the reception desk on the website sib.no/hostels/opening-hours.

In order to get access to your room, you must go to the reception desk at the Student Centre to collect your key.

Please plan your travel according to the opening hours

Should you arrive when the reception is closed, you must find alternative accommodation for the first night (unless an agreement has been made with the UiB that they will arrange access to your room at Fantoft via a student assistant).

You may find alternative accommodation via the Bergen Tourist Board's website: visitbergen.com. Please note that the airport is closed overnight.



Please note that:

- Students arriving in August/September or January/February will be charged rent from 1 August and 1 January, respectively.
- The tenant can terminate the contract by giving two months' notice. Notice can be given online at sib.no on any date during the month. Remember to write your SWIFT and IBAN codes when you terminate your contract.
- You cannot terminate your contract between two semesters. If you do so, you will not be guaranteed a new contract on your return! If you leave for field work, you must be away for at least three months in order to qualify for a new contract.
- If you want to move out, please remember to terminate your lease by giving two months' notice online at sib.no.
- You are free to find private accommodation, but please note that you must make all of the arrangements yourself and will not be eligible to receive assistance from UiB or SiB.



9. Welfare

The Student Welfare Organisation (SiB)

As a student at UiB you will automatically become a member of the Student Welfare Organisation when you pay the obligatory semester fee, which is also required in order to register for exams. ERASMUS, NORDPLUS and bilateral exchange students, are automatically members through their exchange agreement and do not have to pay.

SiB's main task is to contribute to your well-being. SiB organises kindergartens, counselling, a mental health service, canteens, student accommodation and sporting activities – to mention but a few of its services. SiB also runs Studia, the academic bookshop.

There are several cafeterias on campus which offer hot and cold meals. Some of them serve dinner. The cafeterias are located in the Student Centre and in all of the six faculties, as well as at Sydneshaugen and Høyteknologibyggget (the Technology Centre). There is also a coffee bar at the Arts and Humanity Library. For more information about opening hours, please visit the website at sib.no.

SiB offers more than 3,000 accommodation units. The units are mainly single or double rooms where tenants share a bathroom and kitchen. They are comfortable and not far from campus. It is usually less expensive to rent a unit from SiB than on the private market.

SiB manages several sports centres: at the Fantoft Student Hostel, at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH), at the Student Centre, at Christiesgate 12, and at Vektortorget. The latter three are on campus, the last one is located at Alrek studenthome. The sports centres have gymnasiums for team sports, aerobics, weightlifting rooms, squash courts and climbing walls. The Student Centre also have a swimming pool and for NOK 870 per semester, students have unlimited access to the sports facilities, including the swimming pool. (Note that there is an extra charge for the use of the squash courts and climbing walls at Fantoft and NHH.)

SiB runs seven kindergartens for approximately 400 children (age 0 to 6). Prices vary according to parents' income. The criteria for admission are decided by the board of the Student Welfare Organisation.

The Student Welfare Organisation

Villaveien 10, 5007 BERGEN

Tel: (+47) 55 54 50 00

Web: sib.no

International Student Counsellor

The international student counsellor helps students with issues concerning student welfare, as well as other practical, social and personal matters. Appointments can be made for consultations outside regular opening hours.

Visiting address:

The Student Centre,

Parkveien 1, 5007 Bergen

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 09:00–15:00

E-mail: studentradgivning@sib.no

Health Issues

All International Students

UiB does not have its own health centre for students. If you become ill, you can go to the Accident and Emergency Clinic ('Legevakten') located at Vestre Strømkaien 19, close to the main bus station (see Chapter 14).

Students who are planning to come to Norway are advised to consult medical insurance authorities in their home country in order to ensure that they have valid insurance during their stay in Norway.

We also recommend that all students have travel insurance when going to Norway. If you are planning to visit another country during your stay, be sure that the travel insurance is valid.

The Regular General Practitioner (GP) Scheme

If you are going to stay in Norway for more than six months, you must apply for a Norwegian ID number at the National Registry ('Folkeregister') office in Bergen. When you are issued this number you need to log into <https://tjenester.nav.no/minfastlege> (the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration, NAV) in order to find an available GP.

You must contact the doctor in advance to make an appointment for a consultation. If you need help or have any questions regarding the GP, please come and see the Student Counselling Service office, at the Student Centre. Please see sib.no for more information.

The **National Health Insurance Scheme** covers the cost of regular medical consultations, with the exception of a nominal fee which must be paid by the patient. The scheme also covers hospitalisation in Norway. Medicines, dental care and eyeglasses are not covered by the scheme.

Students from EEA/EU Countries

Norway is a member of the European Economic Area (EEA). It is important that EEA/EU students bring with them a European Health Insurance Card, valid for the whole study period in Norway. Students must contact the health insurance authorities in their home country before departure in order to receive the insurance card. If the card is not available, you must present alternative documentation to prove that you have adequate medical insurance in your home country. If you are staying in Norway for more than one year, you may need the medical insurance certificate E-106/E-109. Contact your local health insurance office for more information.

Students from Non-EEA/EU Countries

International students from non-EEA/EU countries who register at the University of Bergen and plan to study for a period of 3–12 months may apply for voluntary membership of the National Health

Insurance Scheme. Students staying for more than 12 months are automatically members. The membership entitles you to get health services on an equal basis with other Norwegian residents. Application form is found at nav.no. Membership is of no cost for students, unless you earn more than NOK 29,600 during a year. A valid residence permit for the period in question is required.

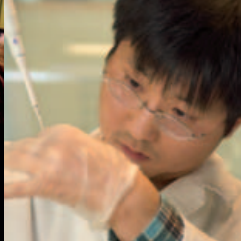
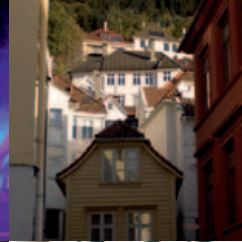
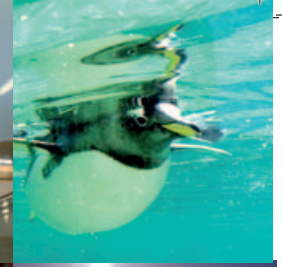
Students' Health Fund

The Students' Health Fund was established by SiB to help cover certain expenses which are not covered by the National Health Insurance Scheme. To apply for financial support, you must fill in a separate form available from the information desk on the ground floor at Villaveien 10. The rules governing the health fund are printed on the back of the form. You can also find information and application forms on the SiB website.

The health fund may partially cover the following:

- Physiotherapy and chiropractic treatment.
- Transport expenses incurred as a result of injuries to legs/feet (to attend important lectures or examinations).

Please note that the Students' Health Fund only covers expenses related to treatment in Norway.



Refund of Doctor's Fee

SiB will reimburse students for doctor consultation fees over NOK 350. You must pay the full fee at the doctor's office, and receive a health insurance receipt card (called 'Folketrygdens egenandelskort'), listing the fee paid. SiB will refund consultation fees above NOK 350 on presentation of the receipt card.

Student Mental Health Care Centre (SPH)

SPH offers free counselling and short-term therapy. Students who contact SPH are protected by the psychologists' duty of confidentiality. You will be given an initial session within 2–4 weeks of contacting the centre.

The Student Health Care Centre

SiB has established a Student Health Care Centre. All services are free of charge.

The Health Care Centre offers:

- Information about and testing for sexual transmitted diseases
- Advice regarding contraception
- Prescription of contraceptives
- Counselling regarding pregnancy and abortion
- Free condoms

Address:

Engen Helsestasjon
Teatergaten 41

Opening hours: Mon–Wed 15:30–18:00
(city map ref. D6).

Appointments cannot be made in advance.
Students must appear in person for service.

Dental service

SiB offers examination and dental treatment for students at public rates.

Your student card and a valid semester card must be presented before treatment.

Appointments and payment:

Tel: 55 20 64 58 / 55 20 64 59

Monday: 08:00–20:00

Tuesday–Friday: 08:00–15:00

NB: We only accept bankcard as payment.

To cancel an appointment you need to give notice at least 24 hours prior to the appointment, or you will be charged a fee (NOK 790).

Address:

O. Danielsens Hus,
Årstadveien 21, ground floor
5009 Bergen

Tel: 55 20 64 58 / 55 20 64 59

The Student Chaplains

The Church of Norway (Lutheran denomination) has assigned two student chaplains to work with university students. Regardless of your religious background or beliefs, the student chaplains are available for students who find themselves in a troubled or difficult situation in life, or who wish to discuss fundamental questions and spiritual matters.

The chaplains can also provide information about church services and Christian student associations working on campus.

Visiting address:

The Student Centre

E-mail: studentprest@uib.no

For other religious communities in Bergen, see chapter 14.

10. Finances

Cost of Living

Foreigners may find Norway expensive, especially in terms of food prices. However, international students will soon find their way to the supermarkets which offer the best deals. Dining out in restaurants costs considerably more than in most other countries. Tobacco, cigarettes and alcoholic beverages are heavily taxed, and therefore quite expensive. Students who have received information about their UiB curriculum prior to arrival may find it less expensive to buy books in their home country.

Rent at the student hostels is relatively inexpensive compared with many private alternatives, and travel is also relatively inexpensive for students. Despite the generally high cost of living, you can manage fairly well on a tight student budget. The average university student's budget in 2010/2011 is approximately NOK 8,500 per month. This amount should cover most monthly expenses such as housing, food, clothing, study materials, books, transport and social activities.

Here are a few examples of Norwegian prices:

- 1 month's rent at Fantoft Student Hostel for one small single room: approx. NOK 2,300 (including electricity)
- Student bus card (1 month): NOK 385 (students under 30), NOK 640 (students over 30).
- Textbooks (1 semester): approx. NOK 1,600–3,500.
- Dinner at the student cafeteria: approx. NOK 40–100.
- Dinner at an inexpensive restaurant: approx. NOK 60–120.
- Ingredients for making an inexpensive dinner for one person at home: approx. NOK 30–60.
- Cinema ticket: approx. NOK 90-110 (depending on the time of day and film).

To convert Norwegian currency, please visit the following website: xe.com

The University of Bergen does not charge tuition fee. This applies to Norwegian as well as international students. The only fee to be paid is the semester fee to the Student Welfare Organisation, currently NOK 470. Students on exchange programmes do not have to pay the semester fee.

Banks

Bank opening hours are usually 08:30–15:30 (from 15 May to 31 August banks close half an hour earlier). On Thursdays, most banks are open until 18:00. Banks are usually closed at weekends. Although opening hours are limited, Norway is well equipped with ATMs/cash machines where international credit or debit cards such as VISA, MasterCard and Amex can be used to withdraw or advance money from your home bank account. Payments by card are common, but please note that not all shops accept foreign VISA or MasterCard credit cards.

Before departing your home country, please make sure that all necessary arrangements are made to prevent a cash-flow problem from occurring during your stay in Norway. Order a credit card or consider other means of payment. Banking services, including the exchange of foreign currency, are also offered by Norwegian post offices. Not all currencies can be exchanged in Bergen. Please note that the student ID card issued by the Card Centre is not accepted as valid ID by banks or other public offices. A special

bank ID card can be obtained from banks on request by presenting your passport and a black and white passport photo.

In order to open a bank account in Norway and receive a Norwegian debit card you need to have either a Norwegian ID number or a D-number. Students who will be studying at the University of Bergen for more than six months must apply for a Norwegian ID number. The application procedure for a Norwegian ID number is an integral part of the Introductory Programme, and UiB has time-saving agreements with the National Registry. A D-number is an alternative ID number for foreign nationals who are staying in Norway for less than six months. You may apply for a D-number at any bank. Please note that it may take 4-6 weeks until you receive the D-number. In order to obtain a credit card, you must have a continuous balance of NOK 15,000 in your bank account and remain in Norway for a minimum of two years.

Part-time Employment

You are automatically granted a part-time work permit along with your first-time residence permit. The permit allows you to work up to 20 hours per week during the semester and full time between semesters. You do not have to pay a separate fee for a work permit, nor do you need to have an employment contract. Although international students are granted a work permit, part-time work and holiday jobs might be hard to find. Students should therefore not plan to partially finance their studies in Bergen by working part-time.

Applications for renewal of work permit must include a statement from the Centre for Information and Student Services confirming your student status and study progress. The work permit renewal fee is NOK 1,100.





11. Student Activities

Student Organisations

Students in Bergen are a highly visible part of the city's social life, and you will find an abundance of activities in the over 160 organisations, clubs and associations run by the students. All students in Bergen are welcome to participate in the rich and varied range of activities on offer.

Culture

Many students regularly use the students' own culture centre, Det Akademiske Kvarter (city map ref. E5 and C6). Kvarteret, as it is referred to in everyday speech, is open every day and is filled with a range of activities including concerts, theatre, debates and lectures. You can also eat and drink well at reasonable prices. Several student organisations have their offices in Kvarteret. Running the centre requires many volunteers. Join in! Kvarteret promises you friendship, challenges, discounts and fun (kvarteret.no. Norwegian only).

The legendary rock club Hulen (*"The Cave"*) is also a popular student hangout, strategically located in an air-raid shelter under

Nygårdshøyden (city map ref. E5). Hulen is open four days a week, offering concerts, student pub nights, or parties. More than 150 volunteers work at Hulen, contributing to make Hulen a cultural alternative for students with an interest in music. Would you like to join? You can work as a bouncer or DJ, a bartender, sit on the executive committee, or work on PR or booking. (hulen.no. Norwegian only).

The culture activists in Bergen Film Society (bergen-filmklubb.no), Aktive Studenters Forening (*"Association for Active Students"*) (asf.uib.no. Norwegian only) and Realistforeningen (rf.uib.no. Norwegian only) may not be as legendary as Hulen, but they are certainly as well-established. They have their offices at Kvarteret and take turns organising concerts and other events. Studentersamfunnet, often just called Samfunnet for short, (samfunnet.uib.no. Norwegian only) was formed as early as 1934, and is the oldest of the student organisations. Samfunnet mainly organises meetings and debates on topical issues with enthusiastic and well-known speakers.

There is also a multitude of other big and small clubs and organisations that you can join, and which will help make your student life both eventful and meaningful. For further information, please see the web page studybergen.com.

Media

The student radio Studentradioen (srib.no, Norwegian only) broadcasts music and cultural and social material. You can become a journalist or a technician. Studentradioen broadcasts 07:00–14:00 all days on these frequencies: 96,4 and 107,8.

Studvest (studvest.no) is the newspaper for students in Bergen, and it comes out every Wednesday. Here you can read or write about big and small events in the student community. Bergen Student TV (bstv.no, Norwegian only) is an organisation producing TV programmes by and for students in Bergen. They broadcast everyday on the Internet.

Sports

For sports enthusiasts, there are possibilities in most sports and on many levels. The university sports club Bergensstudentenes

idrettslag, BSI (bsi.no) is an umbrella organisation embracing a large variety of training and activities. You can take part in anything from parachuting and kayaking to karate and football. In addition, SiB Sport and Fitness (sib.no/sports) offers some of the best and most inexpensive training opportunities in Bergen at five state-of-the-art training centres.

Politics

There are several different political groups in the student community, including the following: Bergen Senterstud (Centre Party Youth), Høyden AUF (Norwegian Labour Party Youth), Høyden Socialist Left Party, Bergenstudenter for EU, ROSSO (Radical and socialist student organisation), Høyres Studenterforening (Young Conservatives) in Bergen, the Norwegian Christian Democratic Party Youth student association in Bergen, International Socialists etc.

Organisations and Clubs

There are also a number of organisations dedicated particular fields and subjects, including the Latin America group in Bergen, SAIH - Norwegian Students' and

Academics' International Assistance Fund, Student Christian Movement in Bergen, Studentmållaget i Bergen (student branch of the Language Organisation of Norway, promoting the use of Nynorsk), NOAH - supporting animal rights, UgleZ (the "queer" student organisation in Bergen), The Future in our Hands, Changemaker Bergen, Attac, and SLUG (Norwegian Campaign for Debt Cancellation).

Student Democracy

The University of Bergen is required to have a minimum of two student representatives on all collegiate bodies with decision-making power. The students also have their own councils and committees at all levels. This gives students an opportunity to influence their own student life, on condition that the students participate within this framework.

The National Union of Students in Norway (NSU)

NSU is an interest group for close to 93,000 students attending Norwegian universities, academies of art and scientific colleges. NSU works on a national level to influence politicians, the bureaucracy, the media, the Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund (NSELF) and the administration at the various educational institutions in order to improve the conditions for you and your

fellow students. NSU at the University of Bergen is a local branch of The National Union of Students in Norway (NSU). Everyone who pays a semester fee become a member of NSU Bergen.

For more information, visit studentparlamentet.uib.no.

The International Students Union (ISU)

International Students Union (ISU) is a student organisation in Norway working for the rights of foreign students. ISU is a democratical, anti-racist, non-profit, non-religious, non-partisan organisation run for and by international students. ISU seeks to protect the social, academic and political interests of all international students in Norway.

The Welfare Council

This is a joint body for all students who are members of the Student Welfare Organisation in Bergen (SiB). Each institution has one welfare council representative for each thousand students (or part thereof). The 17 elected Student Council members represent the University of Bergen. The Welfare Council works on welfare policy matters in relation to SiB. It also sets the semester fee and how the money is to be used. The Welfare Council appoints the majority of the board members of SiB.

More Information

You can find more information about the various student organisations and what they have to offer in terms of an active and meaningful student life at UiB, academically as well as socially, at uib.no and studybergen.com.

12. Bergen Culture

Music, Festivals and Entertainment

Several festivals are held in Bergen throughout the year. A complete list of the events can be downloaded from visitbergen.com/events. Some examples of events are listed below.

In April/May the festival **Bergenfest** (bergenfest.no) hosts concerts in a variety of musical styles. **Nattjazz** (nattjazz.no) jazz festival is held in May and lasts for two weeks. **Bergen International Festival** (fib.no) is held in May/June, and has a great international programme of music, drama, ballet, folklore and art.

The chamber music festival **Grieg in Bergen** (grieginbergen.com) is arranged from June to August, while **Grieg International Choir Festival** (griegfestival.no) is held in September. In July/August **Lost Weekend** (lost-weekend.net, in Norwegian only) hosts pop and rock concerts in the middle of the Norwegian countryside. The death metal festival **Hole in the Sky** (holeinthesky.no) is held in the end of August.

Phonofestivalen (phonofestivalen.no, Norwegian only) is organised by the Student Radio in September.

The National Science Week (forskningsdagene.no), **Bergen Food Festival** (www.matfest.no), and **Bergen International Comics Festival** 'Raptus' (raptus.no) are also held in September. **Bergen International Film Festival** (BIFF, biff.no), **BergArt** (bergart.no, Norwegian only) and **Oktoberdans/Meteor** (bit-teatergarasjen.no) are the main events held in October.

The International Culture Centre of Bergen (city map ref. D4) offers a wide range of social and cultural activities and houses several organisations of various nationalities. For further information, see biks-bergen.no.



Concerts, Cinemas, Theatres and Museums

Grieghallen Concert Hall (city map ref. E5) is the main concert hall in Bergen (grieghallen.no). For updated listings of all concerts and other events in Bergen, please see bt.no/bergenpuls/detskjer. Norwegian only).

Bergen Kino (city map ref. D5) is the main cinema in Bergen (filmweb.no/bergenkino. Norwegian only). In addition **Bergen Film Club** and **Cinamateket USF** (city map ref. D5 and D6) screen more than 200 films a year (bergen-filmklubb.no).

Den Nationale Scene (city map ref. D5) is the main theatre in Bergen (dns.no).

BIT Teatergarasjen (city map ref. D6) produces, co-produces and presents international and Norwegian contemporary art, theatre and dance (bit-teatergarasjen.no).

Carte Blanche is a national contemporary dance company (carteblanche.no).

USF-Verftet (city map ref. C6) is a culture centre located in a converted sardine factory which hosts a wide range of cultural events (usf.no).

Bergen has a number of museums, some of which are owned and run by the University of Bergen. For more information, please visit uib.no/bergenmuseum, bymuseet.no and bergenartmuseum.no.

Public Library

Bergen Public Library (city map ref. E4) offers books and other materials in about 30 languages and has a big music department. The library also provides public internet access and has reading rooms with international newspapers and magazines. You can also borrow videos and DVDs. All services are free of charge. For more information, see www.bergen.folkebibl.no.

13. Practical Information

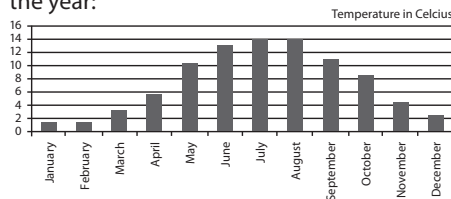
Weights and Measures

Norway uses the metric system. Electricity is supplied at 220 volts AC, 50 Hz. Temperatures are measured in degrees centigrade (Celsius). To convert temperatures from Celsius to Fahrenheit, multiply the Celsius degree by 9, divide by 5 and add 32, or visit the following website: onlineconversion.com.

Climate and Clothing

Despite the city's reputation, Bergen is not ridden by blizzards, icy rain and cold spells throughout the year. Although the temperature frequently falls below zero degrees centigrade between November and February, as shown in the figure below, Bergen enjoys a so-called 'oceanic climate regime'. This means that the weather is usually mild and humid and varies greatly throughout most of the year. A typical native of Bergen never leaves the house without an umbrella, because even though it's sunny in the morning, it might rain at some point during the day. Another result of the climate is that houses, offices and indoor spaces are usually well-heated. Even though it may be zero degrees and snow outside, inside

the auditorium, classroom or bus, you can still enjoy the comfort of between 18 and 22 degrees. Thus, when coming to Bergen, you should bring clothes for all different types of weather – for summer days when it is 25 degrees and sunny, rare cold days when it is five below zero, and for everything in between. The following figure shows the average temperature in Bergen throughout the year:



Transport and Communications

Buses in Bergen

A monthly student bus card entitles you to unlimited travel on city buses and the Bergen Light Rail. The card is sold at the ticket office at the main bus station (city map ref. E4). A photo is required. Before you get your semester card, you may bring your Letter of Acceptance from UiB along with your passport in order to get a student discount. A monthly student discount card for the journey between Fantoft and the

city centre (a one zone card) currently costs NOK 385 (as of February 2010). The Bergen Light Rail to Fantoft from the city centre departs from Starvhusgaten or The City Buss Terminal (Bussterminalen) (city map index D5 and E4) every 5 minutes. For more information, please visit tide.no.

Note that the student discount of 40% is not valid for students over the age of 30, for whom the full price of NOK 640 applies. You can renew your bus card on the bus. The single fare is NOK 25 as of February 2009. If you are uncertain, please ask the driver in order to avoid a fine.

Driver's Licence

Drivers from the Nordic countries can use their own national driver's licence for stays of up to three months. Citizens from the European Economic Area (EEA) can present their valid driver's licence from their home country when renting a car in Norway. Citizens from outside the EEA must have an international driver's licence in addition to their national licence. For further information, please visit vegvesen.no and norway.no.

Bicycle

Cycling is a common means of transport for students in Bergen. New bicycles are rather

expensive (approximately NOK 2,000 and upwards), but it is possible to buy a second-hand bicycle at a police auction or through advertisements in the local newspapers. Please note that the same traffic regulations apply to cyclists and car drivers in Norway, including heavy fines for cycling without lights or brakes, both of which are mandatory.

Public Transport

Travelling in Norway is easy. You can travel throughout the country by plane, train, bus or boat. Bergen is the ideal starting point for boat excursions to the famous fjords as well as for trips to the fascinating islands along the coast. For further information, please visit the following website: visitnorway.com.

Public Holidays

- Christmas Day: 25 December 2010
- Boxing Day: 26 December 2010
- New Year's Day: 1 January 2011
- Palm Sunday: 17 April 2011
- Maundy Thursday: 21 April 2011
- Good Friday: 22 April 2011
- Easter Day: 24 April 2011
- Easter Monday: 25 April 2011
- Labour Day: 1 May 2010
- Ascension Day: 2 June 2011
- Constitution Day: 17 May 2011
- Whit Sunday: 23 May 2010 12 June 2011
- Whit Monday: 24 May 2010 13 June 2011



14. Useful Contact Information

When calling Norway from abroad, dial '+47' (the national code for Norway) followed by the remaining digits of the subscriber's phone number.

Emergency Services

Fire Service

Emergency: 110

Non-emergency: (+47) 53 03 00 00

Police

Emergency: 112

Non-emergency: (+47) 02800

Web: politi.no

Medical Assistance

Emergency: 113

Non-emergency: (+47) 55 56 87 60

Accident and Emergency Clinic ('Legevakten')

Vestre Strømkaien 19 (city map ref. E4)

Open: 24 hours

Emergency number: 113

Tel: (+47) 55 56 87 00

Pharmacy ('Apoteket Nordstjernen')

Strømgaten 8 (city map ref. E4)

Open: Mon–Sat: 08:00–23:00

Sun: 10:00–23:00

Tel: (+47) 55 21 83 84

Emergency Dental Clinic ('Tannlegevakten')

Vestre Strømkaien 19 (City map ref. E4)

Open: Mon–Fri: 18:00–20:30

Sat/Sun: 15:30–20:30

Tel: (+47) 55 56 87 17

Emergency Crisis Centre for Battered Women ('Krisesenteret for kvinner')

Open: 24 hours

Tel: (+47) 55 31 50 50

Web: bergenkrisesenter.no (Norwegian only)

E-mail: krise-fk@online.no

Church-affiliated Emergency Telephone Service ('Kirkens SOS')

Open: 24 hours

Tel: (+47) 815 33 300

Web: kirkens-sos.no (Norwegian only)

The University of Bergen

University of Bergen

P.O. Box 7800, N-5020 Bergen

Tel: (+47) 55 58 00 00

Web: uib.no

Centre for Information and Student Services

P.O. Box 7800, N-5020 Bergen

Tel: (+47) 55 58 21 40

E-mail: infosenter@ua.uib.no

Norwegian Language Courses

E-mail: norskkurs@uib.no

Student Advisers

Humanities and aesthetic studies

advice@hf.uib.no / Tel: (+47) 55 58 93 70

Law

advice.jurfa@uib.no / Tel: (+47) 55 58 95 00

Medicin, dental and health studies

advice@mofa.uib.no / Tel: (+47) 55 58 64 00

Natural sciences and technology

advice.mnfa@uib.no / Tel: (+47) 55 58 30 30

Psychology

advice.psyfa@uib.no / Tel: (+47) 55 58 27 10

Social Sciences

advice.svfa@uib.no / Tel: (+47) 55 58 90 36

The Student Welfare Organisation

The Student Welfare Organisation (SiB)

Villaveien 10 (campus map ref. 34)

Tel: (+47) 55 54 50 00

E-mail: information@sib.no

Web: sib.no

SiB Student Accommodation

E-mail: housing@sib.no

Web: sib.no/hostels

Student Counselling Service

Student Centre, Parkveien 1

(campus map ref. 32)

E-mail: studentradgivning@sib.no

Transport

Bergen Airport Flesland

Tel: (+47) 67 03 15 55

Web: avinor.no/en/airport/bergen

Airport Express Coach

Tel: (+47) 05505

Web: flybussen.no/bergen

Tide (local bus company)

Tel: (+47) 05505

Web: tide.no

Nor-way Bussekspress (national bus company)

Tel: (+47) 815 44 444

Web: nor-way.no

NSB – Norwegian State Railways

Tel: (+47) 815 00 888 (toll number)

Web: nsb.no

Bergen Taxi (taxi service)

Tel: 07000

Web: bergentaxi.no

Norgestaxi (taxi service)

Tel: 08000

Web: norgestaxi.no

Taxi1 (taxi service)

Tel: (+47) 55 70 00 00

Web: taxi1.no

Newspapers

Studvest (UiB student newspaper)

Web: studvest.no

Aftenposten (national newspaper with news in English)

Web: aftenposten.no/english

Bergens Tidende (BT) (local newspaper)

Web: bt.no

Bergensavisen (BA) (local newspaper)

Web: ba.no



Information about Norway

Public Sector Information and Services

Web: norway.no

Innovation Norway

Web: visitnorway.com

Web: virtualbergen.com

Bergen Tourist Board

Web: visitbergen.com

Fjord Norway (tourist and travel information)

Web: fjordnorway.no

Religious Communities in Bergen

The Student Congregation at the University of Bergen

E-mail: studentprest@uib.no

Web: uib.no/presten/menigheten

Bergen International Church

E-mail: information@bergenchurch.no

Web: bergenchurch.no

The Catholic Church

E-mail: bergen@katolsk.no

Web: bergen.katolsk.no

Christian Inter-Cultural Work ('KIA')

E-mail: bjorgvin@kianorge.no

Web: kianorge.no

The Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway

Web: bergenanglicans.net

Christian Fellowship

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Bergen Islamic Association

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There are no registered organisations for the small Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu communities in Bergen.