Overview

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 2.75
Language of Instruction: English and Norwegian
Academic Calendar:
Fall: August-December                Spring: January-June

Fun Facts about Norway

- Norway has over 20,000 km of coastline
- According to the Global Peace Index, Norway is the most peaceful country in the world
- Grandiosa frozen pizza is an “unofficial national dish”
- Norway introduced salmon sushi to Japan
- 98-99% of Norway’s electricity comes from hydroelectric power
- Norway is the first country to introduce mandatory paternity leave
- Norway has won the largest number of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals of all countries in the Winter Olympics
- Norway is the birthplace of modern skiing
- Norwegians invented the cheese slicer
- There is a town in Norway called Hell, and it freezes over quite often!

About NMBU

- 5000 students
- 93 international exchange partners
- 64 study programs
- Two campuses

The Norwegian University of Life Sciences is a public university, located in Akershus, only about 30 minutes outside of Norway’s capital, Oslo. Established in 1859 as an agricultural university, it encompassed other sciences in 1897. NMBU is the second oldest university in Norway. The university features three faculties, Environmental Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Veterinary Medicine and Biosciences. There are also six research centers, including the Center for Plant Research, Bioenergy Research and Aquaculture Protein Center. NMBU has a very interdisciplinary approach and encourages a strong link between research and classroom study.

Areas of Study

- Landscape Architecture
- Agricultural Sciences
- Environmental Sciences

Classes

40% of the courses at NMBU are taught in English. The university uses the ECTS system, where 2 ECTS credits equal 1 US credit. CALS Students are required to enroll in 30 ECTS credits per semester while studying at NMBU.
Life on Campus

Housing

Students are guaranteed on campus housing. All housing assignments are handled by the University Foundation of Student Life; their website has a highly comprehensive layout which allows students to apply for housing and select their accommodation preferences.

Single rooms are the norm, however students can apply to live with a friend. All rooms are furnished, however students must supply their own bedding, towels and any kitchen equipment.

Upon acceptance, students can submit an application for housing and will receive email confirmation of their assignment.

There are no meal plans and students typically cook their own meals, however there are three cafeterias available on campus, serving pre-made foods and a selection of hot lunches and dinner each night.

Social Life

There are 80 different student organizations and clubs on campus. Additionally, students can apply for funding to create a club of their own interest.

NMBU also has football and sports fields as well as a large indoor sports facility. The university is also close to a ski track and a rowing facility.

The Student Union (Samfunnet) is devoted to student life and comfort. The main cafeteria is housed here as well as a bar and numerous study rooms, for student use.

Transportation

Train service is available between Oslo and As, departing once an hour.

Several inter-city bus routes service the area surrounding NMBU. NOR-WAY Bussekspress F11 and F4 are both suitable options when traveling from the airport. A local bus #906 will take you directly to the university.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS - not the university directly.