



STUDENT GUIDE TO **NORWAY**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT NORWAY

- Norway has **11 counties**, with **Oslo** as the capital.
- Home to around **5.5 million people** and consistently ranked for **quality of life**.
- Strong in **engineering, energy, marine and sustainability**.
- **Norwegian** is official, with growing **English-taught** master's.
- The **Norwegian krone (NOK)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO NORWAY

CURRENCY

Norwegian krone (NOK) · 1 NOK ≈ ₹8 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 8h 30m	Norway
Mumbai	≈ 9h 15m	Norway
Bengaluru	≈ 10h 15m	Norway
Chennai	≈ 10h 30m	Norway
Hyderabad	≈ 9h 45m	Norway

FACTS

- Capital: **Oslo**
- Flight distance: ~6,000 km
- Time zone: **CET (UTC+1)**
- Tuition (non-EU): **NOK 130,000–320,000 / yr**
- Proof of funds: ~**NOK 137,907 / yr**
- Main intakes: **Aug · Jan**

Since autumn 2023, non-EU students pay tuition at Norwegian public universities. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN NORWAY?



TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Norway has universities, specialised universities and university colleges.
- They fall into three broad groups:



UNIVERSITIES

Comprehensive, research-led institutions.



SPECIALISED UNIVERSITIES

Technology, business and the arts.



UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

Applied and regional providers.



TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Norway hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

University of Oslo

OSLO

Norway's oldest and top-ranked university.

NTNU

TRONDHEIM

Norway's main technology and science university.

University of Bergen

BERGEN

Marine research and sciences.

UiT Arctic University

TROMSØ

Arctic and northern studies.

BI Norwegian Business School

OSLO

Leading business school.

University of Stavanger

STAVANGER

Energy, engineering and health.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Norway is strong in **engineering, energy, marine and sustainability.**



ENGINEERING

Mechanical, marine and petroleum.



ENERGY & MARINE

Offshore, renewables and maritime.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Software, data and AI.



SUSTAINABILITY

Climate and environmental science.



SCIENCES

Physics, biology and geosciences.



BUSINESS

Management and economics.

TUITION & COSTS

- Since **autumn 2023**, **non-EU students pay tuition** at public universities.

Bachelor's (non-EU)
per year

NOK 130,000–220,000

Master's (non-EU)
per year

NOK 150,000–320,000

Approx. in euros

€11,000–28,000

Semester fee
per semester

~NOK 700

Proof of funds for permit

~NOK 137,907 / yr



Funding is limited — explore university, Erasmus+ and external scholarships early.

COST OF LIVING

- Students need around **NOK 12,000–15,000 per month**; Oslo is the costliest.

Accommodation student housing or shared flat	NOK 5,000–8,000
Food & groceries	NOK 3,500–4,500
Transport student pass	NOK 500–800
Insurance	included / low
Phone & leisure	NOK 1,500–2,000
Estimated monthly total	~NOK 12,000

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Funding is limited, so plan your budget and apply for awards early.

University Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

A limited number of tuition awards.

Erasmus+

EU MOBILITY

Grants for eligible study periods.

Quota / Bilateral

GOVERNMENT

Selected country programmes where available.

Programme Awards

DEPARTMENTAL

Field-specific funding where offered.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling plus, often, one year of study.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL.
- Subject prerequisites for some programmes.
- Apply directly to each university.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** for most master's.
- Relevant academic background.
- Motivation letter and CV.

INTAKES

- **August** — autumn — the main intake
- **January** — spring — limited programmes
- **Deadlines** — non-EU applications close by December–March

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

ADMISSION LETTER

Secure acceptance from a Norwegian university.

2

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show ~NOK 137,907 for the year.

3

HEALTH INSURANCE

Arrange valid health cover.

4

APPLY (RESIDENCE PERMIT)

Apply for a student residence permit.

5

BIOMETRICS

Provide biometrics at a VFS centre.

6

REGISTER

Complete registration after arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work up to **20 hours a week** during term time with a work permit.

Post-Study Permit

1 YEAR

A residence permit to seek work after study.

Work Permit Route

SKILLED ROUTE

Convert to a work permit once employed.

EU/EEA Access

MOBILITY

A Norwegian degree is recognised across the EEA.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Energy, engineering, IT and maritime.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and English-taught programmes.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS, SOP and references.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to each university.

4

ADMISSION & FUNDS

Accept your offer and arrange proof of funds.

5

RESIDENCE PERMIT

Apply for your student residence permit.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and prepare to travel.



Your Norway study journey — one step at a time.