

The University of Bergen

Exchange start semester	Spring semester 2024
Study level	Undergraduate (Bachelor)
Home faculty at GU	Faculty of Social Sciences
Studies at GU	Bachelor's in Global Studies

Courses during exchange

- Comparative Arctic Indigenous Governance
- Populism and its Consequences for Liberal Democracy
- Gender and Power in Contemporary Politics

Main difference compared to studying at GU

More than one course at the same time, so needed to be more balanced and mindful of dates. Barely any assignments or groupwork, all was focused on the final exams for each class. Also letter grades (A-F) instead of passing or failing.

Arrival, orientation and housing

No major problems, but there definitely is an international and local "bubble", meaning it was very hard getting to know any locals, and I only ended up making friends with other internationals.

Finances

Roughly the same rent, but groceries were significantly more expensive.

Life in a new country/culture

Luckily there are plenty of internationals in Bergen and many of them are active with extracurriculars, so you could easily find activities to do, even if many were rather expensive. I could not afford to go on many of the weekend trips to see the region since they were around 100€ each.

Overall exchange experience

I'm very pleased to have had such an opportunity and felt that the academics were handled nicely. However, it does still peeve me that there is such a low effort put towards intermingling internationals and locals; all events were either in Norwegian or English, and the latter were never attended by any Norwegians.