

# Norway in a Nutshell

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Hei, hei! I am Boya, a senior majoring in sociology who has chosen to study abroad in Norway for Fall 2015. So...why Norway? Norway has always been topping my list of destinations of studying abroad because of its educational reputation, beautiful nature, and high happiness index of residents. Before arrival, it could be expected that this country must differ from the U.S. in many aspects ranging from demographics, lifestyle, political system, etc. Indeed, such diversity is exactly what I wish to experience in the coming semester as well as try to interpret with lens of sociology.



Welcome Ceremony

Also, Norway is famous for being a model of welfare society, in which even international students like me can enjoy free college education. I am currently doing my exchange at University of Oslo, which is one of the most prestigious institutions in Scandinavian

region. We just had our Orientation before school officially starts in late August, which last for one whole week. New students were assigned to different buddy groups according to area of study. There were group leaders guiding us through campus tour and city tour, various social events helping us blend into local culture, and information sessions assisting us in logistics and inquiries. They were really effective in getting us well prepared for everything and headed towards a brand new adventure.



Campus Tour



Info Session at the Faculty of Social Sciences



Pub at the Faculty of Social Sciences

Studying in a Norwegian university, one of the coolest things has to be...PUB! We have a pub within the building of each faculty on campus for students to meet people, take a rest, and have fun.



Buddy Group Outing

Well, I have talked about my reason of participating in this program as well as some personal impressions about Norway at the first glance. I think next time I will have more to share about school life. Har det!