

## Experience Report

First of all, I am deeply grateful to the Erasmus + mobility programme for making my semester abroad truly unforgettable. Without the generous support of Erasmus +, none of this would have been possible. In the second semester of my studies, I embarked on a mandatory mobility placement at the University of Stavanger in Norway, where I spent an enriching term surrounded by inspiring colleagues and professors.

During my time in Stavanger, I enrolled in four courses:

- **EMM021: Emigration and Immigration – A Northern European Perspective**
- **EMM223: Arts-Based Critical Literacy Approaches to Working with Migration in Educational Contexts**
- **EMM221: Migration, Integration, and Social Protection**
- **EMM225: Controversies over Multiculturalism**

Each class was led by distinguished scholars and offered me invaluable insights into migration studies. Thought-provoking lectures, lively seminars, and in-depth research assignments allowed me to explore critical questions that align with my interests and sharpen my analytical and research skills.

The adventure began with an epic bus journey via FlixBus, crossing Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and finally Norway. Brief layovers in Copenhagen and Malmö gave me a taste of Danish culture and city life. Upon arrival in Stavanger, the university staff welcomed me like family—warm smiles, helpful guidance, and a sense of genuine hospitality. On the return trip, I enjoyed spectacular ocean views during the ferry crossing from Denmark back to Germany, a fitting end to an incredible voyage.



Life in Stavanger was as vibrant outside the classroom as it was inside. Weekly “Coffee Around the World” sessions organized by the student union brought together people from diverse backgrounds to share stories, and traditions—an excellent way to practice my social skills and forge lasting friendships. Celebrating Norway’s Constitution Day on May 17<sup>th</sup>, with its colourful parades and traditional dressing/costumes, remains one of my unforgettable memories. Everywhere I went, Norway’s breathtaking landscapes and thoughtful urban planning left me in awe.

I lived in the university dormitory, arranged well in advance, where I met students from all over the globe. While accommodation costs were fair by Norwegian standards, living expenses in Stavanger were high, and I found myself wishing the Erasmus + stipend better reflected local prices. For future cohorts headed to Norway, an increase in funding would go a long way toward easing this financial challenge.

Overall, my semester at the University of Stavanger was an academic, cultural, and personal milestone—one made possible by Erasmus + mobility programme, incredible hosts, and the spirit of international friendship. Thank you very much.

