

## **STUDENT EXPERIENCE REPORT**

### **PREPARATION:**

I started the first semester of my studies in Oldenburg, Germany and began applying for the Erasmus+ funding for my second semester in Stavanger, Norway around September of 2024. Because the University of Stavanger is a partner university to my course of study, doing my second semester in Norway was a mandatory aspect of my study and I was not required to do any extra application for admission to the university. For the Erasmus+ funding application, I submitted an application, online learning agreement indicating all my modules and credit hours and signed by my department at the University of Oldenburg (sending institution) and the University of Stavanger (receiving institution).

In general, the application process was smooth once every document required of me was provided and I received confirmation of the scholarship by the end of November, 2024.

Moving to Norway was quite easy. The course administration at the university helped us get easy accommodation and the housing contract was signed even before we left Oldenburg. Also, I received my Erasmus+ initial 70% payment just in time, enabling me to pay my rent in Norway without any delay.

### **TRAVEL, ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATION:**

I travelled to Norway by air and arrived in about 1hour. There were buses from the airport which were quite cheap and took me directly to my destination. My dorm keys were ready for pickup as everything had been put in place by SIS Housing which is the institution responsible for schooling accommodation. The whole checking in process was very smooth.

**STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY:** Classes started officially on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024. The administration used the first week to get us acquainted with the administrative team, the university campus, library and the rest. The classes we organized and fun, and we had a lot of guest professors who also taught us modules that were although not part of the official courses, very relevant to the master's program. We had workshops, trainings, visited historical sites and had an opportunity to volunteer with NGOs such as Caritas. The learning system was very structured and each module ended with writing a research paper. In total I wrote four research papers for my assessment and to ensure fairness, the papers will be marked by external evaluators.

**EVERYDAY LIFE:**

I will start off by stating that Norway is the most fun European country that I have been to and the most expensive one too. Yes, Norway is very expensive! Norwegians are however very friendly

and fun to be around. We visited lots of karaoke bars and pubs and enjoyed the night life in the streets of Stavanger. Dating wasn't such a good experience but at least they were good party buddies. Another good thing was everyone spoke English which made integrating quite easy for a lot of us.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

I completed all my selected modules that were endorsed on the face of the learning agreement. I am still writing the research paper for the final module Controversies over Multiculturalism. So far, I have only received grades for one module which is Migration Borders and Security in which is scored 88.

By the end of June, I hope to have received all my grades.

Overall, it was a fantastic learning experience for me. Great university, well equipped library, helpful and brilliant professors, great gym, and good accommodation. Old friendships grew stronger and I made new ones.



CLASS PRESENTATION



AFRICAN DAY CELEBRATION UIS



TOP: FINAL LECTURE MIGRATION GENDER AND WORK WHICH WAS ALSO MY BIRTHDAY/ BOTTOM FINAL LECTURE OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION





FINAL LECTURE FOR MIGRATION BORDERS

AND SECURITY



BBQ ORGANIZED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER

