BI NORWEGIAN BUSINESS SCHOOL

Student Exchange to BI

www.bi.edu/exchange
Friendly, down-to-earth people, unique scenery, summer nights bright as day and delightful snowy winters make Norway a very special country. It is easy for a foreigner to feel at home in this widespread and diverse corner of the world. English is widely spoken, and coping with day-to-day life in Norway does not require proficiency in Norwegian. In 2012 the population of Norway reached 5 million.

Shipping, maritime, oil and gas, pulp and paper products, chemicals, shipbuilding and fishing are the most significant industries. Employment rates remain currently high, and the prospects for economic growth are encouraging. International students are allowed to work part-time during their studies.

Norway is a very safe country to live in. Its crime rate is amongst the lowest in the world, and its environment and air are amongst the cleanest. A healthy living style is widely encouraged and promoted.

The spectacular Norwegian nature offers exciting opportunities for outdoor activities all year round: hiking, mountain climbing, hunting, cycling, rafting, swimming, golf, sailing, skiing – the choice is yours! Breathtaking views of fjords and mountain landscapes are easily accessible at no cost. Each season has its own special features and charm.

Situated between the forest and the fjord, Oslo offers a great variety of activities and scenery. You can start the day eating breakfast on the beach while watching the sunrise, enjoy the throbbing city life and vast arrays of cafés, restaurants, galleries and shopping streets downtown during the day, and at night sit around a bonfire with your friends in the woods overlooking the city. Oslo is big enough for all this to happen, but still small enough for you to do it all in a day!

For more information about Oslo and Norway, see the following websites:
www.visitoslo.com  www.visitnorway.com
www.studyinnorway.no  www.nyinorge.no

JOIN BI
AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

With more than 180 partner agreements with higher education institutions in 45 countries, BI attracts nearly 500 exchange students from across the world each year. Exchange students at BI Norwegian Business School become part of a stimulating international learning environment.

• Interact with and learn from an international group of fellow students with diverse cultural backgrounds
• Gain insight into the art of conducting business in Scandinavia
• Work and study in a state-of-the-art, modern learning facility of innovative and award-winning Scandinavian design
• Choose from a wide range of business and management related courses in English
• Explore beautiful Oslo and Norway

BI AT A GLANCE

BI Norwegian Business School is an internationally recognized and accredited private institution located in Oslo, the capital of Norway. BI boasts one of Europe’s largest and most productive academic environments in the areas of business economics, marketing, finance and management.

BI is a school for students who desire a wide scope, accessibility and flexibility, as well as depth, specialization and an international perspective in their studies.

- EQUIS accreditation since 1999. Reaccredited in 2004/05 and 2010
- Research oriented
- Wide range of BBA, MSc, PhD and Executive MBA programmes taught in English
- Modern campus built in 2005
- 21 000 students across Norway (approx. 52 % part-time)
- Oslo Campus: over 8 100 undergraduate and graduate students
- 1 300 international students
- 390 faculty members

Read more about BI on www.bi.edu/about-bi

NORWAY AND OSLO
EXCHANGE OPTIONS

Undergraduate Exchange
Undergraduate exchange students choose from a range of courses offered in our Bachelor of Business Administration programme in addition to electives. Courses in business administration, shipping, finance, marketing, management, strategy, innovation and entrepreneurship are available. For undergraduate courses class participation is expected, but not mandatory.

Graduate Exchange
A minimum of three years of relevant university studies (equivalent to a Norwegian Bachelor degree) is required to enroll in graduate courses. Most graduate courses have prerequisites, and class participation is mandatory. Graduate exchange students choose courses from our MSc programmes, within the fields of business and economics, strategy, finance, marketing, management, innovation and entrepreneurship, and organizational psychology.

Study Abroad/Free mover
BI welcomes undergraduate and graduate students from partner and non-partner schools as Free Mover/Study Abroad students. A recommendation letter from the home university confirming that courses from BI will be approved upon return is required.

Double Degree Programmes
Study at BI and your home institution and earn a Double Degree – a truly international education! BI has established several Double Degree Master programmes with other European higher education institutions.

QTEM Master
BI is a founding member of this new Network Master programme in Quantitative Techniques for Economics and Management. A QTEM Master degree includes two semesters abroad at two leading international business schools, as well as a two-month internship. See [www.qtem.org](http://www.qtem.org)

International Summer Programme: Intercultural Management – A Scandinavian Perspective
4 weeks (June/July) – 10 ECTS
Gain insights into Scandinavian management values. Through lectures, case studies, group work and company visits participants will be better equipped to understand and apply current research on culture, communication and management. An extensive social and cultural programme is also included.

Tuition fee waiver and discounts are available for students from our partner schools.

Application deadline: 15 April

More information about your options: [www.bi.edu/exchange](http://www.bi.edu/exchange)

«A stylish and flavorful taste of the business world, where you can build up your ambitions, knowledge and personality. In a word: career.»

Riccardo Cocchini, Bachelor-level exchange student from University of Bologna, Italy, Spring 2013
«I could see from their website that BI had a strong marketing program, and then as soon as I found out you could take the metro to a ski hill I was sold! Overall, my expectations have been exceeded twelve-fold!»

Nicole Caguiat, Bachelor-level exchange student from York University, Canada, Spring 2013

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Academic calendar
Autumn semester: mid-August – late December
Spring semester: early January – mid-June

Nomination deadlines for Exchange- and Double Degree Coordinators:
Autumn: 25 April
Spring: 25 September

Application deadlines for students:
Autumn: 1 May
Spring: 1 October

Application process
Students are nominated by the coordinator at their home institution. After being nominated, exchange applicants submit an online application form and upload the following supporting documents:
• CV (résumé) and motivation letter
• copy of passport, showing personal data and picture
• recent academic transcript (grade report)

Admission
Admission Letters are sent electronically on a rolling basis, by the end of May and October at the latest.

Deferral/Cancellation
If a student decides to defer or cancel the exchange period at BI, the BI International Office must be informed as soon as possible, and no later than one month before the semester starts.

Housing
BI guarantees student accommodation for all exchange students. Dormitories are located across Oslo, and are easily accessible from campus. Housing information is provided to all students in connection with the application process.
More information on www.bi.edu/housing

«Compared to Norwegian prices I had a good room at a good price, and I am satisfied with the service I received from SiO Student Housing»

Peter Bacher, Master-level exchange student from University of Pecs, Hungary, Spring 2013

Courses
A full semester workload at BI Norwegian Business School is 30 ECTS (four to five courses). Teaching time is 12-14 weeks. Students must make sure that they meet the course prerequisites. A complete list of courses, course descriptions and course registration information are available online: www.bi.edu/exchange

«The courses are structured to allow students lots of practice and feedback. Due to this structure, the course work seemed very accessible without compromising on learning.»

Nicole Caguiat, Bachelor-level exchange student from York University, Canada, Spring 2013
Academic system
Classes normally meet for lectures once or twice a week. Group assignments are common. Students are expected to participate actively in class and provide their own points of view. Some Bachelor courses have coursework requirements that must be passed in order to take the final exam.

Assessment methods include:
• term papers (individual or in groups)
• final written examinations
• multiple choice tests
• oral examinations
• continuous assessment
• class participation
• presentations in class (individual or in groups)
• assignments to be handed in during the semester

Grading scale
BI uses the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) grading standard. The evaluation terms are as follows:

A  Excellent
B  Very good
C  Good
D  Satisfactory
E  Sufficient (passing grade)
F  Failed

Final grades are announced February 1st for the autumn semester and approximately July 1st for the spring semester. Official transcripts are sent directly to the home university of the student.

Arrival service
BI offers an arrival service for all exchange students arriving on given days in August/January. Students are met by BI staff at the Oslo Central Station and directed to their dormitory.

Entry visa and residence permit
A residence permit is required for all students* who intend to stay in Norway for more than three months. Further information will be provided in the admission letter. It is recommended to start the application process for a visa or residence permit as early as possible.

*except for citizens of Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Iceland

Norwegian language course
BI offers basic Norwegian language courses to international students each semester. The course is held in the evenings to avoid conflicts with regular course schedules. Registration is available online at the beginning of the semester. The Norwegian language course is not a part of BI’s curriculum and participants are not awarded any credits. Course fee: NOK 1800 (subject to change).

Cultural advice
Norway is an informal, egalitarian society with low power distance. The principle of equal opportunities forms the basis of the extensive welfare system. Norwegians are friendly and reserved, but communicate very directly. Most students are on first-name terms with their professors. Women will be found in leading positions in business, and new fathers enjoy their paternity leave quota.

Student life
Being a student is about more than academic development. BI believes that active students are happy students, and we encourage our students to participate. Joining a student association is the best way to get to know your fellow students. Sports, politics, business or culture – there is something for everyone! The BI student associations are organized by the Student Union (SBIO).

See [www.sbio.no](http://www.sbio.no) for further information.