

Volda University College Info Sheet

Webpage for Exchange Students	Information for exchange students (hivolda.no)	
Term Dates	Arrival	Within the week before the semester commences
	Fall Semester (Semester 1)	August to December
	Winter/Spring (Semester 2)	January to June
Quick-Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situated on the western coast of Norway, Volda is surrounded by mountains, forests, and fjord. Volda is a charming town in the county of Møre og Romsdal, with around 10 000 inhabitants. • With its 4500 students and 350 staff/faculty members, Volda University College is one of the largest institutions of higher education between Bergen and Trondheim. • Volda is known for its active student environment, while the university college is best known for its top study programmes in media and journalism, as well as long traditions for teacher training education. • The town centre is a charming area, located right on the shores of the Voldsfjorden. There are many old wooden buildings - both commercial and residential - but at the town's heart is a beautiful stone church, built in the 1930's. 	
Language of Instruction	English	
Courses	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS. Students can only choose units from one specific programme at a time and cannot mix courses.</p> <p>Guidelines for the selection of courses: Courses for exchange students (hivolda.no)</p> <p>Academic schedule: Academic calendar (hivolda.no)</p> <p>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, Study Abroad Academic Coordinator (or equivalent) and the student.</p>	
Housing	<p>VUC guarantees housing in the student dorms for all exchange students, provided they apply within the application deadlines. You must apply separately and personally for housing, directly to the Student Welfare Organization (SiVolda). The housing application must be sent to sivolda@hivolda.no</p> <p>Information on how to apply for the student dorms: www.boligtorget.no/sfs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation. 	

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Health Insurance	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You will be responsible for your own medical and dental costs during your stay in Norway. You are therefore required to take out an appropriate travel and health insurance scheme.</p> <p>You should arrange, at your own cost, accident, and sickness insurance for the duration of your studies in Norway. The coverage should include provisions for emergency evacuation/rescuer's expenses and repatriation. If you plan to travel outside Norway, you should make sure that your insurance policy covers those destinations as well.</p> <p>Non-EU/EEA citizens will have to document health insurance to receive the student residence permit. Students in this category must also hold a valid health insurance to be accepted to VUC.</p>
Travel Insurance	<p>BU offers a comprehensive BU travel cover to all outgoing students. After reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</p>
Visas & Permits	<p>When travelling to Norway you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at VUC. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Norway, and the purpose of your stay in Norway amongst other criteria.</p> <p>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</p> <p>Incoming exchange students with a non-EEA nationality will receive a letter of acceptance after the application deadlines to start their application through the Norwegian Embassy.</p> <p>Useful webpages: Norway in the United Kingdom Residence permit - Norway in the United Kingdom</p> <p>You should also refer to UK Foreign Travel Advice on Norway and can find further information on the GoingGlobal webpage.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</p>
Approximate Costs	<p>Tuition fees: Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p>

	<p>Costs to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return ticket • Accommodation • VISA application fees if applicable • Insurance if applicable • Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.) • Textbooks and stationery <p>Estimated living expenses: Most students spend between €800 and €1000 per month: Practical information (hivolda.no) Cost of Living in Norway - Prices in Norway</p>	
Funding	<p>Turing Scheme Funding Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit Turing Scheme Bournemouth University for more details.</p> <p>Student Maintenance Loan If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p>Student Finance England Travel Grant You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the Student Finance England Travel Grant website, or contact Student Finance.</p>	
Campus Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student health and welfare • Library • IT services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student organisations • Student festivals • Catering services