



# University of Bergen

## Faculty of Law

### Exchange Programme Fact Sheet 2025/2026

#### About the Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law has 2400 students and employs about 100 persons in academic and administrative positions. We focus on high quality research and teaching within a variety of legal areas. The Norwegian Master in Law programme is a five-year integrated master's degree programme mainly taught in Norwegian, but where courses taught in English are part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> year. These are the courses which are open to incoming students. Our faculty offers foremost expertise in criminal law and criminal theory. Also, many of our senior researchers are devoted to human rights law and welfare law. The faculty also has strong research environments in private law, competition law and EU law, as well as intellectual property law.

Our international profile is reflected both in research activities, and in the high number of exchange students. Every semester, around 200 law students choose Bergen as their exchange destination, while several Bergen students go abroad in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of law study. By the time the law students in Bergen graduate, almost 50 % of them have studied abroad as part of their law degree.

#### Why choose the Faculty of Law, University of Bergen as your study abroad destination?

We offer a wide selection of courses taught in English, both on undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA) level. The courses are taught by specialists within the fields, including professors from recognised universities abroad.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your students should be aware that the courses on bachelor level all have **compulsory attendance**.

In addition to the faculty's academic excellence, one of the most striking features of the Faculty of Law, and the University of Bergen in general, is its location in the very heart of the city, providing the students with many opportunities to take part in Bergen's rich cultural life. The beautiful fjords and mountains of Western Norway are also within easy reach. Bergen offers a unique combination of vibrant cultural life, breath taking experiences of nature, and most importantly: High quality education!

#### Course recommendation for the spring semester

We strongly recommend that incoming bachelor level students who will be studying with us in the spring semester, choose the course [JUS2320 Comparing Legal Cultures in Europe \(BA-level\)](#). The course is not *mandatory* for incoming students, but it is *strongly recommended*. The course is taught during the first part of the semester and introduces Norwegian legal culture, while at the same time inviting students to reflect upon their own country's legal culture from a comparative perspective. Master level students may also attend, depending on approval by their home university.

Both international and Norwegian students work on a group assignment where they will together explore a selected area of law and find out how the different countries represented in the group, have different approaches to regulating that area of law. There will also be social and cultural activities for the students of the course, so this course serves also as an introduction to the semester in Bergen, and to getting to know the local students.

#### NEW: LLM Programme in EU and EEA Law

August 2024, we started our first LLM programme in EU and EEA Law. This was an historic event as it is the first LLM programme ever offered at the Faculty of Law at the University of Bergen. It is also first of its kind in the world: Whilst there are countless LLM-degrees in EU law offered by universities around the globe, given its emphasis on the intricacies and peculiarities of EEA law, the LLM in EU and EEA law is unique.

Your students may get a taste of the courses in the LLM programme while they are on exchange, as the courses in the LLM programme are also open to incoming master level exchange students. If your students wish to return to Bergen after their exchange to complete an LLM, up to 30 ECTS from their exchange period may be transferred into the LLM programme, provided that they have taken master level courses which are part of the LLM programme.

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Inbound exchange	
<a href="#">Exchange Partners: How to nominate</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Autumn semester: 15 March - 15 April</li> <li>- Spring semester: 1 September - 1 October</li> </ul> <p>We only accept online nominations:</p>
<a href="#">Students: How to apply for exchange</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Autumn semester: 25 April (the application form opens 15 March)</li> <li>- Spring semester 5: 15 October (the application form opens 1 September)</li> </ul> <p>Students must apply online after receiving an e-mail from UiB with instructions and a link to the online application form</p>
<a href="#">Supporting documents required with the application</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transcript of records in English or Scandinavian language</li> <li>- Copy of passport or national ID card.</li> </ul>
<b>Dates for issuance of acceptance letters</b>	<p>For students starting in the autumn semester: by 10 June</p> <p>For students starting in the spring semester: by 28 November</p>
<b>Norwegian language requirements</b>	<p>None</p> <p>Courses for exchange students are taught in English. Norwegian proficiency is not required. However, if the student masters a Scandinavian language, the student may also select courses taught in Norwegian.</p>
<a href="#">English Language Requirements</a>	<p>Students must have a minimum of <b>level B2 (CEFR)</b> for all law courses offered to exchange students. Level B2 (CEFR) is equivalent to IELTS minimum score: 5.0 or TOEFL minimum score: 60.</p> <p>We do not require the students to submit a test score as part of their application. We trust the sending university to monitor the language level, and <i>to only nominate students that have sufficient fluency in English</i> to cope with their courses from the start.</p>
<a href="#">Exchange students with special needs</a>	Exchange students with physical, mental or health related conditions can receive support services from UiB.
<a href="#">Student Housing</a>	First time exchange students to UiB have the benefit of guaranteed housing when attending UiB for one semester or longer.
<a href="#">Norwegian Language Courses for Exchange Students</a>	<p>A Norwegian language course of one semester's duration is available to exchange students free of charge. Please note that the schedules for the language courses <i>are not coordinated</i> with the schedules for the law courses. <b>Students may experience timetable conflicts and should then be aware that several of the law courses have mandatory attendance.</b></p>
<b>Fees applicable to exchange students</b>	None
<a href="#">Planning your arrival</a>	There are several things students need to attend to before moving to another country to live and study. On our webpages we have tried to address a few of the most urgent issues to take into consideration.
<a href="#">Welcome Programme</a>	There is a Welcome Programme for new international students before the start of every semester.
Course related information	
<a href="#">Semester Dates</a>	<p>Autumn semester: Early August to mid/end of December (before Christmas)</p> <p>Spring semester: First week of January through mid/end of June</p> <p>Recommended arrival time: Before the introductory programme in mid-August and first week of January.</p>
<b>Selection of courses and course registration deadline</b>	<p>Students select courses when sending their online application and must confirm their choices by registering for classes and exams at the start of the semester. The original choices may be altered upon arrival.</p> <p>Deadline for <i>final</i> course selection/registration: 1 September (autumn semester) / 1 February (spring semester).</p>
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English. Courses available to exchange students are taught in English.
<a href="#">Law Courses for Exchange Students (Faculty of Law)</a>	<p>The Faculty of Law offers a wide selection of courses taught in English on undergraduate (BA) and graduate (MA) level in both autumn and spring semesters.</p> <p>Students may also select courses from other faculties: <a href="#">Courses for Exchange Students (University of Bergen)</a></p>
<a href="#">Number of credits per semester required for full workload</a>	<p>30 ECTS credits</p> <p>The credit load per course at the Faculty of Law is 10 ECTS credits.</p>
<a href="#">Transcript of Records</a>	The University of Bergen does not issue hard copy transcripts of records. Upon completion of the exchange period, students must order their transcript of records with a digital signature on Studentweb.
Residence permits and insurance	
<a href="#">Study permit</a>	The procedures for student residence permit depend on the student's nationality.
<a href="#">Insurance and Health Information</a>	<p>Students travelling to Norway are required to have a valid health insurance for the entire duration of their stay in Norway. International students do not become members of the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme automatically.</p> <p>The University of Bergen does not provide liability insurance for students.</p> <p><b><i>We recommend all international students, regardless of the length of their stay to have a valid travel insurance in addition to their health insurance.</i></b></p>

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