University of Bergen, Norway
Psychology Short-Term Exchange Program

Program Dates: 5th January to 17th February 2015 (approximate)
Deadline: Thursday 23rd October 2014

Program Details
The University of Bergen (UiB; Universitetet i Bergen) in Norway is a modern public university with an internationally recognised research profile. It is an urban university located in the heart of the city of Bergen with about 14,500 students and 3,200 faculty and staff. The Faculty of Psychology is unique in the sense that among Nordic countries only at the University of Bergen has the study of psychology been assigned to its own faculty.

The University of Bergen is offering students from the University of Sydney an opportunity to study psychology units taught in English during the Australian summer break. These courses are run during Bergen’s regular Spring semester but offered in intensive mode. Sydney students will be required to take two courses (total 9 ECTS), equating to one Psychology Exchange unit of study (6 credits) with credit gained counting towards your Sydney course. Classmates will include Norwegian and other international students, including some from Australia’s Macquarie University and Monash University. This experience will offer a unique international perspective for students who might not otherwise be able to incorporate a traditional exchange into their degree. This program is designed for students entering their third year of a psychology degree.

Courses Offered
Students must take 2 courses. The first course must include the following mandatory course:
  o PSYCH310 Culture, Positive Development and Health (6 ECTS) - http://www.uib.no/en/course/PSYCH310A

Students must also select one of the following:
  1. PSYCH303 Medical Health Psychology (3 ECTS) - http://www.uib.no/en/course/PSYCH303
  2. PSYK302G Culture and Psychopathology; Mental Health in a Cross-Cultural Perspective (3 ECTS) - http://www.uib.no/en/course/PSYK302G

Student Numbers
Approximately 10 students can participate in this program each year.

Timing and Duration of the Program
The program runs for six weeks from 9 January to 17 February 2015 (approximate). You should plan to arrive a week prior to the commencement of classes. Bergen will run an orientation session prior to the program, tentatively Monday 5 January 2015.

Assignment and Assessment
Assessment will be conducted by the University of Bergen. Refer to individual course outlines for details.

Credit
Students must take two psychology units at Bergen (total 9 ECTS) to receive 6 Sydney credit points towards your Sydney course.

Please consult with the School of Psychology for questions about progression in your Psychology major and whether any restrictions apply on you taking other Sydney PSYC units of study on your return to Sydney.
**Selection Criteria**

Students will be selected based on the same eligibility criteria as those for the International Exchange Program ([http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_exchange/how_it_works.shtml#elig](http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_exchange/how_it_works.shtml#elig)), including an overall course credit average (65%) and having completed at least 48 credits of your current course. Priority will also be given to students who are majoring in Psychology.

International Students may apply, but not if they are citizens of Norway. International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions. For more information please visit [http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm).

Students must also have Faculty Endorsement and School of Psychology approval to participate. Sydney Abroad staff will obtain this after applications have been assessed.

**Funding**

Students undertaking this program may be eligible for OS-HELP Loans. Refer to the following website for more details: [http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_exchange/os_help_loan.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_exchange/os_help_loan.shtml)

**Accommodation**

Nominated students will be able to apply for accommodation at the same time as they apply for their placement in the program. Bergen will send application instructions to nominated students. [http://www.uib.no/en/education/49447/student-accommodation#how-do-i-apply](http://www.uib.no/en/education/49447/student-accommodation#how-do-i-apply)

Please be aware of the link to SIB’s website for International Students with a housing guarantee. ([http://www.boligtorget.no/sib/](http://www.boligtorget.no/sib/) and [http://www.sib.no/en/housing/international-students](http://www.sib.no/en/housing/international-students)). Bed linen, pillows and duvets are not provided.

**Costs**

To assist with budgeting, the prices at Fantøft Student Hostel ([http://www.sib.no/en/housing/student-hostels/fantoft](http://www.sib.no/en/housing/student-hostels/fantoft)) are as follows:

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**Additional Activities**

Students will have access to all cultural and/or leisure activities that the other international students participate in. However, the short-term students still have to pay the regular fee for a semester at the gym (870 NOK). The Student Welfare Organization SiB also has a range of other organized activities within culture, sports, religion and student organizations ([http://www.uib.no/en/education/49008/student-activities](http://www.uib.no/en/education/49008/student-activities)).

The University of Bergen is also very proud of their concert venue Grieghallen: [http://grieghallen.no/?l=en](http://grieghallen.no/?l=en)

**How to Apply**

Students must apply online and will be advised of application instructions by the University of Bergen.

**Contacts**

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