

# NOR 296: Oslo, Norway Internship Reflection Seminar January 2019

The Norwegian Department is offering a new course, NOR 296: Oslo Internship Reflection Seminar. In a nutshell, this program combines an academic internship in an humanitarian, religious or non-profit organization and reflection seminar based in Oslo, Norway. The prerequisite is completion of the FOL in Norwegian to provide the novice level linguistic and cultural knowledge. The orientation and beginning of this course will be taught face-to-face in Oslo, Norway. The latter half is taught online with the same instructor and with a site assistant in Oslo who will lead some pre-scheduled meetings and also be available in case of emergency. This experience specifically investigates one aspect of Norwegian culture that contrasts starkly from Norwegian-American culture, namely the workplace and the relationship between work and free time.

The course content is divided to allow for Norwegian majors and Nordic Studies concentrators who wish to deepen their linguistic and cultural competency in Norway while also providing an equally stimulating experience for students in other areas who have the opportunity to use their novice level of Norwegian language and culture while focusing on content from another field in English.

Students will specifically be interning in humanitarian, religious or non-profit organizations (due to legal requirements of volunteer work on a tourist visa). These organizations represent pillars of the Norwegian welfare state, so they will be good examples of how the government supports and serves their citizens. This course is an Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) course.

This program offers a new model for off-campus study, a hybrid course, taught partially face-to-face, and partially at a distance. The hybrid model allows students the opportunity for more of a typical study abroad experience at the beginning of the course. Then the course segues into allowing for more student autonomy towards the end of the course, once students have gotten comfortable in their new surroundings, more typical of an internship and work place experience. During this time, the course instructor is just an email, phone call or Google hangout away and the site assistant is available on site when needed.

This program will give students a hands-on opportunity to explore how Norwegian workplace culture contrasts greatly from the US. This will also provide meaningful opportunities for students to utilize their language skills and their cultural knowledge to meet and work with Norwegians.

Program Fee: \$2480

Additional costs: \$2370 (meals not included in program fee, international airfare)

Total: \$4850