

Wang Center for Global Education

Department of
Languages & Literatures

STUDENT QUOTE

"Studying in Telemark was not only an intellectual challenge, but also a wonderful social environment. The people in the Scandinavian Studies program are some of the nicest you could meet, and the student life in Bo is really beyond belief. It is a small community, but a tight-knit one, where it is easy to meet both Norwegians and students from many other countries and cultures. I really appreciated that I could take half of my classes in Norwegian, and would recommend this program for anyone interested in Scandinavian culture or Norwegian language...or, anybody who wants to have a great time and meet wonderful people!

Kelsey Larson
PLU student
Scandinavian Studies Program at
Telemark University College
Academic Year 2009-2010



Photo taken by: Kelsey Larson

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please talk with a Norwegian/
Scandinavian Area Studies faculty
advisor or Wang Center advisor
for more information. Scholarships
available include: Wang Center
Global Scholar Awards, Sons of
Norway, PLU Scandinavian
Cultural Center, etc.

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Study Away MAP

Major Advising Plan

Study Away for Norwegian and Scandinavian Area Studies Majors & Minors

FACULTY STATEMENTS/ STATEMENT FROM PROGRAMS

The programs of Norwegian and Scandinavian Area Studies strongly encourage majors and minors to study away for a semester or intensive J-term or summer program. Immersion in Norwegian/Scandinavian cultures is invaluable to the student seeking comparative insight into cultural differences, tangible experience in living within a new culture and increased language competency. Consider study away an investment in your future as an engaged global citizen!

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR NORWEGIAN MAJORS AND MINORS

PLU Gateway Programs:

PLU Telemark, Norway — *Scandinavian Studies Program*

Fall or Spring Semester Program; Full Year Option Available

Eligibility: no language prerequisite; junior or senior standing preferred

The program offers coursework taught in both English and Norwegian, and is therefore ideal for Norwegian majors and minors and Scandinavian Studies majors. Courses offered in Norwegian language, literature, and Telemark environment and identity encourage a focused study within a region known for its rich cultural tradition and outdoor life.

Approved Summer Programs:

Norway — *International Summer School, University of Oslo*

Eligibility: no language prerequisite

Undergraduate courses offered with a focus on Norwegian language and various aspects of Norwegian culture and society.

PLU J-term Programs:

Iceland/Norway — *Culture, Language, and Identity in Scandinavia (4-credit course)*

Eligibility: no prerequisites

Language history, policy, and use in contemporary society come to life as students study majority and minority cultures in the capital cities of Reykjavik and Oslo and the rural birthplace of Norway's minority "New Norwegian" language at Orsta. The course is taught in English. SCAN 231/331, Languages and Literatures, Scandinavian Studies Program credit, Global Studies credit available.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR SCANDINAVIAN AREA STUDIES MAJORS

PLU Gateway Programs:

PLU Telemark, Norway — *Scandinavian Studies Program*

Fall or Spring Semester Program; Full Year Option Available

Eligibility: no language prerequisite; junior or senior standing preferred

(See full program description above under PLU Telemark.)

PLU Hedmark, Norway — *Contemporary Global Issues, the Norwegian Approach*

Fall Semester Program

Eligibility: no language prerequisite; sophomore, junior, or senior standing

The Hedmark program is ideal for students interested in Peace and Conflict Studies, Communication, Political Science, Scandinavian Area Studies, and Global Studies. The program focuses on Norway's approach to conflict mediation and peace building, relationships with developing nations, and the role of the media, religion, and government institutions in society.

Approved Programs:

DIS Copenhagen, Denmark — *Danish Institute for Study Abroad*

Fall or Spring Semester Program

Eligibility: no language prerequisite

Offering all English-taught courses, this program would be well suited for students with interests in both Scandinavian Area Studies as well as a second academic discipline, particularly in Psychology, Business, or Pre-Med.

PLU J-term Programs:

Advising Notes & Contact Information

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NORWEGIAN & SCANDINAVIAN AREA STUDIES ADVISING NOTES/ ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- With approval prior to departure, credit may be earned toward language, literature and culture courses in the programs of Norwegian and Scandinavian Area Studies.
- Study away is recommended in the junior year, though study in the sophomore or senior year is also possible.
- Language study at Telemark for third-year students is recommended in the fall semester, as this is the semester that offers the number of credit hours necessary to transfer for NORW301 credit. Language credit for NORW302 is possible in spring semester if two Telemark courses where course instruction and student work is done in Norwegian.
- Literature courses are offered in both English and Norwegian. Literature courses in Norwegian at Telemark require considerable competence in the language. The courses are generally recommended for students with high performance in second year Norwegian, or students who have completed third year Norwegian.
- Students seeking approval for courses in Environmental Studies (Telemark Program), Global Studies or other majors must receive approval from the appropriate program or department chair.

WANG CENTER ADVISING NOTES

PLU offers a variety of program options to help you meet your study away goals. You may choose to study on a Gateway program, a Featured program, an Approved program, or a J-term program. You may also choose to participate in an International Internship.

Step 1—Explore:

Explore your options for study away opportunities. Check out the programs available on our website. Come to a Study Away Fair, held in both September and March every year. Talk with others: Sojourner Advocates, staff, faculty and friends. Consider why you wish to study away, what you hope to achieve through the experience, where you might want to study, and when you would like to go.

Step 2—Evaluate:

Evaluate your study away program options. Meet with a Study Away Advisor to determine which program is the best fit for you and your study away goals. Meet with your Faculty Advisor or Academic Advisor to discuss which program is the best fit for your academic goals.

Step 3—Apply:

Once you've decided which program to apply to, visit the Wang Center for application details. Be sure to submit all application materials to the Wang Center by your program's deadline.