

Study Abroad in Oslo, Norway

# PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES

*A unique opportunity!*



*In many ways unique and quite special, the Bjørknes University College programme in Oslo draws on the traditions and expertise that characterise the Norwegian approach to peace building and conflict resolution. Oslo is the home of the Nobel Peace Prize and one of the most distinguished Peace Research Institutions, PRIO. Our mission is that students at Bjørknes University College will receive the training and experience necessary to become the next generation of peace researchers who can make a real difference.*

**Dr. Christopher White,**  
Associate Professor of  
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BJØRKNES  
UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE

# Interested in Peace & Conflict Studies and International Relations? IF SO, THE OSLO SEMESTER IS PERFECT FOR YOU!

This is your chance to experience a unique and different semester abroad! Come to Bjørknes University College, the first and only institution in Norway offering an undergraduate program in Peace and Conflict Studies, and learn how you can make a difference in the world. Courses in Peace and Conflict Studies and International Relations are offered in English during the autumn semester (August-December) in an international teaching environment where you will take classes together with Norwegian students.

## **Bjørknes University College, Oslo, Norway**

Are you interested in expanding your horizons by learning more about international issues and how the world works? Bjørknes University College, situated in Norway's capital Oslo, offers a unique study experience for both Norwegian and international students in a small and intimate college setting. The programme draws on expertise from Norway's renowned peace research community. Students will be challenged to discuss and analyse both historical and current international issues and receive advanced academic training. As the first educational institution in Norway offering Peace and Conflict Studies at an undergraduate level, we are confident that you will not regret spending a semester with us.

## **International Focus**

Bjørknes is a small university college with a broad international focus and network. In addition to collaborating with a number of international institutions, we facilitate study

trips and exchange programmes to the United States, Tanzania, the Middle East, South Africa, Australia and Svalbard. Each autumn we invite international students to spend an exciting semester with us in Oslo.

## **Electives for International Students**

The range of courses on offer in English include *The Geopolitics of the Arctic*, *The Ethics of War and Peace*, *War and Peace in the Middle East*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Africa Then and Now*, *Terrorism & Counter-terrorism* and *Global Violence*.

Students take three courses, which make up a full semester's workload (30 ECTS credits). Please see attachment for description of courses on offer in 2016.

## **Institutional Links**

Over the years, Bjørknes University College has established strong institutional links with NGOs and academic and research institutions, such as the world famous Peace Research

Institute Oslo (PRIO), the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the Nobel Institute.

## **Distinguished Lecturers**

Bjørknes University College draws on the longstanding Norwegian diplomatic tradition of promoting conflict resolution through mediation, and benefits from the extensive NGO and peace research sector in Oslo. Guest lectures are regularly given by prominent academics, diplomats, politicians, military and practitioners, such as Barry White (former American Ambassador), Jan Egeland (Director of NRC and former UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs), Kai Eide (former UN Special Envoy to Afghanistan) and Erik Møse (former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda).



## Courses offered, Fall 2016

- Global Violence
- War and Peace in the Middle East
- Africa Then and Now
- The Nobel Peace Prize – What, Why and to Whom?

Disclaimer: Please note that changes may occur.

## Norwegian Language and Culture

- 12 weeks course
- Learn basic language skills
- Get familiar with Norwegian history and culture
- Interesting excursions



*Bjorknes University College has the unique potential to provide unparalleled resources to its students, both exchange and otherwise. In addition to the benefit of its location in one of the most internationally engaged cities in the world, Bjorknes has top-tier faculty. The professors are experts in their own fields, yet still effectively communicate their passions in small, diverse classroom environments. This is the mark of a truly excellent education. I'm thrilled to be a Bjorknes University College exchange student, and cannot recommend the school highly enough.*

**Martha Spieker**

**Exchange student 2014**

**Pacific Lutheran University, USA**

Our beautiful campus in Oslo.



Nelson Mandela's grandson, Tabonghile Mandela, is an alumnus of Bjorknes University College.



*Bjorknes University College provides close contact between lecturers and students, a good environment to learn and to teach, a fine atmosphere among the students, and the opportunity for in-depth study of the most important topics within peace and conflict studies, including political, institutional, and ethical questions. For me, it's a great privilege to teach at a college so committed to excellence and to taking care of its students.*

**Professor Henrik Syse,**

**Senior Researcher at PRIO**

**(Peace Research Institute Oslo);**

**Associate Professor at the**

**Norwegian Defence University**

**College; Chief Editor of Journal of Military Ethics, and Lecturer at**

**Bjorknes University College.**

**Henrik also holds the honourable**

**position as a member of the**

**Norwegian Nobel Committee.**

**The committee is awarding the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize.**



**A better understanding of the world:** If you are looking to broaden your knowledge and understanding of how the world works, Peace and Conflict Studies is the right choice for you. As a student of Peace and Conflict Studies you will critically analyse and discuss current international issues. You will receive advanced academic training within an exciting, growing and increasingly important field.

**Interested? Get in touch today: [info@bjorkneshoyskole.no](mailto:info@bjorkneshoyskole.no)**



#### Study in Oslo

Bjørknes University College is located in the middle of Oslo, in the St. Hanshaugen neighbourhood, a popular and trendy district only five minutes from the city centre. More than 500 students choose to study at Bjørknes University College every year.

You will enjoy your time here as part of an intimate and inspiring college environment, with both Norwegian and international students. Extracurricular seminars and social events are organised throughout the semester:

- Kick-off-days ("Buddy System")
- Welcome lunch
- Wednesday coffee break (free)
- Guest lectures
- Debates and seminars
- Autumn soccer cup
- Quiz nights
- Halloween
- Student parties
- Christmas lunch

#### About Oslo

Oslo is the capital of Norway, home to around 630 000 people, and also Europe's fastest growing capital. Situated between the Nordmarka forest and the Oslo fjord, Oslo provides both an electric urban environment, as well as easy access to skiing, hiking, swimming and kayaking. Both forests and the sea can be reached with the outstanding public transport system. Oslo is a multicultural, vibrant and safe Nordic capital with a varied cultural scene. From opera in the state-of-the-art National Opera House to a multitude of rock clubs, music festivals, exhibitions and sports events, the choice is yours! Academically, Oslo has a lot to offer with its wide variety of English-spoken seminars and guest lectures by top international scholars. If you want to live and study in an urban setting, but with easy access to all that nature has to offer, Oslo is the place for you. You can also get cheap flights to anywhere

in Europe and beyond, from one of the three international airports close to Oslo. Welcome and enjoy!

#### Did you know?

- Typical Norwegian: Nordic skiing, brown cheese, Freia milk chocolate, Nobel Peace Prize, and Aquavit (Norwegian liquor).
- A recent international study concluded that Oslo was Europe's overall music trend leader, leaving London trailing!
- Oslo is surrounded by magnificent forests and a beautiful fjord. You'll definitely meet plenty of friendly Norwegians among the trees...
- Become streetwise in Oslo, check out [use-it.no](#)
- Visit [visitoslo.com](#) for a good overview of Oslo's many great museums (such as the Munch museum) and other sights.
- Going to festivals is a definitive must during the summer.

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**For more information and how to apply: [info@bjorkneshoyskole.no](mailto:info@bjorkneshoyskole.no)**



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