

What did they say about studying at Trondheim Business School

Reception and Information on arrival

Ewa Bocian, Poland

Before coming to Trondheim we were provided with detailed information about best ways of arriving to Trondheim. That made our trip, to Trondheim and back home, an easy thing to do. Our International Coordinator in Trondheim booked a place in Student Village in advance for us and helped with fulfilling all formalities connected with accommodation. We were picked up and got installed in our rooms when we arrived. The reception staff of SiT (an organization taking care of renting facilities for students) was helpful from the very beginning. They all seemed to be happy to be able to answer all our questions and did their best to help us solve any problems we run into. The kind way we were welcomed in Trondheim made our studying in Trondheim Business School without stress right from the beginning and did a good impression on all international students.



HiST special programmes for International Students

Ilona Antonoviciute, Lithuania

Since we are international students, most of whom came to Norway for their first time, HiST has arranged a special course called Introduction to Norway. This course was meant to give us a possibility to get a deeper insight about Norwegian culture, language and people. We took part in organised excursions to places of natural and cultural interest and had a chance to experience aspects of Norwegian life. Sightseeing of City of Trondheim was arranged for us to get to know the city better as we were going to spend the next four months in the town. The trips to Tautra, an island in the inner Trondheim fjord, Røros, a mountain town, and Bessaker, a fishermen village, were the most memorable moments during our stay in Norway. On top of that, there was an opportunity to attend Norwegian language courses for beginners. The staff at HiST, as well as the Norwegian students, really made us feel welcome and made this whole experience unforgettable.

Pedagogical Methods

Tomasz Debowski, Poland

For those of you used to a distance in relationships between students and teachers the atmosphere at TBS will prove itself to be a pleasant surprise. In fact the teaching staff is to certain extend like your partners you can have a chat with and ask about things that bother you. This is mainly owing to small groups the classes are held in at most of the subjects and more generally to the openness of the Norwegian society which is fairly informal. As far as teaching methods are concerned they basically seem to pursue the “learning by doing” philosophy. This means that you have to prepare for a rather substantial amount of workload to keep up with the lectures. Written assignments and term papers usually performed in groups are common for the courses. The workload is not overwhelming though and you should still be able to cope with it. There is another thing worth mentioning. There is much to read and this takes time. Nevertheless it all seems to be justified and you don’t get a feeling you read something not relevant at all. The exams in Norway look perhaps alike to those in the whole Scandinavia. They last for four hours each and are aimed to check your understanding of subjects rather than to test detailed knowledge which I found really positive. Summing up, I have to admit we found there a great studying environment with people devoted to their work which fuels motivation to study by keeping you involved as well.



Integration with Norwegians and other International Students

Sven Müller, Germany

From an outside perspective Norwegians are considered to be close and private people. To provide a better understanding of these people I will start describing you how a normal study day is organized, going over to point out possibilities to you for getting in contact with them.

Norwegian students spend most of their time at Trondheim Økonomiske Høyskole within small groups of 3-5 close friends. They come to university early in the morning and devote much time on reading books and article compendiums, required for being able to follow each course. However, as an International Student having intensive contact to Norwegians will not be the problem since most of the assignments will have to be done in groups. You will also be able to join them for lunch in the cafeteria or to go with them for a coffee in Café Sitro. Around 4 or 5 o’clock in the afternoon many of them leave school to go for in- or outside sports activities. For Norwegian people there is generally no bad weather. They are keen on running or cycling in the evening in summer time and on skiing in the winter time.

If you want to join Norwegians in their leisure activities it is a good advice to either buy a bicycle or to become a member of Dragvoll “Idrettsenteret” (Sport Centre). Meeting other Students when going there is almost guaranteed, you can do a wide range of sports up 2 or 3 times a week to keep your body fit.

Another possibility to get actively in contact with Norwegians is to attend the famous “Vorspiel” parties which are usually held on Saturdays. This is some kind of pre-party to get a little bit warmer before going to the real party later on downtown. Just ask the students you

are in a group with when they are having their next “Vorspiel” party and show your interest in getting more familiar with their culture. For sure they will invite you. When going there you should bring your own drinks and good mood.

Generally it is all about your will in actively trying to spend time with them, instead of passively waiting for them to contact you! Try to learn the language since this is the key to culture and will offer you a much wider range of opportunities to learn more about them.

Accommodation

Jekaterina Baraskova, Lithuania

Moholt is the largest student village in Trondheim. It is just across the street from Trondheim Business School where I have been studying for one semester. It takes only 5 minutes to get there. Rooms in Moholt are very comfortable and cosy. There you will find all furniture and equipment which is needed for studies. Living in student village is cheap and very convenient because you share kitchen and bathroom with only 3 other students. Living with Norwegians or other international students is always interesting. In kitchen you will find oven, refrigerator and special “drying closet”, but as they say, no knives, forks, spoons, pans, glasses or cutlery. In my kitchen I had everything what I needed. Students usually share kitchen utensils and leave some stuff when they move to another place, but it is always good to have your own. At Moholt you will find launderettes and dryers for which students pay with wash card. Another good thing is that telephone calls within the student village are free of charge. I think it is the best place to live during your studies.



Administrative services at HIST/TBS

Sheila Venvik, Uganda

The administrative services at Trondheim Business School are very receptive and welcoming.

The four months I have spent at TBS, I will not forget our international coordinator Mona. She is a warm, kind hearted person, always giving considerable attention, but most of all, always willing to attend to our concerns at any way she can. No regrets at TBS, as an international student TRY NOW!!

Library/computer facilities

Angel Ontiveros, Spain

HiST has provided us with really important resources as computer and library facilities.

In this section, we must say we were very happy and content as we had an access to modern computers with fast connection to the Internet and also a practical and handy copying service.

Computer lab is available everyday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., including weekends. This gave us more freedom and flexibility to perform all our tasks without being pressured.

Speaking about library, there is a wide fund of books available in English, an array of daily press and other magazines and journals. Books can also be brought home up to 4 weeks. Library offers convenient working hours.

In my opinion, library and computer facilities at HiST are perfect, as it is an important tool in our studies.



Study facilities at TBS
Zbigniew Drewniak, Poland

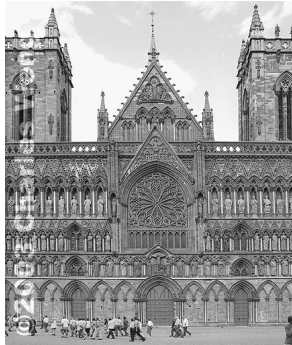
Everything at TBS is organised on the world-class level. The student finds here very comfortable and spacious classrooms, which are well equipped. Digital projectors, video screens, multimedia presentations are in common use by the teachers what make the lectures very interesting. At TBS there are also many studying rooms, which are very useful especially during the group meetings. The students don't have to worry about that they will miss something; all important messages are projected on the screen in the main hall. TBS meets all students' expectations. The school is our second home that is why we appreciate that we can study in perfect conditions.

City of Trondheim

Szymon Karlikowski, Poland



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Trondheim was founded in 997 by the Viking King Olav Tryggvason and became first capital of Norway. Today, with 150.000 inhabitants, Trondheim is third largest city in Norway offering facilities and infrastructure of a big city, but preserving cosy atmosphere, typical for a small charming town. 25.000 out of 150.000

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The Study Program

Uxue Itoiz Lleida, Spain

The study program is perfectly organized, the subjects that you can find are varied and so interesting, like international business, leadership, sport economics.... All things are in time, exams, lectures,...and all the information is on internet. The professors are expecting you to participate in class discussions, and it is interesting to listen to different opinions and points of view from all the participants since the students of this course are international. The professors and all the people in general are willing to help you if you have any problems.

My personal outcome

Renata Ribeiro, Brazil

These 5 months that I spent in Norway were the best of my life. It gave me a better knowledge about my education and especially about the world in general. I could understand other cultures, new languages, new way of living and I made very good friends from different countries. I can say that it was the best experience of my life, which made me a better person, more mature and able to face the differences in the world. This experience will be in my memory forever.

