

# Norway

## Advising Center Network

The US-Norway Fulbright Foundation's EducationUSA Center offers individual counseling through e-mail, telephone, in-person, and web-based services to students all over the country. In-house seminars and regular outreach activities are a key feature of Fulbright Norway.

### Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -8.2%

- ▶ Norwegian students depend on funding from the Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund (Lånekassen), which does not fund the freshman year in the US (with some exceptions). This, coupled with increasing tuition rates for US universities, makes it difficult for students to afford an entire degree.
- ▶ As more countries are implementing Bologna compliant degrees, the competition from Europe is likely to increase.
- ▶ Despite the overall decline in numbers, Norwegian students are still interested in studies in the US. In 2007, the number of Fulbright applicants increased by 34% compared to the previous year.
- ▶ Very few US universities recruit actively in Norway. Universities that do active recruiting and can offer scholarships for Norwegian students and/or simplify the application or transfer process, are able to attract students to their campuses.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: business, international relations, law, medical studies, fine arts/film school.
- ▶ Sports most common among student-athletes: soccer, skiing, ice hockey.

## Resource Links

US-Norway Fulbright Foundation: [www.fulbright.no](http://www.fulbright.no)

Ministry of Education and Research: [www.nokut.no/sw456.asp](http://www.nokut.no/sw456.asp)

Credit and grading system: [www.nokut.no/sw5581.asp](http://www.nokut.no/sw5581.asp)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Mainly Norwegian	Norwegian and some English
Years of study required:	7+3+3 years	3 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	Upper secondary school: Grades are awarded according to a graded scale from 6 (highest) to 0 (lowest) with 2 as the lowest passing grade.	Grades are awarded according to a graded scale from A (highest) to F (lowest), with E as the minimum passing grade. A pass/fail mark is given for some examinations.
Scholarship for US studies:	State Educational Loan Fund: Limited support available for high school exchanges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Educational Loan Fund</li> <li>• Norway-America Foundation</li> <li>• US-Norway Fulbright Foundation</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

The Fulbright Office in Norway would like to expand the American presence at the annual Education and Employment Fair in Oslo (January 2009). With support from the US Embassy in Oslo, the Commission will organize a large booth to represent US study opportunities and will invite relevant partner organizations and interested US schools to participate.

## Partnering with EducationUSA Norway

Advisers intend to continue working with US university representatives in offering thematic seminars on athletic scholarships, graduate admissions, and other topics of interest.

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## Program Highlights 2007

### Strengthening the American Presence: "Education & Employment" Fair, Oslo

The Norway-America Association, American College of Norway, and the Fulbright Office shared an exhibition booth at the annual "Education and Employment" Student Fair in January 2007. Thanks to the generous support of the US Embassy, over 380 students could benefit from the "one-stop shopping" access to information about US study opportunities. US Ambassador to Norway Benson K. Whitney, as well as representatives from the Consular and Public Affairs Sections of the US Embassy visited the stand during the fair.



### Engaging US University Representatives and US Fulbright Grantees

Sonja Steinbrech, Assistant Director, Graduate Admissions and Marketing at American University – School of International Service, along with a representative from the Association of Norwegian Students Abroad (ANSA) and US Fulbright grantees to Norway offered an in-depth information session for Norwegian students on the graduate school application process.

### Working with the National Student Association

EducationUSA advisers offered a series of presentations at the Association of Norwegian Students Abroad (ANSA) information seminars on studies in the US. The events took place in Oslo, Bergen, and Stavanger, and over 160 students attended the three events.

### Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ American College of Norway
- ▶ Association of Norwegian Students Abroad (ANSA)
- ▶ Norway-America Association
- ▶ The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU)
- ▶ US Embassy in Oslo

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	1,297	1,021
Total number of center inquiries (including webhits):	19,452	27,025