I am happy to write this short report about my semester at the University of Oslo as an exchange student. Erasmus is a great opportunity to learn about other cultures and other study methodologies. I decided to do the second semester of my master's degree in Oslo from the beginning, and now, I can say that it is one of the best options.

**Preparation.**

It is really important to identify which country you are from. In my particular case, I am a non-European citizen, for this reason, I had to find the procedure to apply for a visa in Norway. It was really easy, the University gives you all the information you need.

Visa in Norway. On this page, I found all the information I need to apply for my visa. [https://www.udi.no/en/](https://www.udi.no/en/). You can apply from your country or directly in Norway. Since I needed my passport, I applied for it directly in Norway. The procedures only took a week between the appointment and the sending of my green card. The University gave me all the information I needed to present at the Embassy. So it was really easy and fast! However, you must be prepared for the cost of the visa, at least € 500.

The university gives us a book with all the information we need for our first days. I think the following information is important:

**Accommodation.**

As an Erasmus student, I had a guaranteed room. However, it is really important to book on time. This is the page where you can find the accommodation. [https://www.sio.no](https://www.sio.no)
I was lucky! I was leaving in the student village of Kringsja and it was amazing. It is near the forest and 45 minutes from the city center. You could choose a room with a bathroom for around € 530. The apartment was shared with 7 students. You can get your house card on the first day of "buddy week".

Every semester there is an orientation week, the "buddy week". After a welcome event, you will divide into a group made up of students from your own department. This is mainly guided by two local students, whose group has different locations in Oslo for one week.

The Universitetet i Oslo is very well organized and you can ask questions at any time to the respective contact person and they will be answered in a few days.

**Daily life and free time:**
Oslo has a very high student population. There is a lot to do and explore in the city. The city has a good transportation system, which makes life very easy. The cost of the monthly ticket is more or less € 40. The cultural offer in Oslo, as is typical of a big city, is very large, since there are a large number of museums, theaters, opera, lakes, parks, cinemas, shopping malls, night clubs, bars, and much more. It is really important to understand that Norway is an expensive country. *(Example: the price of a beer in a bar is € 9 or more, the wine bottle € 13, dönnfer € 9)*

**University.**

The university has excellent facilities. They have a new building for lawyers located in the city center. I only took three lectures and they were interesting. However, for the COVID situation, we had to take online conferences. From my point of view, the experience was completely different from what I expected. It is really difficult to follow the teacher and it doesn't feel personal.

Despite the coronavirus, I have to say that Norway was one of the best places to stay. The university always took care of us. Also, the city never closed, so I was able to get out and walk the required distance. Finally, I had a great time with my roommates. Even with the Coronavirus, I think the Erasmus experience is one of the best things about the European system.