Pre-Arrival Guide

This interactive PDF guide will help to prepare for your time at the International Summer School (ISS).

To confirm your place, you must:

1. Accept your place in the online application portal

2. Fulfill the financial obligations towards the ISS as stated in your Letter of Admission, if applicable.


4. Register online for weekend excursions.
Registration

Registration for all students takes place on Saturday, June 25, from 10:00 - 15:00. Meet at the entrance to Georg Morgenstiens hus (no. 16). Here, you will confirm your course registration, receive your ISS Student Card, your username and password for the UiO network, your invitation to the Opening Ceremony, the ISS Student Handbook, and other information.

We ask that Norwegian language students pay special attention to which class they have been assigned. All Norwegian language classes are divided into several sections and lists will be posted in the registration hall.

Latecomers can register Monday, June 27, from 09:00 - 14:00, at the ISS Office.

Excursion Registration

The ISS arranges a number of weekend excursions to culturally interesting and scenic areas of Norway: Telemark, Jotunheimen, Hallingdal and the Oslo Fjord region. All students are entitled to one weekend trip of their choice, to one of the areas listed above.

For a separate fee (NOK 3,900/USD 520), we also offer a 4-day trip to Bergen on the west coast to learn more about the art and history of the region.

Register online for the excursions in May.

Internet Access

As an ISS student, you will automatically receive a network account for the University of Oslo (UiO). You will receive your username and password at registration and will not be able to access the UiO network (Internet, wi-fi, computer labs, etc.) until you do.

Staff will be available to help you log on to either the network at Blindern Dormitory or at the computer lab on campus, located on the 2nd floor of Eilert Sundts hus.

To access the network at Blindern Dormitory, you will not need your UiO username and password right away, but you will need your own network cable (cat5/cat3). Each dormitory room has one LAN-network connection, which you must share with your roommate(s).

It takes time to get 600+ students online in just a few days, so please be patient! The staff makes every effort to get you online and in touch with friends and family as fast as possible. Please take the time to read the information available on our website and in the handouts you will receive at registration.

ISS Addresses & Contact Info

Mailing address:
ISS Office
International Summer School
University of Oslo
P.O. Box 1082, Blindern
NO-0317 Oslo
NORWAY

For all ISS-students:
[ Student's Name ]
c/o International Summer School
University of Oslo
P.O. Box 1082, Blindern
NO-0317 Oslo
NORWAY

Visiting address
ISS Office
Georg Morgenstienes hus, 2nd floor
Moltke Moes vei 30-32
NO-0851 Oslo
NORWAY

For all on-campus ISS-students:
Blindern Dormitory (visiting address)
Blindernveien 41, entrance across the street from Problemveien 7

Telephone numbers
+47 22 85 63 85
Reception Desk: +47 23 33 10 00
Residential Managers: +47 23 33 16 72

Important Dates

Blindern Dormitory Opens
Friday
June 24

Registration; Orientation Meeting
Saturday
June 25

Oslo Sightseeing
Sunday
June 26

First Day of Classes; Opening Ceremony & City Hall Reception
Monday
June 27

Library Orientation Meeting
Tuesday
June 28

No Classes/ Long Weekend
Thursday - Friday
July 14 - 15

Final Exams
Monday - Thursday
August 1 - 4

Farewell Party
Thursday
August 4

Blindern Dorm Closes
Friday
August 5

During the session, our website and Facebook page are updated daily and weekly flyers are posted to keep you updated of all of the ISS social events.
After You Arrive

Getting to Blindern Dormitory
Oslo’s public transportation system is clean, efficient and convenient way to get to Blindern. Though you may be road-weary and jet-lagged, getting to the University of Oslo’s Blindern campus and the Blindern Dormitory is relatively easy. Print this guide and the maps linked in this document to help you find your way.

First: Getting to Downtown Oslo

By airplane
Gardermoen Airport is the main airport that services Oslo. Take the Airport Express train or the NSB local train to Oslo Central Station (Oslo S). Airport Express prices:
Adult, NOK 180, Student (ISIC cardholders) & youth under 20: NOK 90. Local train prices: NOK 90. Student discount not available to ISS students on local trains.

Next step: Go to nearest Metro stop to Oslo Central Station: Jernbanetorget (Oslo S)

Torp Airport in Sandefjord has a 2-hour bus route which takes you directly to the Oslo Bus Terminal in downtown Oslo. Student ticket price: NOK 190

Next step: Go to nearest Metro stop to the Bus Terminal: Jernbanetorget (Oslo S)

Rygge Airport in Moss has a 1.5-hour bus route which takes you directly to the Oslo Bus Terminal in downtown Oslo. Student ticket price: NOK 140.

Next step: Go to nearest Metro stop to the Bus Terminal: Jernbanetorget (Oslo S)

By train
All regional and national trains stop either at the Oslo Central Station (Oslo S) or at the National Theater Station (Nationaltheatret).

Next step: Go to nearest Metro stop to Central Station, Jernbanetorget (Oslo S) OR
Next step: Go to nearest Metro stop to National Theater, Nationaltheatret

By bus
All international and domestic buses stop at the Oslo Bus Terminal.

Next step: Go to nearest Metro stop to the Bus Terminal, Jernbanetorget (Oslo S)

By an international boat
International Ferry Terminals are located at various points in Downtown Oslo. We recommend taking a taxi to Blindern campus to avoid hauling your luggage through areas with heavy traffic (approx. NOK 220).

Second: Getting to the Blindern Campus
Take the metro to the Blindern metro stop. From either the Jernbanetorget (Oslo S) stop or Nationaltheatret stop, take one of the westbound metro lines — “4 Vestli via Majorstuen,” “5 Ringen via Majorstuen” or “5 Sognsvann” — to Blindern.

Tickets must be purchased and validated before boarding the metro. Tickets can be purchased at a service counter, a ticket machine or kiosk for NOK 30.

The Oslo Public Transit System does not honor the ISIC card and does not offer a discount to ISS students.

Maps: Oslo metro

Third: Getting to Blindern Dormitory
Upon arrival, check in at the Blindern Dormitory Reception, located in the central dormitory building. As of Friday, June 19, 09:00, the Reception at Blindern Dormitory will be staffed around the clock and students living on campus may check-in at any time.

Should you experience problems upon arrival in Oslo, please contact the Residential Managers at Blindern Dormitory, (+47) 23 33 16 74.

Taxis
Taxis are common, but very expensive. A taxi from Gardermoen Airport will cost you between approx. NOK 759 - 1200 (USD 90 - 136), depending on the time of day. A taxi directly from Oslo Central Station or Nationaltheatret to Blindern Dormitory will cost about NOK 200 (USD 25).

If you do take a taxi, ask the driver to take you to Blindern Studenterhjem (Blindern Dormitory.) The entrance lies on Problemveien, directly across from Lucy Smiths hus on the Blindern campus of the University of Oslo.

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