



## Degree Programmes

This study placement is open to Aston Business Students.

Number of places: 2

EU/Home students have the chance to do an internship next to your study at BI (worth 15ECTS)

The internship is offered as a course at BI and only candidates with **an average grade of 2.1 in the first year** will be considered.

## Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to [internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk](mailto:internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk) **Deadlines are published on [Aston Futures](#).**

Students can apply for up to three universities; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, and there is a template available on Blackboard in the overseas folder. Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Don't worry about contacting the partner university directly, as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

## The University

BI Norwegian Business School  
Nydalsveien 37  
0442 Oslo  
Norway



### [Website](#)

[Information for incoming exchange students](#)

[List of modules](#)

The Norwegian Business School is located in Norway's capital city, Oslo. Oslo is a lively and thriving city which is home to a great number of students.

The Norwegian Business School is one of Norway's largest research based educational institutions. It has over 22,000 students spread across 24 campuses in Norway. The headquarters of BI, which was established in 1943, moved to a brand new campus in Nydalen in the centre of Oslo in 2005. Nydalen was originally an industrial area, but has now become a business area where over 200 companies can be found near the BI campus. BI Norwegian Business School has a Triple-crown accreditation: AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA.

## [What it is like to study at BI](#)

### **Location**

Oslo is considered a global city and ranked "Beta World City" in studies performed by the Globalization and World Cities Study Group and Network in 2008. It was ranked number one in terms of quality of life among European large cities in the European Cities of the Future 2012 report by Di magazine.[5] A survey conducted by ECA International in 2011 placed Oslo as the second most expensive city in the world for living expenses after Tokyo. In 2013 Oslo tied with the Australian city of Melbourne as the fourth most expensive city in the world, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)'s Worldwide Cost of Living study.



As of January 2014 the city of Oslo has a population of 634,000. The Metropolitan area of Oslo has a population of 1,502,604, of whom 951,581 live in the contiguous conurbation. The population currently increases at record rates, making it the fastest growing major city in Europe. This growth stems for the most part from international immigration and related high birth rates, but also from intra-national migration. The immigrant population in the city is growing somewhat faster than the Norwegian population, and in the city proper this is now more than 25% of the total.

### **Semester/key dates**

Fall semester: August – December  
Spring semester: January – June  
Introduction week: Mid-August

## [Academic Calendar](#)

## Courses Available

Students follow modules offered in English from the Bachelor of Business Administration programme for two semesters of study.

Courses can be taken in Norwegian language (a fee is payable for this). These do not form part of the BI curriculum, but a test can be taken at the end of the course, and a certificate is awarded.

### Workload:

30 ECTS credits per semester

## Internship Opportunity

Aston students are eligible to take part in a unique scheme at BI:

- studying in the first semester; and
- in the second semester - **doing a two-day, unpaid internship at a local company (if their application for internship is successful)**

During their first semester at BI, students will receive information about the available positions and will get support with the application from the BI Careers Service. However, the internship is not guaranteed and will depend on the success of their application.

Students will be **working for two days** a week and taking a **course Internship** as well as additional **2 business courses**. During the internship course the focus will be on reflection & motivation; they will have to write a report.

The course is worth 15 ECTS credits. Currently, this opportunity is only open for EU students.

## Living in Norway

- **Accommodation**  
BI Norwegian Business School assists exchange students in finding accommodation.  
Accommodation is available in student dormitories. Further information is sent to students after the application deadline.  
You can also apply for accommodation through the [SiO](#) (the Foundation for Student Life of Oslo).
- **Cost of Living**  
**Per year:**

Housing	44,000 – 49,000 NOK
Food/personal expenses	30,000 NOK
Books & Supplies	12,000 NOK
Transport	4,000 NOK
- **Practical information**  
[Information for Incoming students:](#)  
[The following website provides crucial information for incoming students](#)

- **Other Information**

All foreign students must register with the police in Oslo within 7 days of arrival. You will need to take certain documents with you. Please consult the “Survival Guide” (see web link above). You will have to apply for a residence permit.

You will need to have adequate health insurance.

Please note that under Norwegian law most foreign nationals who stay in Norway for over three months are required to have a chest X-ray and a tuberculosis test. See the “Survival Handbook” for further information. This must be arranged within two weeks of your arrival in Norway.

### **Next steps if you are successful**

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must to apply to BI Norwegian Business School, using the application form which is available on-line. This must be sent by post or by email to BI with a CV, a passport photo, a letter of motivation and a copy of your academic transcript.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

### **Visa**

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to BI Oslo School of Management, and also that you fulfill any visa requirements for entering and studying in Norway. For further information, please see the website of the [Norwegian Embassy](#) in London.

## **Careers + Placements**

[www.aston.ac.uk/careers](http://www.aston.ac.uk/careers)

