



University  
of Stavanger

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# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

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COMENIUS INTERNATIONAL WEEK 27TH-31ST OF MARCH 2023



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## The City of Stavanger

Stavanger is one of the oldest cities in Norway, established in 1125. It has approximately 145.000 inhabitants. The surroundings vary from wide-open landscapes with long beaches along the west coast, to steep mountains and fjords on the east.

The University of Stavanger has 12 000 students, consists of 7 faculties, and various research centres. The Institute of Early Childhood Education has 700 students and offers bachelor's, master's, and PhD degrees. For international, English-speaking students we offer a course in comparative educational studies, or an International Week, during the spring semester. We hereby invite you to participate in a week organized around pedagogical aspects related to Outdoor Education.

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Norway has a long tradition of using the outdoors and nature as part of the kindergarten and primary school curriculum, and there is a continuous focus on maintaining and developing this tradition. International week in Stavanger offers an introduction to this practise.

During this week, you will get a brief introduction to the educational system in Norway, participate in outdoor teaching activities and visit various sites that practice outdoor education. Also participating this week are the students attending Comparative Educational Studies.

### INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2023

Programme 27th -31st of March

#### *Monday*

Welcome and introduction to the theme Education in Norway - Outdoor Education - Risky play

International Evening

#### *Tuesday*

Excursion to Lundsvågen Nature School

#### *Wednesday*

Physical Education outdoor workshop

#### *Thursday*

Optional: Study visit Nature Kindergarten  
Science Education outdoor workshop

#### *Friday*

Student reflections and Presentations  
Cultural event (ends approx.14.00)

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### **Certificate**

To receive a certificate of attendance (handed out Friday), participation in lectures, activities, and group discussions is mandatory.

#### **Language**

The working language is English, and it is necessary to master a sufficient level of English to be active participants.

#### **Clothing**

No matter the weather, we will stay outdoors most of the time. Norwegian climate requires clothing suitable for cold temperatures, wind and rain.

#### **Costs and accommodation**

The course is free of charge. Expenses related to travelling, accommodation, and food/personal costs are not covered. We encourage students to seek funding from relevant sources in their home institutions to cover these.

#### **Transport**

Stavanger Airport, Sola, is approximately 10 km from the town centre. Direct bus to the UiS campus. The course is limited to 26 incoming students.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

If you are interested in this course, contact the International Coordinator at your university/ institution for application.

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