COURSE DETAIL

THE NORWEGIAN WELFARE STATE
Country Norway
Host Institution University of Oslo
Program(s) Oslo Summer
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Scandinavian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 104
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE NORWEGIAN WELFARE STATE
UCEAP Transcript Title NORWGN WELFARE STAT
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

This course presents the historical background, development, and present-day challenges of the Norwegian welfare state. It examines the role of values and norms in shaping the services offered by the welfare state, as well as how the structure of the state in turn shapes societal norms and values. The course follows how political debates concerning the country's welfare programs have shifted in response to accelerated immigration, changing gender roles, and shifting employment patterns. It pays special attention to universal welfare services, work-family balance, and the Introduction Programme (Norway’s integration package), as these are some of the distinctive features of the Norwegian welfare state. Additional modules on education, healthcare, childcare, corrections, and labor market policy demonstrate values and norms in practice, as well as highlight the challenges that increased globalization presents to a state welfare system. The course puts emphasis on classroom discussion and student participation with the aim of enabling students to make a comparative analysis of social structures and institutions in their own and other countries.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ISSSV1753

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Host Institution Campus
University of Oslo

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department International Summer School
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