# University of Bergen

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- Organzisation of study start: enrollment processes and orientation week
- Buddy program, role of departments who provides what?
- Analysis of needs from students' perspective: how to organize feedback?



### Study start

- Enrollment process:
  - Study start brochures
  - «Meet the faculties»: Information meetings at each faculty
  - Information centre at each faculty: registration assistance



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#### New Students

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If you have received an offer of admission to the University of Bergen, you will find essential information here about how to prepare for your stay in Norway and what to do the first few weeks of the semester.



#### Introductory Programme Autumn 2012

Participating in the Introductory Programme for new international students is the best way to find out all you need to know about being a student in Bergen and how to make the most of your stay in Norway. It starts Thursday 9 August and we recommend all new international students to participate!



#### Mentor Week

The Mentor Week starts Monday 13 August 2012 and the programme for the week consists of a number of social and cultural activities arranged for all new university students.





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#### **International Week**

- Centralized organization of the Welcoming Week for international students
- Departments organize information meetings for all courses
- Mentor Week activities organized by students at each department
- Lectures: «Norwegian University Life a Survival Guide», «Gender equality and gender differences in Norway», etc.



#### Mentor Week

- A number of social and cultural activities arranged for all new university students
- From single group activities to bigger, joint events





## Buddy Bergen

- Organised by students in Red Cross Youth Bergen.
- Objective: to provide you with your own «buddy», a friendly Norwegian student who will try to make your stay as a student easier and more fun.
- For six weeks, students will have a buddy who will introduce them to the typical Norwegian way of life. (<u>www.buddybergen.com</u>)



### Analysis of needs from students' perspective

- Report on well-being and integration among international students at UiB (2011)
- Action plan for international activity,
- Respondents from 60 countries: most from Germany (21%), Spain (6%), France (5,5%), Nepal (5%).
  - 79 % satisfied with the Introduction Programme in the first week
  - «Meet the faculties»: 58 % satisfied.
  - In total: 52 % satisfied and 25 % very satisfied with the first week.



## Social, cultural and material conditions

- Social net
  - 25 % have no Norwegian friends
  - 89% wished they had more Norwegian friends
- Cultural participation
  - 39 % participate in sports
  - 18 % participate in a academic forum within the study programme
- Material condition
  - 85 % live in Fantoft, a student housing organised by the Student Welfare Organisation in Bergen



## Well-being in general

 International students: 90 % are satisfied with their stay in Bergen





## SiB

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### **Information Centre**

#### Kontaktinformasjon for Infosenteret ved HF-fakultetet

- Adresse: Sydnesplassen 12-13 når du står på trappen foran Johanneskirken (den røde kirken) og ser ned mot sentrum, er vi i 1. etasje i bygningen rett til venstre (42)
- Åpningstider: mandag-fredag 10-15
- Telefon: 55 58 93 70
- Du kan også kontakte oss med spørsmål på e-post studieveileder@hf.uib.no.



