



UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

Fact Sheet for Exchange Students Academic Year 2024/2025

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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION	
Nomination	International coordinators nominate their students online at least two weeks before the application deadline. Only online nominations are accepted. Autumn semester <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-EU/EEA citizens: 15 March• EU/EEA citizens: 15 April Spring semester <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-EU/EEA citizens: 15 August• EU/EEA citizens: 15 September
Information for exchange students	https://english.hi.is/university/prospective_exchange_students

Online application	Autumn semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 1 April • EU/EEA citizens: 1 May Spring semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 1 September • EU/EEA citizens: 1 October <p>Further information and access to the online application at University of Iceland will be sent to students who have been nominated by their home university.</p>
Application checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application including a course selection. Course selection must total 30 ECTS credits per semester, where at least 60% of courses are within the students' major • A passport sized photo, a photo of a passport or a valid ID • Transcript of records in English or a Nordic language (DK, NO, SE, IS) certified by a signature and stamp or digitally signed <p>Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.</p>
Application status	<p>Students must keep track of their application status online: https://english.hi.is/university/international_exchange_students#status</p>
Mentor system	<p>To help exchange students adapt to life and studies the University of Iceland has a Mentor system. Students can apply for a mentor when filling out online application. The main task of the Mentor is to provide the student with practical information about the University of Iceland and Icelandic society, as well as to introduce them to students and student life in general.</p>
STUDY INFORMATION	
Academic year	<p>The academic year is divided into two semesters, autumn and spring, each semester lasting thirteen weeks. The academic calendar varies somewhat from one faculty to another: https://english.hi.is/university/academic_calendar</p>
Credits and grading system	<p>30 ECTS credits are considered full time studies per semester. Further information on credits and grading system: https://english.hi.is/university/credit_system_and_grades</p>
Timetables	<p>https://english.hi.is/university/timetables</p>
Courses offered for exchange students	<p>https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=exchange_course_list&ken\nsluar=current Course selection must total 30 ECTS credits per semester, where at least 60% of courses are within the students' major</p>
Courses with restrictions for exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The faculties of Medicine, Nursing, Psychology and Pharmaceutical Sciences are restricted to prior agreements between the exchanging faculties • The faculties of Law and Economics do not accept undergraduate students • MBA is closed • Admission to the Earth Science programme is restricted to students that meet prerequisites of at least one year of geology or geophysics study. • Courses in the English Language Programme are only available to exchange students majoring in English at their home university or students who are very proficient in English (except the course “English for Practical Purposes”). • Courses taught in Icelandic are generally not open to exchange students.

Transcript of records	Exchange students get a digitally signed transcript of academic records at the end of their stay. The transcript is sent directly to their University of Iceland e-mail address and their home university nominator approx. 6 weeks after final exams.
LANGUAGE	
Language of instruction	The principal language of instruction at the University is Icelandic. Most faculties offer some courses in English that are open for exchange students: https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=exchange_course_list&kennsluar=current
Language proficiency	Applicants from countries outside the EU/EEA whose native language is not English, need to prove their English proficiency by submitting TOEFL (min. 79) or IELTS (Academic, min. 6.5), PTE (Academic) or Cambridge English (CAE or CPE) tests. This is to make sure students do not have problems during their exchange period as they cannot expect any special assistance due to language problems. A self-assessment of English proficiency is included in the student application.
Icelandic language courses	The University of Iceland offers courses in Icelandic as a second language: https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=namskeid&id=70769020240&kennsluar=2023 https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=namskeid&id=71122920240&kennsluar=2023 The University Centre of the Westfjords offers Intensive Icelandic language courses: https://www.uw.is/en/study/icelandic-courses
REGISTRATION AND STUDENT PERMIT	
How to register	All international students must meet the requirements set by either the Directorate of Immigration or Registers Iceland depending on their citizenship: https://english.hi.is/university/registration_and_student_permit
Health issues	Students from countries outside EU/EEA must have health insurance: https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements The cost of such insurance valid for six months varies from ISK 15,000 according to the policy. Applicants for a student residence permit who must undergo a medical examination should go to the Communicable Disease Control Health Clinic (Þönglabakki 1, 109 Reykjavík) before going to the Directorate of Immigration: https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements European citizens must bring the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and/or the insurance form E-104. For further information or if in doubt, see the website of Icelandic Health Insurance: www.sjukra.is/english
PRACTICAL INFORMATION	
Cost of living	The estimated cost of living in Iceland for a single person is ISK 217.799 per month (minimal support guidelines set by the municipalities): https://english.hi.is/studies/living_costs_in_reykjavik
Housing	The University of Iceland does not provide or guarantee housing for students but information on this website may be helpful: https://english.hi.is/studies/accommodation
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