



UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

General website	www.hi.is (english.hi.is)
International Office	http://english.hi.is/university/office_of_international_education
Exchange students	http://english.hi.is/university/international_exchange_students
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Erasmus code EUC number	IS REYKJAV01 28332
Application deadlines	<p>Autumn term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EEA/EFTA citizens: 1 March • EEA/EFTA European citizens: 1 May <p>Spring term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EEA/EFTA citizens: 1 August • EEA/EFTA European citizens: 1 October <p>The application documents should be posted latest on the day of the application deadline.</p>
Nomination of exchange students	International coordinators are requested to nominate their students online at least two weeks before the respective deadline.
Online application	Further information and an access to the online application will be sent to nominated students
Application checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An online application (with course selection) • A printed version of the online application (signed by the student and his/her coordinator) • One passport photograph

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcript of records. Original in English or a Nordic language (DK, NO, SE, IS) – with a university stamp mark (no copies) <p>Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. Original documents are required, faxed/scanned forms are not accepted.</p>
Application documents must be sent to	University of Iceland - International Office Incoming student exchange application Háskólatorg, Sæmundargata 4 101 Reykjavík Iceland
Application status	Students can keep track of their application status online at: http://english.hi.is/university/application_status
Academic year	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, http://english.hi.is/university/academic_calendar
Expected date of arrival	<p>Approx. 19 August – 1 September (varies between schools/faculties) and the first week of January for the spring semester. Exact dates will be given to students after acceptance.</p> <p>All exchange students are required to arrive in time for the start of the semester and to attend the orientation meeting.</p>
Programmes on offer	Education Studies, Teacher Education, Engineering, Computer Science, Physical Sciences, Life and Environmental Sciences, Earth Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Humanities, Languages, Business, Law, Political Science, Social and Human Studies (http://english.hi.is/university/courses_english).
Programmes closed to exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBA is closed. • The Faculty of Economics is closed. • The Faculties of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmaceutical Sciences are restricted to prior agreements between the exchanging faculties. • The Faculty of Law does not accept undergraduates (who have finished less than five terms). • 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, (except Nordic students and students who can speak, write and understand Icelandic).
Course catalogue	General Course Catalogue: http://english.hi.is/university/study_programmes_0 Courses taught in English: http://english.hi.is/university/courses_english
Credits and grading system	60 ECTS credits amount to one year of full-time study and 30 ECTS credits constitute one term's full-time study. Further information on credits and grading system: http://english.hi.is/university/credit_system_and_grades

Language of Instruction	The principal language of instruction at the University is Icelandic, but most faculties give courses in English as well. Various programmes are taught entirely in English. Examples of these are Medieval Studies, graduate studies in Environment and Natural Resources, studies in Renewable Energy Engineering, International Studies in Education, Earth Science and an international L.L.M. programme.
Language proficiency	We do not request a TOEFL score (or similar) but rather rely on our partner institutions to evaluate the student's English proficiency and to only nominate students with excellent knowledge of English. 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 Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies offers a full degree programme in Icelandic for international students. Intensive Language Preparation Course in Icelandic for Exchange Students is organised by the Office of International Education and is held in August each year. Further information: http://studyiniceland.is/page/ilpc
Timetables	http://english.hi.is/university/timetables
Orientation	An introductory session for all new international students is held at the start of each semester. The organisation and requirements for the study program are presented. Various events are available to students during the first week in the autumn semester, among others a guided tour on campus, concerts, lectures etc. Please note: Students are required to attend the orientation meeting.
Student residency	<p>An EEA/EFTA citizen may stay and study in Iceland without changing their domicile for up to six months from the date of arrival in the country. If the student resides longer in Iceland, he should register his right to residency with the Registers Iceland, (i. Þjóðskrá Íslands). When requesting registration a student needs to present: a certificate from an accredited educational institution (acceptance letter), documentation confirming means of support, a passport or another valid travel document, birth certificate and certificate of health insurance (E-104). These documents have to be in English or a Nordic language. Residence in another Nordic country is not deducted from the residency period.</p> <p>Citizens of countries outside the EEA/EFTA must obtain a student residency permit before entering Iceland. The deadline for submitting an application to the Directorate of Immigration (i. Útlendingastofnun) is 1 July for the autumn semester and 1 November for the spring semester.</p> <p>Instructions on how to apply for a student permit in Iceland can be found in the booklet "How to Apply for a Student Permit in Iceland" (which is available online: english.hi.is/practical_information) and on the website of the Directorate of Immigration (www.utl.is).</p>
Health Issues	European (EEA/EFTA) students must bring the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and/or the insurance form E-104. This is proof that they are entitled to health insurance at home. For further information or if in doubt, see the website of Icelandic Health Insurance, www.sjukra.is .

	<p>Students from non-EEA/EFTA/Nordic countries should have health insurance from an insurance company in their country that is licensed to operate in Iceland, or buy insurance from an Icelandic insurance company, for the first six months of their stay. The cost of such insurance is approximately ISK 15,000.</p> <p>Applicants for a student permit coming from Central and South America, including Mexico, non-EEA European countries, Asia or Africa must undergo a medical examination with respect to infectious diseases. If the applicant, in the opinion of a physician, has a valid medical certificate from the applicant's home country, which has been issued less than three months before, the applicant concerned does not have to undergo a medical examination. People coming from the EEA (other than Romania and Bulgaria), Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, the USA and Canada do not have to submit such a medical certificate, see www.landlaeknir.is. Students in need of a health check should go to the Division of Communicable Disease Control at arrival. Information in the Guide for International Students.</p>																																
Mentor system	To help exchange students get a good start, the University of Iceland has a well-organised Mentor system. The main task of the Mentor person is to provide the student with practical information about the University of Iceland and Icelandic society, as well as to introduce him/her to students and student life in general.																																
Cost of living	<p>The estimated cost of living in Iceland for a single person is ISK 163,635 per month (minimal support guidelines set by the municipalities).</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Bus fare from Keflavík Airport to Reykjavík</td><td>ISK 1,950</td></tr> <tr> <td>Overnight stay at a hostel</td><td>ISK 3,200-5,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rent for a single room</td><td>ISK 45,000-70,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access to a swimming pool</td><td>ISK 550</td></tr> <tr> <td>Movie ticket</td><td>ISK 1,350+</td></tr> <tr> <td>Theatre</td><td>ISK 4,750+</td></tr> <tr> <td>Daily newspaper</td><td>ISK 425+</td></tr> <tr> <td>Public bus ticket</td><td>ISK 350+</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bus card valid for a month in Reykjavík</td><td>ISK 9,300</td></tr> <tr> <td>1 loaf of bread</td><td>ISK 400</td></tr> <tr> <td>1 liter of milk</td><td>ISK 150</td></tr> <tr> <td>Glass of beer (0.5l)</td><td>ISK 850</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bottle of wine</td><td>ISK 1,600+</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lunch at a restaurant</td><td>ISK 1,800+</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dinner at a restaurant</td><td>ISK 3,500+</td></tr> <tr> <td>1 liter of petrol/gasoline</td><td>ISK 250+</td></tr> </table>	Bus fare from Keflavík Airport to Reykjavík	ISK 1,950	Overnight stay at a hostel	ISK 3,200-5,000	Rent for a single room	ISK 45,000-70,000	Access to a swimming pool	ISK 550	Movie ticket	ISK 1,350+	Theatre	ISK 4,750+	Daily newspaper	ISK 425+	Public bus ticket	ISK 350+	Bus card valid for a month in Reykjavík	ISK 9,300	1 loaf of bread	ISK 400	1 liter of milk	ISK 150	Glass of beer (0.5l)	ISK 850	Bottle of wine	ISK 1,600+	Lunch at a restaurant	ISK 1,800+	Dinner at a restaurant	ISK 3,500+	1 liter of petrol/gasoline	ISK 250+
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