



Fact Sheet – Academic Year 2020/2021

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Information for exchange students	<p>http://english.hi.is/university/prospective_exchange_students</p>
Nomination of exchange students	<p>International coordinators nominate their students online at least two weeks before the application deadline. Only online nominations are accepted.</p> <p>Autumn semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 15 March • EU/EEA citizens: 15 April <p>Spring semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 15 August • EU/EEA citizens: 15 September
Application deadlines for exchange students	<p>Autumn semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 1 April • EU/EEA citizens: 1 May <p>Spring semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 1 September • EU/EEA citizens: 1 October

Online application for exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Application checklist	<p>Application checklist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application including a course selection. Course selection must consist of 30 ECTS credits per semester, where at least 60% of courses are within the students' major • One passport size photograph attached to the online application • Transcript of records in English or a Nordic language (DK, NO, SE, IS) attached to the online application. Certified transcripts attached to the online application require original signatures and stamp marks. <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>
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: http://english.hi.is/university/academic_calendar</p>
Expected date of arrival	<p>It is recommended that students arrive in time to attend the orientation days or at the latest a few days prior to the beginning of the semester. The beginning of the semesters vary between faculties but exact dates are in the Academic calendar.</p>
Orientation	<p>It is important that students watch the pre-orientation videos offered by the international office and services at the university: https://english.hi.is/studies/orientation Orientation days for all international students are held at the beginning of each semester where the practicalities and services at the University are introduced. Various events are available to students during the first days of the semester, among others a welcome reception, guided tour on campus, concerts, lectures etc. For practical information see http://english.hi.is/university/orientation_and_academic_calendar</p>
Courses offered for exchange students	<p>https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=exchange_course_list&kennsluar=current Course selection must consist of 30 ECTS credits per semester, where at least 60% of courses are within the students' major</p>
Courses closed for exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The faculties of Medicine, Nursing 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 • 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 are fluent in Icelandic and can speak, write and understand Icelandic)
Course catalogue	<p>https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=skoli&chapter=content&id=-2019</p>

Credits and grading system	60 ECTS credits amounts to full time studies for one academic year and 30 ECTS credits are considered full time studies per semester. 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. 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 (min. 6.5) scores. 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=70769020196&kennsluar=2019 The University Centre of the Westfjords offers Intensive Icelandic language courses: http://www.uwestfjords.is/icelandic_courses/
Timetables	http://english.hi.is/university/timetables
Student permit and registration	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 other than EU/EEA should have health insurance: http://utl.is/index.php/en/basic-requirements1#insurance The cost of such insurance varies from ISK 15,000-50,000. Applicants for a student residence permit who must undergo a medical examination should go to the Communicable Disease Control Health Clinic (Pönglabakki 1, 109 Reykjavík) before going to the Directorate of Immigration: http://utl.is/index.php/en/basic-requirements1#HEALTH-INSURANCE 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
Mentor system	To help exchange students get a good start, the University of Iceland has a Mentor system. Students apply for a mentor when applying online. 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 him/her to students and student life in general.
Cost of living	The estimated cost of living in Iceland for a single person is ISK 189,875 per month (minimal support guidelines set by the municipalities): https://english.hi.is/cost_of_living
Housing	The University of Iceland does not provide or guarantee housing for students but the following options may be helpful: https://english.hi.is/studies/accommodation
Transcript of records	Exchange students get a copy of their transcript of academic records at the end of their stay. The transcript is sent directly to the home university approx.6 weeks after final exams.
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