



UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

Fact Sheet for Exchange Students Academic Year 2025/2026

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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 • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 15 March • EU/EEA citizens: 15 April Spring semester • Non-EU/EEA citizens: 15 August • EU/EEA citizens: 15 September	
Information for exchange students	Incoming exchange students University of Iceland	

Online application	Autumn semester - Non-EU/EEA citizens: 1 April - EU/EEA citizens: 1 May Spring semester - Non-EU/EEA citizens: 1 September - EU/EEA citizens: 1 October 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	- 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 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 Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.
Application status	Students must keep track of their application status online: Application status University of Iceland
Mentor system	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.
STUDY INFORMATION	
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: Academic calendar University of Iceland
Credits and grading system	30 ECTS credits are considered full time studies per semester. Further information on credits and grading system: Credit system University of Iceland
Timetables	Timetables University of Iceland
Courses offered for exchange students	UGLA - Course Catalogue 2024-2025 > Single Courses for Exchange Students Course selection must total 30 ECTS credits per semester, where at least 60% of courses are within the students' major
Courses with restrictions for exchange students	- 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, see Earth Science for Exchange Students University of Iceland - 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 can access a digitally signed and sealed version of their transcript of academic records at the end of their stay. Students can then forward the transcript to their home university.
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: UGLA - Course Catalogue 2024-2025 > Single Courses for Exchange Students
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
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: Residence permit for students University of Iceland
Health issues	Students from countries outside EU/EEA must have health insurance: Residence permit for students Ísland.is 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: Residence permit for students Ísland.is 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: Iceland Health
PRACTICAL INFORMATION	
Cost of living	The estimated cost of living in Iceland for a single person is ISK 239.895 per month (minimal support guidelines set by the municipalities): Living costs in Reykjavik University of Iceland
Housing	The University of Iceland does not provide or guarantee housing for students but information on this website may be helpful: Housing University of Iceland
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