Nomination Fact Sheet for Exchange Students

Academic Year 2027/2028

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→ University of Iceland
→ International Division

Applications and Nominations

Nomination

All students must be nominated by their home university before applying. Nominations must be submitted online through the official nomination portal and be received at least two weeks before the application deadline.

Nomination deadlines:

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

ONLINE NOMINATION - UGLA APPLICATION PORTAL

Application

Nominated students will receive detailed application instructions.
Applications are submitted through the University of Iceland's online application system.

Application deadlines:

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

Application Check List

✓ Completed online application form including preliminary course selection (30 ECTS per semester, 60% in major)
✓ Copy of passport or valid ID
✓ Official transcript of records in English or a Nordic language (digitally signed or stamped)

> Students must keep track of their application status online

> INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

Studies at the UI

Academic Year

The academic year consists of two semesters, each 13 weeks long. The academic calendar may vary between faculties.
Academic calendar | University of Iceland

Timetables

Course schedules are available online.
Timetables | University of Iceland

Credits and Gradings

30 ECTS = full-time per semester.
60% of courses must be within the student's major.
Credit system | University of Iceland

Transcripts of Records

Digitally signed transcripts are accessible at the end of the study period for forwarding to home universities.

Course Catalogue

Course selection must total 30 ECTS credits per semester, where at least 60% of courses are within the students' major.
UGLA - Single Courses for Exchange Students

Course Restrictions

> Economics – no undergraduates
> Law - no undergraduates; courses offered in the autumn semester only
> Medicine, Nursing, Psychology and Pharmaceutical Sciences – by prior agreement only
> MBA – closed
> Earth Science – at least 1 year of geology/geophysics
Earth Science for Exchange Students | University of Iceland
> English – only for English majors. Students must have English Proficiency on the C1 level, TOEFL 5.0 or IELTS 7.0
> Icelandic-taught courses – mostly closed to exchange students

Language Requirements

Language of Instruction

The primary language of instruction at the University is Icelandic. Many courses are available in English that are open for exchange students.
UGLA - Course Catalogue 2024-2025 > Single Courses for Exchange Students

Icelandic Language Courses

Courses in Icelandic as a second language are available.

English Language Requirements

Students from non-EU/EEA countries whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency. Accepted tests include:

✓ TOEFL (minimum score: 4.0 (old 7.9))
✓ IELTS Academic (minimum score: 6.5)
✓ PTE Academic
✓ Cambridge English (CAE or CPE)

This requirement ensures that students can participate fully in courses and student life, as no special language support is provided. A self-assessment of English proficiency is also included in the application.

Registration and Student Permit

Registration Requirements

- EU/EEA: Register with Registers Iceland
- Bring EHIC and/or form E-104

- Non-EU/EEA: Must apply for residence permit with the Directorate of Immigration before arrival

Residence permit for students | University of Iceland

Health Care

» Health Insurance is equired for all non-EU/EEA students. Six-month coverage starts around ISK 15,000.

» Medical Check (Non-EU/EEA): Conducted at Communicable Disease Clinic - Þönglabakki 1, 109 Reykjavík - Info: island.is/en/o/iceland-health

» 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 for a single person in Reykjavík is ISK 259,951 per month, based on minimal support guidelines provided by the municipalities.

Living costs in Reykjavik | University of Iceland

Housing

The University of Iceland does not provide or guarantee housing. However, helpful information is available here Housing | University of Iceland

Student Support and Mentor System

To help exchange students adapt to life and studies the University of Iceland has a Mentor system.

Mentors assist with:
> Practical tips about life in Iceland and the university
> Social integration and student events
> Support during the first weeks of arrival

Students can apply for a mentor when submitting the application.