

FACT SHEET 2016/2017

Student Exchange Programme

General website	www.hi.is / www.english.hi.is
International Office	http://english.hi.is/university/international_office
Exchange students	http://english.hi.is/university/international_exchange_students

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	<p>attached to the online application. Certified transcripts attached to the online application require original signatures and stamp marks.</p> <p>Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.</p>
Application status	<p>Students must keep track of their application status online: http://english.hi.is/university/application_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>Students should aim to arrive around 20 August for the Autumn semester and in the first week of January for the Spring semester. The beginning of the semester varies between faculties but exact dates are in the Academic calendar. It is recommended that students arrive a week prior to the beginning of the semester and at the latest in time to attend the orientation meeting.</p> <p>All exchange students are required to arrive in time for the start of the semester and to attend the orientation week.</p>
Programmes on offer	<p>See: http://english.hi.is/university/courses_english Courses offered in Education, Engineering, Computer Science, Physical Sciences, Life and Environmental Science, Earth Sciences, Food Science and Nutrition, Languages, History and Philosophy, Business, Law, Political Science and more.</p>
Programmes closed to 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>Course Catalogue: http://english.hi.is/university/study_programmes_0</p>
Credits and grading system	<p>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</p>
Language of Instruction	<p>The principal language of instruction at the University is Icelandic. Most faculties offer some courses in English, as well as full graduate programmes taught entirely in English. http://english.hi.is/university/courses_english</p>
Language	<p>Applicants from countries outside the EU/EEA whose native language is not English,</p>

proficiency	need to prove their English proficiency by submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores. The minimum TOEFL score is 79, and IELTS is 6.5. 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 is held in August each year at the University Centre of the Westfjords. Further information: http://www.uwestfjords.is/icelandic_courses/
Timetables	http://english.hi.is/university/timetables
Orientation	An orientation week for all international students is 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 week of the semester, among others a guided tour on campus, concerts, lectures etc. Please note: Students are required to attend the welcome reception.

Student residence permit

All international students must meet the requirements set by either the Directorate of Immigration or Registers Iceland depending on their citizenship.

Citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA must obtain a student permit before entering Iceland. Applications are submitted directly to the Directorate of Immigration and the application deadline is 1 July for the Autumn semester and 1 November for the Spring semester.

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" available online: english.hi.is/practical_information and on the website of the Directorate of Immigration (www.utl.is).

EU/EEA citizens (including Nordic citizens) staying for **one** semester only do not need to register the change of their address and can go straight to the Service desk at the University Center.

EU/EEA citizens staying for **more** than one semester (including Nordic citizens) must go straight to the **Registers Iceland** (Borgarún 21, 105 Reykjavík, open from 9 -15 all weekdays) and fill in the appropriate form and hand in required documents http://english.hi.is/university/before_arrival

At the end of the registration process you will be allocated an Icelandic ID number (kennitala). When your ID number is ready and you have paid the registration fee (degree seeking students) you can get a username and

	<p>their home country. For further information or if in doubt, see the website of Icelandic Health Insurance, www.sjukra.is/english</p> <p>Students from countries other than EU/EEA should have health insurance from an insurance company in their country that is licensed to operate in Iceland, or purchase medical insurance from an Icelandic insurance company valid for the first six months of their stay. The cost of such insurance is approximately ISK 15,000.</p> <p>Applicants for a student residence permit coming from non-EEA European countries, Latin America, Asia or Africa must undergo a medical examination unless exempted. See further information at the Directorate of Health www.landlaeknir.is/english</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 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.																														
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Transcript of records	Exchange students get two copies of their transcript of academic records free of charge at the end of their stay. They are sent directly to the home university approx.6 weeks after final exams.																														
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