

UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

Nomination Fact Sheet for Exchange Students

Academic Year 2023/2024

CONTACT INFORMATION

Transcript of records	Exchange students get a digitally signed transcript of academic records at the end of their stay. The transcript is sent directly to their University of Iceland e-mail address and their home university nominator approx. 6 weeks after final exams.
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: 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 (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: https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=namskeid&id=70769020210&kennsluar=2020 The University Centre of the Westfjords offers Intensive Icelandic language courses: https://www.uw.is/icelandic_courses/
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: https://english.hi.is/university/registration_and_student_permit
Health issues	Students from countries outside EU/EEA must have health insurance: https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements 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: https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements 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
PRACTICAL INFORMATION	
Cost of living	The estimated cost of living in Iceland for a single person is ISK 217.799 per month (minimal support guidelines set by the municipalities): https://english.hi.is/studies/living_costs_in_reykjavik
Housing	The University of Iceland does not provide or guarantee housing for students but information on this website may be helpful: https://english.hi.is/studies/accommodation
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