

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of Iceland (UI) https://english.hi.is/university/international_exchange_students
B. Country	Iceland
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Semester 1: August to December Semester 2: January to May</p> <p>https://english.hi.is/university/academic_calendar</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	<p>NUS and UI academic calendars match. Therefore, students have to complete UI's examination before returning to NUS.</p> <p>The general examination periods are from 2 to 18 December and 25 April to 10 May, as stipulated in the central UI regulation. However, the exact starting and ending dates of the examination periods may vary, depending on the academic calendar.</p> <p>You can find out more about taking exams at UI here: https://english.hi.is/university/examinations</p> <p>Exchange students get a copy of their transcript of academic records at the end of their stay.</p> <p>The transcript is sent directly to the home university approx.6 weeks after final exams.</p>
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>Minimum course requirements differ according to the department. NUS students should check with their own faculty at NUS for mapping of the credits.</p> <p>All study programmes at UI are measured in terms of European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. Course selection must consist of 30 ECTS</p>

	<p>credits per semester, where at least 60% of courses are within the students' major. Further information on credits and grading system: http://english.hi.is/university/credit_system_and_grades</p> <p>Students who take the maximum credits allowed at host university (i.e. 30 ECTS credits are considered full time studies per semester at UI) will be considered for transferring the maximum credits back to NUS.</p> <p>As general rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students have to sign up for a minimum of 20 credits. However, NUS allows the transfer of the maximum credits given by PU to the maximum credits per semester at NUS. For more course information, please refer to: https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=exchange_course_list&kennsluar= • Generally, 30 ECTS is equivalent to 20 NUS MCs. (NUS students are advised to check this ratio with their home faculty in NUS.)
<p>vi) Entry Requirements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS 2. Have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university; 3. not eligible for exchange in the graduating year 4. a student of good standing at NUS with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a minimum upper division second class honours or; b. a minimum B average grade or ; c. a CAP of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students
<p>5. Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>The principal language of instruction at the University is Icelandic. However, 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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>The University Centre of the Westfjords offers Intensive Icelandic language courses: http://www.uwestfjords.is/icelandic_courses/</p>
<p>6. Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All faculties are open for exchange students, except for the faculties of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Law and Economics. UI's faculties can be found here: https://english.hi.is/university/faculties_from_a_z Courses open to exchange students are found here: https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&chapter=exchange_course_list&kennsluar=
<p>7. Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<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)
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty's announcement regarding the application period.</p> <p>Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Deadline for submitting application to host university: Semester 1: 1 April Semester 2: 1 August</p> <p>(For more information, click here: https://english.hi.is/node/4829)</p>

	<p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in exchange being forfeited even if a student has been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>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</p> <p>The Student Housing offers a limited supply of on-campus housing for students at the University of Iceland. Online applications for the fall semester open on 1 May (2020) and on 1 October for the spring semester. Applying on deadline does not guarantee housing due to high demand.</p>
<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	<p>Students coming to the University of Iceland can use Housing Anywhere to find suitable accommodation in the city.</p> <p>Through this student housing platform, you will find rooms which are rented out from our outgoing students as well as accommodation from the private rental market. Registered students at the university get a special badge on the website which helps the advertisers identify university students.</p> <p>This platform offers a secure option for students, as the first payment to the advertiser is held by Housing Anywhere until the student has had a chance to view the room.</p> <p>If the property is as advertised then Housing Anywhere pays the advertiser. Housing Anywhere charges a fee for this service.</p> <p>Sign-up form</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>According to law all international students must register in Iceland or apply for a student permit depending on citizenship. Students with citizenship outside the European Economic Area (EEA) or European Free Trade Association (EFTA) must apply for a student permit before arrival and be granted an approval from the Directorate of Immigration before traveling to Iceland.</p> <p>Students should apply for a residence permit immediately after receiving their acceptance letter from the University of Iceland.</p> <p>The application for a residence permit and supporting documents must be submitted to the Directorate of Immigration before the deadline. Documents arriving after the given deadline will not be processed in time.</p>

First permit application deadline

- Autumn semester (September to December): 1 June
- Spring semester (January to May): 1 November

Note: Application and/or supporting documents that are received late, missing or incomplete cannot be guaranteed processing before the semester starts.

It is strongly recommended that students who need to undergo a medical examination make an appointment at a health clinic before arrival. More information

Students must pay the processing fee and mail a complete application and supporting documents directly to the Directorate of Immigration.

Documents:

1. Completed Checklists
2. Receipt for the payment of the student permit application fee (if paid by bank transfer)
3. Application for a residence permit (please write your email address on the application)
4. Passport size photo
5. Copy of passport
6. Confirmed original of a foreign criminal record certificate
7. Medical insurance
8. Documentation confirming means of support
9. Confirmation of school admission (acceptance letter)
10. Housing certificate submitted within two weeks of arrival
11. All certificates that are not in English or a Nordic language require a translation. The translation must be an original and by a certified translator.

Students must follow the instructions at the Directorate of Immigration website www.utl.is

Students are not allowed to be in Iceland, if they need a visa, when the residence permit is applied for and while it is being processed. Such an application will be refused. They can only arrive in Iceland once their application and supporting documents have been approved by the Directorate of Immigration. After the application is approved students will be sent an announcement from the Directorate of Immigration stating what they must do upon arrival in Iceland. However, if you do not require a travel visa to visit Iceland (for example, citizens of the United States and Canada) you may enter the country while your residence permit application is in process.

For further steps and information, please refer to this website:
<https://english.hi.is/node/20146>

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

i) Health/Medical Insurance

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/basicrequirements1#HEALTH-INSURANCE>

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on NUS insurance, please refer to:

- <https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/>
- <https://nus.edu.sg/uhc/docs/default-source/insurance/frequently-asked-questions-on-covid-19.pdf>

ii) Emergency Number at host university

National Emergency number: 112

For more information:

https://english.hi.is/university/emergency_and_covid_19

H. Cost of Living

i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

Breakdown of Costs	Cost
Accommodation	ISK 100,000
Food	ISK 50,00
Transport	ISK 6,500
Insurance	ISK 15,000 upon arrival
Books and others (Entertainment, clothes)	ISK 40,000
Monthly Estimate	ISK 196,500

- ISK: Icelandic Króna
- 1 ISK is approximately 0.0099 SGD

For more details, please refer to

https://english.hi.is/studies/living_costs_in_reykjavik

I. Useful references

Guide for exchange students	https://english.hi.is/university/prospective_exchange_students
COVID-19 related	https://english.hi.is/covid

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Note: All information is subject to change.