

# UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

## Nomination Fact Sheet for Exchange Students

Academic Year 2023/2024

### CONTACT INFORMATION



<b>Transcript of records</b>	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.
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	
<b>Language of instruction</b>	The principal language of instruction at the University is Icelandic. Most faculties offer some courses in English that are open for exchange students: <a href="https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&amp;chapter=exchange_course_list&amp;kennsluar=current">https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&amp;chapter=exchange_course_list&amp;kennsluar=current</a>
<b>Language proficiency</b>	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.
<b>Icelandic language courses</b>	The University of Iceland offers courses in Icelandic as a second language: <a href="https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&amp;chapter=namskeid&amp;id=70769020210&amp;kennsluar=2020">https://ugla.hi.is/kennsluskra/index.php?tab=nam&amp;chapter=namskeid&amp;id=70769020210&amp;kennsluar=2020</a> The University Centre of the Westfjords offers Intensive Icelandic language courses: <a href="https://www.uw.is/icelandic_courses/">https://www.uw.is/icelandic_courses/</a>
<b>REGISTRATION AND STUDENT PERMIT</b>	
<b>How to register</b>	All international students must meet the requirements set by either the Directorate of Immigration or Registers Iceland depending on their citizenship: <a href="https://english.hi.is/university/registration_and_student_permit">https://english.hi.is/university/registration_and_student_permit</a>
<b>Health issues</b>	<b>Students from countries outside EU/EEA</b> must have health insurance: <a href="https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements">https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements</a> 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: <a href="https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements">https://island.is/en/residence-permit-students/document-requirements</a>  <b>European citizens</b> 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: <a href="http://www.sjukra.is/english">www.sjukra.is/english</a>
<b>PRACTICAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Cost of living</b>	The estimated cost of living in Iceland for a single person is ISK 217.799 per month (minimal support guidelines set by the municipalities): <a href="https://english.hi.is/studies/living_costs_in_reykjavik">https://english.hi.is/studies/living_costs_in_reykjavik</a>
<b>Housing</b>	The University of Iceland does not provide or guarantee housing for students but information on this website may be helpful: <a href="https://english.hi.is/studies/accommodation">https://english.hi.is/studies/accommodation</a>
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