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## Graduation Ceremony June 24, 2017 from the University of Iceland

Dear graduating student,

You have registered to graduate from the University of Iceland on Saturday, **June 24 2017**. With this letter I would like to congratulate you on your achievement and also mention a few points that students need to bear in mind at the ceremony.

The graduation ceremony for students who are completing their graduate studies, i.e. MA, M.Ed. and MS degrees and professional qualifications from the University of Iceland, takes place at the Laugardalur Exhibition Hall (Laugardalshöll) at 10:30. The ceremony should conclude at 12:30. Graduating students are kindly asked not to arrive later than 9:45, as it takes time to show people to their seats. **Each candidate has a designated seat and will receive a list of all the candidates and their seat numbers at the entrance along with a programme.** University staff will be on site to assist with seating arrangements.

**Those candidates who are not able to attend the ceremony in Laugardalshöll on June 24, and have not already informed the University, are kindly asked to report to their Faculty Office no later than by 16:00 on Monday, June 19.**

First, there will be music and opening words. After that the Rector will address the candidates. Then the ceremony itself begins. Candidates walk up on the stage and receive their certificates. Certificates are handed out first according to School in the following order: *School of Social Sciences, School of Health Sciences, School of Humanities, School of Education and School of Engineering and Natural Sciences*. Candidates from each school then receive their certificates by departments / programmes in alphabetical name order. They rise from their seats and walk the left side onto the stage and stop at the line on the floor by the podium. It is important that each candidate move towards the line when it is her / his turn. When the student has received the diploma from the Head of Faculty and the Rector's greeting, (s)he is to walk across the stage and return directly to her / his seat.

After the graduation, a candidate will give a short speech and the University Choir sings two songs. Finally the guests will join the choir in singing the Icelandic song *Ísland ögrum skorið*.

**Two guests may accompany each candidate. Candidates and their guests are kindly requested not to leave the hall until the ceremony has come to an end.**

Parking facilities for graduating students and their guests may be found by the Laugardalur stadium, the Skating Rink, the Reykjavík Family and Amusement Park and on Suðurlandsbraut.

Kind regards,



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Rector of the University of Iceland