



Handbook for new students

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Welcome to the University of Iceland

Dear new student,

Starting university for the first time is a milestone in everyone's life. University study is demanding and requires students to be strongly motivated and to work independently. The main role of universities is to help students comprehend complex realities, develop their critical thinking and enrich their outlook on the world. The University of Iceland takes this role very seriously and aspires to welcome students and guarantee them a solid and high-quality education.

The University of Iceland is at once an Icelandic and international university that emphasises creating opportunity for young people, domestic and international students alike. We lead the way amongst Icelandic universities, as well as playing a role in the international academic community. The University's reputation has led to cooperative agreements all over the world, giving students the exciting opportunity to study abroad at a leading university. The University of Iceland also welcomes almost 1,400 international students every year from around 90 different countries.

For the past eight years, the University of Iceland has been among the top 300 universities in the

world according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. The University is now ranked between 251–300, and 18–21 place amongst the Nordic countries. This is a notable acknowledgement of the quality of the work that takes place at the University and its partner institutions.

We at the University of Iceland – teaching staff, administrators and other staff – hold ourselves to high standards. We also hold our students to high standards because we want to ensure that a degree from the University of Iceland carries a guarantee of quality which will be respected all over the world. This goal will become your strength in the future.

This booklet contains useful information on the University community, its operations and the many services and opportunities available to students.

Welcome to the University of Iceland,

*Jón Atli Benediktsson,
Rector of the University of Iceland.*





Starting **studies** at the University of Iceland

Starting university is a major milestone and you may have a lot of questions. Some of these will be answered in this booklet. We encourage you to read it carefully so that your time at the University of Iceland will be as enjoyable as possible right from the outset. Do not hesitate to seek further information or advice from University staff.

The website english.hi.is provides answers to most questions concerning studies, services and social life – either on the school/faculty pages, the main website or the University intranet Uglá. At english.hi.is/university/information_for_new_students, you can find even more information for new students.

If you want further information or advice, you can contact staff at your school or faculty, the Service Desk, Student Registration or the Student Counselling and Career Centre. Staff at the Student Council, Icelandic Student Services and the International Office are also ready and willing to help you. Your fellow students will undoubtedly help you as best they can, as well.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy your time at the University of Iceland and make full use of the opportunities open to you here.

University Centre and Service Desk

The University Centre is home to all the central student service institutes: The Service Desk, the International Office, Icelandic Student Services, the Student Council, the Student Counselling and Career Centre, Student Registration, IT helpdesk and the Recognition Office.

The University Bookstore, Student Café, the Student Cellar and Háma canteen are also located in the University Centre, as well as a computer lab, classrooms, study rooms and meeting rooms. The open area in the Centre is used for various events and is always a bustling space from morning to night.

University Centre Service Desk

english.hi.is/university/university_center_haskolatorg

The Service Desk is the point of access for all service units located in the University Centre. For example, this is the place to get various certificates and overviews of your academic record and pick up your student card after ordering it on Ugla. You can also purchase a card for the University Gym and sign up for workshops from the Student Counselling and Career Centre. Students who have not arranged access to Ugla themselves can get access at the Service Desk by presenting ID. Various other services are provided at the Service Desk and if the staff there are unable to help you, they will direct you to someone who can.

The Service Desk is open from 8:30 to 5 every working day except Friday, when it closes at 4.

Summer opening hours are 8:30 to 4.

Telephone: 525 5800

haskolatorg@hi.is

The UI Division of Information Technology have IT Help Desks in the University Centre and at Stakka-hlíð where students can get help with various computer related matters. You can also find information on uts.hi.is/node/848, email help@hi.is or phone 525 4222.

There are also service desks in the School of Education, School of Social Sciences and School of Engineering and Natural Sciences for students at these schools. All schools also offer student services.

Checklist for new students

- Attend student orientations for your school and faculty
- Read about IT and internet services available for students at uts.hi.is/node/848
- Activate your email account and connect to the internet
- Check your UI emails regularly
- Read about the structure of your programme and rules on student progression in the course catalogue
- Get the reading lists for your courses
- Learn how to use Uglá
- Join a student organisation
- Learn about UI services
- Apply for a student card
- Learn about the Icelandic Student Loan Fund
- Have a look at the academic calendar
- Learn your timetable
- Buy books and university supplies at the Student Bookstore
- Have a look at the University Gym and check out the weight-lifting room and group classes
- Enjoy the atmosphere in the Student Cellar
- Find out what the Student Council can do for you
- Check out student.is
- Find out about opportunities in exchange studies and traineeships abroad
- Learn to find your way around campus
- Eat some healthy food in the Háma canteen
- Learn about the history of the University
- Get involved in the University community
- Enjoy your time at the University of Iceland!

Ugla and the University network

All students at the University of Iceland receive their own home page on the University website and access to Ugla, the University intranet. Ugla is a dynamic information, teaching and service site for students and staff and will be one of your most important tools.

ugla.hi.is

Teaching staff upload syllabuses, slides, lectures, assignments and various other material to Ugla where students can access the files. Information on exam locations and seat numbers for each student will be published in Ugla and students can access their timetables on the home page. You can also register for and withdraw from courses and examinations through Ugla during certain periods. Further information is available in Ugla and at kennsluskra.hi.is.

Teaching and administrative staff at the University expect that students use Ugla and read their emails regularly – most notifications are sent by email. The information and level of access available to each student is based on his or her registration. It is therefore crucial that registration is always correct – students themselves are responsible for ensuring that this is the case.

Username and password

New students will be allocated a web key when they apply to the University online. After your application has been accepted and you have paid the registration fee, you can access your username and password for Ugla either at nynemar.hi.is or at the University Centre Service Desk by presenting your ID.



IT and internet services from the Division of IT

uts.hi.is/node/848

The Division of IT website contains useful information and instructions on everything related to computers, such as email, connecting to the wireless network, Ugla access, computer labs, print credits, usernames, passwords, open access software and so forth.

You can connect to the wireless network, eduroam, from any location on the University campus with your username. To connect to the wireless network for the first time, you will need to set it up on your device. Detailed instructions on how to do this can be found on the Division of IT website, uts.hi.is/node/474

The Division of IT operates 19 computer labs on campus, including computer labs in the University buildings at Stakkahlíð and in the National and University Library.

If any problems come up, you can contact the Division of IT by emailing help@hi.is or calling 525 4222. IT Help Desks are located in the University Centre and Stakkahlíð and are open from 8 to 4.



Student services

Staff at the University of Iceland strive to provide students with the best possible service. In collaboration with the service institutes at the University, we can accommodate the needs of students with regards to housing, employment, food, childcare etc.

Icelandic Student Services

fs.is

Icelandic Student Services is a company providing services to students at the University of Iceland. They run the Student Bookstore, Student Café, Háma, the Student Cellar, other student catering services, student housing, preschools for students' children and the Student Agency.

Telephone: 5700 700 – fs@fs.is

Student housing

studentagardar.is

Icelandic Student Services manages student housing. Information is available on the student housing website. Applications can be completed online. Housing on offer includes single rooms, singles apartments, shared apartments, couples apartments and family apartments of various sizes. Apartments for disabled people are available in most buildings. All registered students at the University of Iceland can apply for student housing. New students can apply from 1 June.

Catering services

There are many canteens situated all over the University campus. Student Services run Háma canteens in the University Centre, at Stakkahlíð, in the University Cinema, Eirberg, Árnagarður and the Centre for Technological Innovation. They offer a wide selection of healthy and delicious food. Student Services also run Háma Salad Bar, the Student Café and the Student Cellar in the University Centre. The Student Cellar is a restaurant and bar open morning to night every day of the week. Many other buildings contain smaller canteens, most of them run by Student Services. These are located in Oddi, Askja and Lækningarður. There are also a few privately run canteens, e.g. in the National and University Library, and others run by student organisations.

University of Iceland Network Forum

tengslatorg.hi.is

The Network Forum is a job forum for students at the University of Iceland. Companies and institutions can post job advertisements in the Network Forum free of charge.



University of Iceland Student Council

student.is

The University of Iceland Student Council works with matters relating to the interests and social affairs of students. The Council advocates for all students, within the University and elsewhere. Students are represented in all the important committees and councils within the University and are therefore very much involved in University operations. The work of the Student Council covers many different areas, including a student

international office. Students can contact the Council to get help and information on most issues.

The Student Council runs the Student Rights Office. Representatives of student interests manage the Student Rights Office, answer queries from students who believe their rights have been violated, and can pursue their cases.

University Centre, 3rd fl.
Open 9–5 on weekdays
Telephone: 570 0850 – shi@hi.is



Student Housing Association

bn.is

Students can apply for accommodation from the Student Housing Association. Information is available on the association's website. Applications can be completed online. The Student Housing Association manages apartments in ten locations in the Reykjavík area.

Preschools

fs.is/en/student-preschools

Icelandic Student Services run three preschools for students' children on the University campus.

Sólgarður and Leikgarður are for children aged six months to two years. You can apply at solgardur.leikskolinn.is and leikgardur.leikskolinn.is.

Mánagarður is for children aged two to six years. You can apply at managardur.leikskolinn.is.



Student card

All students at the University of Iceland can apply for a student card in Ugla. New students are encouraged to apply for their cards as soon as possible. Click on 'My Ugla' on the front page. Then click on 'student card' to find detailed instructions on how to apply.

The student card is an ID and discount card. You can choose whether the card will grant you access to one University building beyond normal opening hours (1,500 kr.) or not (free). When you return an advanced access card at the end of your studies you will be reimbursed ISK 1000. The cards look exactly the same but you must select one or the other. Your student card will be renewed every year with a new sticker.

Information on the discounts available to student card holders can be found at student.is.

If you have any problems applying for your student card, please contact the Service Desk in the University Centre, studentakort@hi.is.



Schools and faculties

At the University of Iceland there are five schools, 26 faculties and several hundred study programmes. The University offers diverse studies at all levels of higher education and flexible programmes. The University of Iceland is the only university in the country that offers both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in all the major fields of study.

All further information on the organisation and structure of programmes is available on the websites of individual schools and faculties, as well as from their offices.

School of Education

- » Faculty of Education and Diversity
- » Faculty of Education and Pedagogy
- » Faculty of Health Promotion, Sports and Leisure Studies
- » Faculty of Subject Teacher Education

english.hi.is/school_of_education

School of Engineering and Natural Sciences

- » Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- » Faculty of Earth Sciences
- » Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- » Faculty of Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science
- » Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences
- » Faculty of Physical Sciences

english.hi.is/school_of_engineering_and_natural_sciences

School of Health

- » Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition
- » Faculty of Medicine
- » Faculty of Nursing
- » Faculty of Odontology
- » Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- » Faculty of Psychology

english.hi.is/school_of_health_sciences

School of Humanities

- » Faculty of History and Philosophy
- » Faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies
- » Faculty of Languages and Cultures
- » Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies

english.hi.is/school_of_humanities



School of Social Sciences

- » Faculty of Business Administration
- » Faculty of Economics
- » Faculty of Law
- » Faculty of Political Science
- » Faculty of Social Work
- » Faculty of Sociology, Anthropology and Folkloristics

english.hi.is/school_of_social_sciences

Interdisciplinary studies

- » Applied Statistics
- » Environment and Natural Resources
- » Finance M.Fin.
- » Industrial Biotechnology
- » Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- » Nordic Master's Programme in Gerontology
- » Public Health Sciences
- » Sexology
- » Speech Pathology
- » Tax Law and Accounting
- » Upper Secondary School Teaching

All information on studies and programmes can be found in the University of Iceland course catalogue at kennsluskra.hi.is

Learning facilities, **libraries** and languages

All University of Iceland buildings have study rooms and there are good facilities available for group work. Opening hours for University buildings differ – details are available on english.hi.is.

An advanced access student card works as an electronic access card to selected University buildings.

Outstanding library services

english.hi.is/university/libraries_and_bookstores

Students at the University of Iceland have access to the largest library in the country, the National and University Library of Iceland, and receive a free library card. The library contains around 400 study desks as well as numerous desks with personal computers, microfilm readers and work stations in the audiovisual department. There are also rooms available for group work. Students also have access to the School of Education Library and the Health Sciences Library.

Reading rooms and computer labs

english.hi.is/university/study_facilities_and_computer_labs

The University Centre and Gimli house good study facilities for students, as well as computer labs.

The School of Education Library at Stakkahlíð also have study rooms and desks with computers. You can book a group work room in the National and University Library at landsbokasafn.is. If you wish to book a classroom, please email kennslustofur@hi.is. Further information on applications and rules can be found at english.hi.is/university/study_facilities_and_computer_labs. Library branches and specialist libraries in other University buildings also provide a few seats reserved for students. Additional study facilities in the student housing at Eggertsgata are available for residents. Open reading rooms and group work tables are located all over the University campus, for example in Oddi, Gimli, Askja and Veröld.

Writing Centres at the National and University Library and Stakkahlíð

ritver.hi.is/english – ritverhug.hi.is/home

The Writing Centre and the Writing Centre of Humanities assist students at the University with academic writing of all kinds, from course assignments to final theses. Students can get help from a writing centre in all stages of the writing process, from gathering ideas and formulating research questions to recording citations and final formatting. The writing centres websites contain all kinds of guidelines and advice for writing. You can also book a 30 or 60-minute tutoring session.

The Language Centre

english.hi.is/university/the_language_centre

The Language Centre is open to all students who wish to study a language. Good facilities are available, a wide selection of study materials and access to the latest information technology. Students can study six languages: Danish, French, Italian, Polish, Spanish and German – and can earn credits through these courses.

Veröld. Open on working days from 10–6.

Telephone 525 4593. ems@hi.is

Services at the School of Education

menntasmidja.hi.is

The Education Workshop offers diverse services for teaching staff and students at the School of Education. There is a service desk, open plan working facilities and recording facilities. The Education Workshop is situated on the first floor of Hamar at Stakkahlíð.

Syllabus and reading lists

The syllabus for each course is published in Ugla. The syllabus lists the books and articles that form the basis of the course material and information on how the course will be assessed, i.e. whether there are examinations, assignments, mandatory attendance etc.



Reading lists can be found in the syllabus for each course and on the Student Bookstore website, bok-sala.is. The Student Bookstore stocks all books that students need for their studies. There is also a second-hand book market in Ugla. Some faculties and student organisations run bookstores for their students. The Teacher Education Bookstore is located in the School of Education building at Stakkahlíð.

Timetables

Timetables can be found on the websites for individual faculties. Your timetable will also appear on your Ugla home page.



Equality and Diversity

Equality is a guiding principle of the University of Iceland and the basis of diversity and respect in the academic community. At equality.hi.is you can find our Equality Action Plan and other information.

The University celebrates Equality Days annually with various discussions and events on equality.

The University is committed to creating a safe and inclusive working environment. To do so, it is necessary to ensure measures are in place in the event of sexual harassment, bullying and violence within the University.

Rules of procedure are in place, and professional councils receive and investigate complaints. Anyone receiving complaints shall immediately refer the matter for administrative action. Further information can be found in Ugla and at equality.hi.is.

If you require advice, you can contact the equality officer of the University of Iceland at jafnretti@hi.is.

Student Registration

english.hi.is/university/student_registration

Student Registration manages applications and the registration of students for studies in all University faculties. Student Registration also archives documentation regarding academic records, student progression, examinations, courses and grades.

University Centre, 3rd floor

Open work days 9–12 and 12:30–3

Telephone: 525 4309

nemskra@hi.is

Course catalogue

kennsluskra.hi.is

The University of Iceland course catalogue contains detailed information on programmes and courses.

The course catalogue also contains information on schools and faculties, the academic year, registration, fees, examinations and many other things that students need to know.

Students are encouraged to read the key information in the course catalogue carefully, as well as the University academic calendar which contains many important dates.



Student **Counselling** and **Career Centre**

The Student Counselling and Career Centre provides advice on course selection, learning strategies, the process of writing your final thesis and preparation for employment.

Personal and social counselling is also available, as well as special services due to disability, learning difficulties, chronic illness or other issues.

Services for University students

nshi.hi.is

Staff at the Student Counselling and Career Centre run many practical workshops for students, e.g. on learning strategies, setting goals, time management, increasing self-confidence, stress management and exam preparation.

Students at the University can discuss issues with counsellors in drop-in hours or book a session over the phone.

Drop-in hours are Monday to Thursday, 1–3:30, and Fridays, 10–12.

The Student Counselling and Career Centre website contains various useful information, for example on upcoming workshops, material from lectures, booklets and audio slides.

Students requiring support in their studies due to disability, chronic illness or learning difficulties should contact the Student Counselling and Career Centre at the beginning of the academic year.

Psychologists provide psychological services in individual or group sessions. Sessions can be booked on the phone or in person.

University Centre, 3rd floor
Open 9–12 and 1–4.
Telephone: 525 4315
radgjof@hi.is



Study **Abroad**

The University of Iceland collaborates with over 400 universities all over the world. This gives students a unique opportunity to take part of their studies at a university abroad, acquire international experience and carve out a niche for themselves. Exchange periods will be credited to your studies at the UI so stays abroad do not affect the length of your programme.

Exchange programmes offer a simple and inexpensive way for students to study at some of the best universities in the world and can open doors for those planning postgraduate studies abroad. Students also have the opportunity to take traineeships at European companies or institutions, thereby acquiring valuable international working experience. Research has shown that exchange programmes and traineeships have a positive impact on young people's employment opportunities.



International Office

english.hi.is/international_office

Information on opportunities to study abroad is available from the International Office. The International Office manages formal relations with foreign educational institutions and offers students, teaching staff and faculties at the University various services relating to international collaboration. The Office also serves international students and staff.

University Centre
Open 10–12 and 12:30–15
Telephone: 525 4311
ask@hi.is

Social life and **leisure**

When you start at the University of Iceland you don't just become a student at a new university. You also join a diverse, international and vibrant community. The University is home to a lively social scene with something to offer for everyone.

Available services

student.is/nemendafelog

There are many student organisations at the University of Iceland, run both within and outside the faculties. These organisations plan events for students throughout the academic year. The Student Fund supports cultural and social events at the University – grants are awarded to organisations and individuals.

Events organised by the Student Council

The Student Council organises large events for University of Iceland students. Examples include Student Days and Octoberfest.

Events in the Student Cellar

The Student Cellar is open from Sunday to Wednesday 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. and Thursday to Saturday 11 a.m. – 1 a.m. There is a varied programme of events and concerts organised by student organisations and others.

Online student community

student.is/node/142

Student.is is an active and vibrant student website containing information on social events and the University community. Master's students in journalism and mass communication manage the news section of the website, covering diverse issues affecting students. There are also television and radio interviews.

Student.is also contains various information on student services and interests.

University Choir

kor.hi.is

The University Choir plays a key role in the University of Iceland community. The choir performs at many official events, as well as performing independently and releasing recorded material. There is also the University Women's Choir, which has received well-deserved acclaim and holds regular performances.

Theatre and dance

[facebook.com/studentaleikhusid](https://www.facebook.com/studentaleikhusid)

The Student Theatre has long been a familiar part of the cultural scene in Reykjavik. It is open to all drama enthusiasts and everyone is encouraged to check them out.

[haskoladansinn.is](https://www.haskoladansinn.is)

The student dance society is called the University Student Dance Group and runs various dance courses.

University concerts

[english.hi.is/university/arts](https://www.english.hi.is/university/arts)

University concerts are held a few times during the academic year. The programme is varied, however, emphasis is placed on classical music by Icelandic and international composers alike. The concerts are held at noon either in the Main hall (Aula) or the University Chapel and entrance is free.

Public events

[english.hi.is/events](https://www.english.hi.is/events)

There is an all-year-round programme of public events at the University of Iceland: lectures, symposiums, conferences and other events. Around 35 thousand guests attend such events every year – UI students are particularly welcome.

University Gymnasium

[english.hi.is/university/the_university_of_iceland_gymnasium_at_saemundargata](https://www.english.hi.is/university/the_university_of_iceland_gymnasium_at_saemundargata)

The gymnasium at Sæmundargata is open to all University students for a modest fee. It contains a fully equipped weight-lifting room, various group classes, gymnastics equipment, aerobics equipment and more. Students can also book the sports hall for their own use. The gymnasium is always offering new things and students are encouraged to check out the range of activities available. Gym cards are sold at the Service Desk in the University Centre.

Student Paper

[studentabladid.com](https://www.studentabladid.com)

The Student Council publishes the Student Paper regularly over the winter. The Student Paper is a quality publication featuring news, entertainment and other information, distributed to all students at the University of Iceland. All students are welcome to contribute to the Student Paper and are encouraged to submit articles of all genres.

University Cinema

[haskolabio.is](https://www.haskolabio.is)

Showing your student card will allow you to see films before 7 p.m. on weekdays for ISK 1,100 and ISK 1,445 at other times. This offer is valid in the University Cinema and Smárabíó.

Grants and funds

Assistantship Fund

sjodir.hi.is/node/16126

The aim of the Assistantship Fund is to enable teaching staff to hire a student as a research or teaching assistant; the student thereby acquires training and professional working skills.

Icelandic Student Loan Fund

lin.is/lin/UmLIN/english.html

The office for the Icelandic Student Loan Fund is at Höfðaborg, Borgartún 21. Open on working days from 10–3.

Telephone: 560 4000 – lin@lin.is.

If you are eligible you must apply for a separate student loan for each year. Applications must be submitted before 16 November for study in the autumn semester, 16 April for study in the spring semester and 16 July for study in the summer semester.

The student loans officer is based in the Student Council office in the University Centre. This is the person to contact if you need advice or assistance regarding student loans or your dealings with the Icelandic Student Loan Fund, shi@hi.is.

Student Innovation Fund

en.rannis.is/funding/research/icelandic-student-innovation-fund/

The Student Innovation Fund provides interested students with summer jobs working on ambitious and demanding research projects. Grants are awarded to university teaching staff, companies, research centres or individuals considered to have expert knowledge in a certain field. The funding is used to hire students over the summer. The Fund's objective is to promote innovation, in industry as well as academia.



Diagnosis Fund for students with learning difficulties

student.is/greiningarsjodur

The Student Council operates a Diagnosis Fund. Students requiring a diagnosis due to specific learning difficulties or ADHD can apply for a grant to cover the cost.

Student Fund

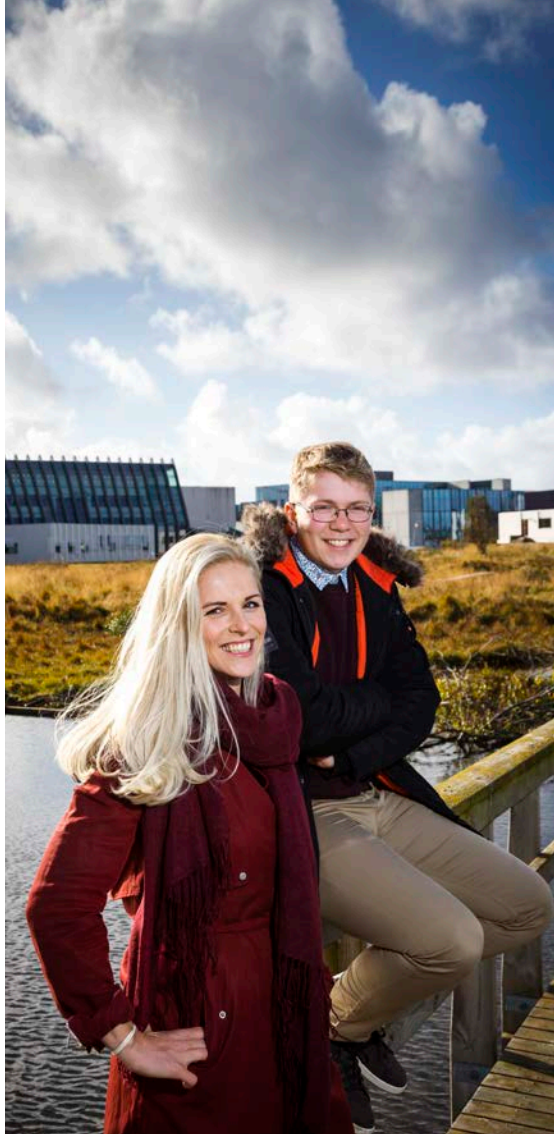
student.is/studentasjodur

The role of the Student Fund is to support cultural and social activities in the University's faculties by providing grants to faculty organisations, student groups and individual students.

Website on grants and funds

sjodir.hi.is/node/17

This website contains detailed information on the funds available to students and staff at the University of Iceland. It also directs students towards other funding opportunities.



Academic calendar

The academic year is divided into two teaching semesters, the autumn semester and the spring semester. There are a few differences between faculties regarding dates for teaching and examinations. Timetables are available on school and faculty websites, but students can also access their own personal timetable in Ugla.

The organisation of studies at the University of Iceland is based on student registration in courses and examinations. All students are responsible for their own studies. Students must therefore be sure to comply with the registration rules and set registration periods. You should learn all the important dates in the academic calendar and the registration rules for courses and examinations.

Autumn Semester 2019

15 Aug. – 2 Sept.	Teaching for the autumn semester begins
10 Sept.	Final day to review course registration for the autumn semester 2019
26 Sept.	Autumn semester examination timetable published
1 Oct.	Final day to withdraw from autumn semester courses/examinations
15 Oct.	Application deadline for postgraduate studies commencing in the spring semester 2020
15 Oct.	Application deadline for disability services from the Student Counselling and Career Centre
22 – 29 Nov.	End of teaching for the autumn semester
2 – 16 Dec.	Autumn semester examinations
18 – 19 Dec.	Makeup examinations (for all schools except the School of Social Sciences and School of Engineering and Natural Sciences)
19 Dec. – 4 Jan.	Christmas holiday

Spring Semester 2020

6 – 7 Jan.	Makeup examinations (for all schools except the School of Social Sciences) Makeup examinations and resit examinations for faculties at the School of Engineering and Natural Sciences
6 – 20 Jan.	Teaching for the spring semester begins
21 Jan.	Final day to review course registration for the spring semester 2020
30 Jan.	Spring semester examination timetable published
1 Feb.	Final day to withdraw from spring semester courses/examinations
1 Feb.	Application deadline for prospective international students
22 Feb.	Graduation
2 Mar. – 3 Apr.	Course registration for autumn and spring semesters 2020–2021 (annual registration)
15 Mar.	Final day to apply for disability services from the Student Counselling and Career Centre
3 – 21 Apr.	End of teaching for the spring semester
8 – 14 Apr.	Easter holiday
15 Apr.	Application deadline for postgraduate studies commencing in the autumn semester 2020
24 Apr. – 8 May	Spring semester examinations
15 – 22 May	Makeup spring semester examinations (for all schools except the School of Social Sciences and School of Engineering and Natural Sciences)
15 – 22 May	Makeup examinations and resit examinations for the autumn semester 2019 for the School of Social Sciences
2 – 8 Jun.	Special resit examinations for the School of Health Sciences, School of Humanities and School of Education
2 – 8 Jun.	Makeup examinations and resit examinations for the spring semester 2020, School of Social Sciences and School of Engineering and Natural Sciences
5 Jun.	Application deadline for undergraduate studies (domestic students)
20 Jun.	Graduation

Credits and **degrees**

Studies at the University of Iceland are evaluated for ECTS credits. A standard academic year is 60 credits and the general rule is that each credit represents 25–30 hours of work.

There are four kinds of degree programmes offered at the University. The first level is called a bachelor degree, i.e. BA, BS or B.Ed. A bachelor degree represents at least three years of study but some programmes are longer (four years). The University also offers several shorter undergraduate diploma programmes (one to two years).

The second level is either a Master's degree, e.g. MA, MS or M.Ed., or a Candidate's degree, e.g. cand. med.

Study programmes at this level are generally two years, but may be shorter or longer (three years). The University also offers shorter postgraduate diploma programmes at this level (half a year to one year).

The third level is a doctorate, e.g. Ph.D., Ed.D. or dr.theol. Study for a doctorate following a Master's degree generally takes three years, but may take longer (four years). Master's programmes and doctoral programmes are both referred to as post-graduate studies.



Registration for courses and examinations

Review of course registration

When you register for a course you are also registering for the examination and gain access to all material for the course. It is therefore important that you are always registered correctly. Review of course registration for the autumn semester takes place in Ugla up until 10 September. In the spring semester, course registration can be reviewed up until 21 January.

If any problems come up when you review your course registration, it is best to contact the Student Registration, nemskra@hi.is.

Withdrawal from courses/examinations

The deadline for withdrawing from a course is 1 October in the autumn and 1 February in the spring. When you withdraw from a course, you also withdraw from the examination. You can withdraw online in Ugla or send an email to Student Registration, nemskra@hi.is.

Examinations

General examinations are held 2–16 December and 24 April – 8 May.

Illness during examinations

Students who fall ill and are unable to attend an examination do not need to report their illness. Instead, they should submit a doctor's note to the Service Desk in the University Centre within three days of the examination date. The same applies should a student's child fall ill.

Further information

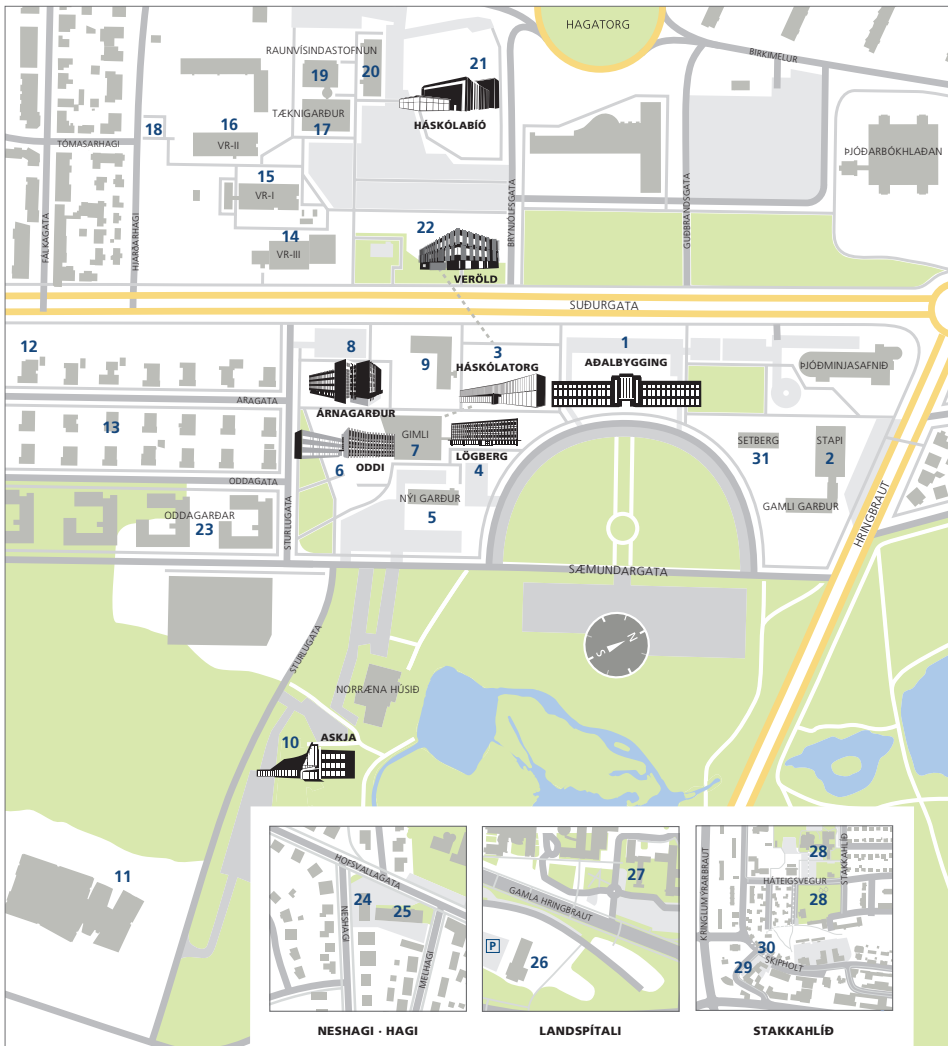
Further information on examinations, withdrawal from examinations, makeup examinations, resit examinations and more can be found in the course catalogue, Ugla and from faculty offices.

University of Iceland **Campus**

The University of Iceland campus covers a large area and there are around thirty University buildings. In timetables and elsewhere you will see abbreviations for the different buildings. The University website explains the most common abbreviations.

A few examples include A (Aðalbygging / Main Building), E (Eirberg), HB (Háskólabíó / University Cinema), HT (Háskólatorg / University Centre), H (Hamar), L (Lögberg), N (Askja, natural sciences building) and T (Tæknigarður).

1 Main Building	11 Sturlugata 8	21 University Cinema
2 Stapi	12 Aragata 9	22 Veröld
3 University Centre	13 Aragata 14	23 Oddagarðar
4 Lögberg	14 VR-III	24 Neshagi 16
5 Nýi-Garður	15 VR-I	25 Hagi
6 Oddi	16 VR-II	26 Læknagarður
7 Gimli	17 Tæknigarður	27 Eirberg
8 Árnagarður	18 Smyrilsvegur	28 Stakkahlíð
9 Gymnasium	19 Continuing Education	29 Bolholt 6
10 Askja	20 Science Institute	30 Skipholt 37
		31 Setberg



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- Hugvísindisráð
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 - Kenni- og menningarfræði
 - Vísni- og menningarfræði
 - Sagnfræði- og heimasíðufræði



11:00 - 12:00	Ráðgjafi A
12:00 - 13:00	Ráðgjafi B
13:00 - 14:00	Ráðgjafi C
14:00 - 15:00	Ráðgjafi D
15:00 - 16:00	Ráðgjafi E
16:00 - 17:00	Ráðgjafi F

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