



# Fact sheet

2022-2023



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## General information

### University name

Bifröst University – Háskólinn á Bifröst

### Erasmus code

IS BORGARN01

### Eligible programs for exchange students

Business Administration – PPE (Politics,  
Philosophy & Economics) – Law

### Contact of International Office

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International Coordinator  
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### Official website

<http://www.bifrost.is/english/>

### Address

Bifröst University, International Office, 311  
Borgarnes, ICELAND

### Level of study for exchange students

Bachelor only





## application for student exchange

### Online application form

<https://ugla.bifrost.is/namsumsoknir/index.php>

No hard copy is required.

### Required documents

- Photograph
- Photocopy of a valid passport
- Photocopy of a valid driver's license (if applicable)
- Transcript of records from home institution
- All supporting documents are to be uploaded to the online application form.



### Application periods

**Spring semester:** September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup> (nomination deadline Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> )

**Fall semester:** February 15<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup> (nomination deadline May 1<sup>st</sup> )

**Duration of exchange:** 1 – 2 semesters

### Application requirements

- Official nomination from home institution
- Completion of at least one year of study
- Continuing towards a degree at home institution
- A solid GPA
- Good English skills, B2 level is recommended
- Signed ECTS Learning Agreement or other confirmation/nomination from school



## Visa Requirements

- Students from outside the European Economic Area need to apply for a residence permit before arrival.
- Allow at least 3 months for processing.
- Contact our International Office for assistance.

## Insurance

Required for students from outside the European Economic Area and available at a reasonable cost from Icelandic insurance companies. Contact the International Office before your arrival. Not required for European students who have a valid E111 or European health insurance card.

## Orientation

### Date

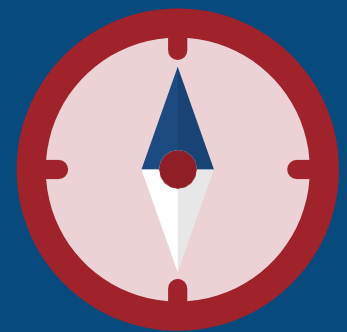
Usually last Friday before start of semester (subject to change with prior notice)

### Content

Academic information, Campus tour, Canvas system, Exam system, General introduction

### Move-in-date

Exchange students are expected to arrive 1-4 days prior to the orientation day.





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## Academic calendar

### **Fall semester**

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 (30 ECTS)

### **Spring semester**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 (30 ECTS)

### **Summer School**

July 11<sup>th</sup> - August 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 (21 days, 8 ECTS)

### **Exams**

Fall semester: October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 (Slot 1)  
and November 24<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> 2022  
(Slot 2)

Spring semester: February 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2023  
(Slot 1) and April 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Slot 2)





## course information

### **Courses in English**

<https://www.bifrost.is/english/erasmus/exchange-program-courses-in-english>

### **Areas of focus**

Business, Business Law, Economics, Political Science, Philosophy

### **Language of instruction**

Mostly Icelandic, but English for some second- and third-year courses and for exchange students.

### **Slot system**

Each course is taught in 6 week slots and the workload is divided between slot 1 and slot 2. The exams are in the 7th week of each slot.

### **Grading Scale**

Grades are on a 0 to 10 scale.

9.0, 9.5, 10.0 is equivalent to ECTS A

8.0, 8.5 is equivalent to ECTS B

7.0, 7.5 is equivalent to ECTS C

6.0, 6.5 is equivalent to ECTS D

5.0, 5.5 is equivalent to ECTS E

0 - 4.5 is equivalent to ECTS F or FX





## ects credits and student workload

### **ECTS workload**

One ECTS credit normally consists of 25–30 hours student workload.

### **Credits per course**

All courses are 6 ECTS

### **Recommended credit load per semester**

30 ECTS (less for students coming during summer semester)

### **Minimum workload per semester**

We do not set a strict minimum, but prefer that exchange students take at least 2/3 of a full load.

### **Maximum workload per semester**

We do not set a strict maximum.

### **Length of Bachelor degree (in years)**

3 years (can be completed in 2.5 years if students take two full summer terms)

### **Graduation requirements for bachelor degree**

180 ECTS, including final thesis

### **Teaching methods**

Lectures, homework assignments, exams, group projects, thesis



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## campus and student housing

### Accommodation types

- 17 m<sup>2</sup> room for one person (private bath, kitchen shared by 6 students)
- For exchange students with children, we also have family apartments (2-room, 3-room and 4-room apartments)
- <http://www.bifrost.is/english/erasmus/planning-your-trip/accomodation/>



### Cost of rent and living / per month

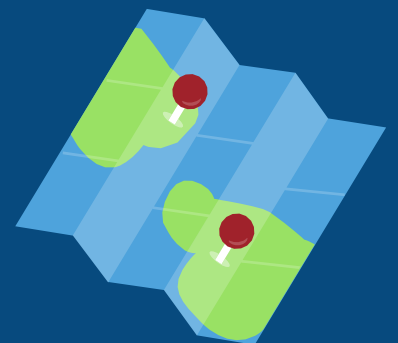
- Rent is at least 440 EUR
- Living expenses are at least 500 EUR
- <http://www.bifrost.is/english/erasmus/planning-your-trip/life-in-iceland/>

### Campus facilities

Bifröst is a residential, campus university with guaranteed on-campus housing for the incoming students, gym, sauna, library, kindergarten, wireless network, etc.

### Distance from city / airport

110 km from Reykjavík,  
150 km from Keflavík International Airport



### Fees

Service fee is 45.000 Icelandic krona  
Housing insurance fee is 30.000 Icelandic krona (refundable)