Iceland
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) Adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's decision to apply for a UCEAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA Adviser for this program.

COVID-19 Information

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. Please check UCEAP’s Pandemic Updates for the most up-to-date information about program cancellations for the 2023-24 academic year and additional resources and information.
Summary of Programs

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University of Iceland is a relatively new program for UCEAP and more details will be coming soon!

At least 60 percent of your coursework at University of Iceland is required to be related to your major and in the faculty (department) that most aligns with your major at the University of Iceland. Please review the courses taught in English via the [Academics tab of the UCEAP page](#) and determine that there will be enough courses for you to take in your major.

Students with Disabilities

The law in Iceland mandates that persons with disabilities have access to buildings, information, and communication. All government buildings and most museums and shopping centers in the capital are wheelchair accessible. Taxis and public buses also provide accessible services. However, many stores in old downtown Reykjavik and along Laugavegur street in the historic shopping district are not wheelchair accessible. Streets are steep and sidewalks may lack curbs. Smaller hotels in the capital, as well as hotels outside the capital are not all accessible. There are few marked paths or trails at natural attractions outside urban areas.

LGBTQIA+ Identifying Students

Threat to safety towards the LGBTIQ community is minimal. Societal tolerance ranges from tolerant to accepting. Review [tips and resources for LGTBQIA+ Identifying Students.](#)

Working Abroad

The student residence permit for Iceland also allows students to apply for a work permit. Students with a work permit may work no more than 15 hours per week with a work permit. Employment may not commence until the work permit has been approved. Students can apply for a work permit once they have a written employment contract. A student must submit a complete application and employment contract directly to the Directorate of Immigration.