

## **Bifröst University**

## **Fact Sheet 2015-16**

	General & Contact Information			
University name	Bifröst University – Háskólinn á Bifröst			
Programs eligible for exch. students	Business Administration – PPE (Politics, Philosophy & Economics) – Law			
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Official website	http://www.bifrost.is/english/			
Office address	Bifröst University, International Office, 311 Borgarnes, ICELAND			
Erasmus code	IS BORGARN01			
Level of study for	Bachelor only			
exchange students				

	Application for student exchange			
Online application	Apply online at: <a href="https://umsoknir.bifrost.is/umsoknir/?Exchange=&amp;Lang=EN">https://umsoknir.bifrost.is/umsoknir/?Exchange=⟪=EN</a> <ul> <li>No hardcopy is required</li> </ul>			
Required	Photograph			
documents	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 period	Spring semester: September 1st – October 15th			
	Summer semester: February 1st – March 15th			
	Fall Semester: February 10 <sup>th</sup> – May 15 <sup>th</sup>			
	Contact us for late applications			
Duration of	1 – 2 semesters			
exchange				
Application	Official nomination from home institution			
requirements	Completion of at least one year of study			
	Continuing towards a degree at home institution			
	A solid GPA			
	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.			
Medical Coverage	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.			

	Exchange student orientation
Date	Usually last Thursday-Friday before start of semester (subject to change with prior notice)
Contents	Buddy program, Academic info, introduction to campus, intranet, etc.

Move-in date	Exchange students are expected to arrive 1-4 days prior to orientation	
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	Academic calendar
Semesters	Spring semester: January 4 <sup>th</sup> – April 29 <sup>th</sup> 2016 (17 weeks, 30 ECTS)
	Summer semester: May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – June 16 <sup>th</sup> 2106 (9 weeks, 20 ECTS)
	Fall semester: August 24 <sup>th</sup> – December 11 <sup>th</sup> 2015 (17 weeks, 30 ECTS)
Summer School	July 16 <sup>th</sup> - August 7 <sup>th</sup>
Exams	Spring semester: February 15th - 19th 2016 (Slot 1) and April 18th - 22th 2016 (Slot 2)
	Summer semester: June 13th - 16th 2016
	Fall semester: October 5th – 9th 2015 (Slot 1) and December 1st - 4th 2015 (Slot 2)

	Course information		
Courses in English	Information on courses are available here:		
	http://www.bifrost.is/english/academics/exchange-program-courses-in-		
	english/		
Course sign-up	Students are enrolled to a course according to the Learning Agreement		
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		
The 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 $7^{th}$ week of each slot.		

	ECTS credits and student workload		
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ECTS workload	One ECTS credit normally consists of 25-30 hours student workload.		
Credits per course	All courses are 6 ECTS		
Recommended credit	30 ECTS (less for students coming during summer semester)		
load per semester			
Minimum workload per	We do not set a strict minimum, but prefer that exchange students take at least 2/3		
semester	of a full load		
Maximum workload per	We do not set a strict maximum		
semester			
Length of Bachelor	3 years (can be completed in 2.5 years if students take two full summer terms)		
degree (years)			
Graduation requirements	180 ECTS, including final thesis		
for bachelor degree			
Teaching methods	Lectures, homework assignments, exams, group projects, thesis.		
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		

	Campus and student ho	ousing	
Accommodation / Housing options	Single room w/bath, two-room apt., three-room apt. All on campus.		
Cost of rent per month	Min. 300 EUR	Living expenses	At least EUR 400 per month
Campus facilities	Bifröst is a residential, campus university with on-campus housing, gym, hot pools and sauna, shop, cafe, library, preschool, wireless network, etc.		
Distance from city / airport	110 km from Reykjavík, 150 km from Keflavík International Airport		
Fees	Service fee: 250 EUR	Housing insuran	ce fee: <b>150 EUR</b> (refundable)
% of exch. students	5%		

	Other useful information
Welcome letter	All students receive a welcome letter and orientation booklet a few weeks before
	semester starts.
Computer access	Exchange students receive a username and a password to access the University
	intranet (MySchool).

• Please note that information provided in the fact sheet is subject to change.