

Bilateral Exchange: University of Akureyri Akureyri, Iceland

Specifics of the North Park Exchange

Dates

Fall semester, spring semester, or full year

Eligibility

- 45+ credit hours by start of program
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- GPA of 2.5 in semester preceding program
- Attendance at NPU for at least two semesters by start of program
- 18 years of age



Chance of Placement

Chance of placement is excellent for qualified candidates.

Courses Offered

Most courses are offered in Icelandic; a small but diverse selection of courses is offered in English each year: <http://english.unak.is/education/page/namskeidaensku/>. In the past, North Park students have taken the following types of courses:

International Relations	Icelandic as a Foreign Language	Development Economics	Sociology of Law
Icelandic Society, History, and Culture	Economic Analysis	Peoples and Cultures of the Circumpolar North	International Business

Costs

Student pays North Park the current rate for full-time tuition. All financial aid applies. Student pays room and board in host country. For more information on the cost of living in Iceland, check: <http://staff.unak.is/not/runarg/Incoming%20student%20handbook%202011-2012>

Additional Fees

Airfare	Passport Fees	Residence Permit/ Visa Fees	International Student ID Card
Textbooks	Health Insurance	Discretionary Spending	

About the University of Akureyri

The University of Akureyri has grown aggressively to an important and progressive milieu of higher education and research since its establishment in 1987. Students are systematically challenged with inspirational subjects of sciences and practical knowledge under the guidance of our highly-qualified faculty. The university is known for its quality on-campus and distance education. UNAK is a non-profit organization that operates as a public university and is accredited by the Icelandic Educational Authorities. The university is home to approximately 1650 students and 185 faculty and staff members.

The university is comprised of several research institutes and three schools: School of Business and Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Science and the School of Health Science. The University of Akureyri prepares students for a wide range of opportunities in both the private and the public sectors. Education at the University covers specific skills and scientific methods as well as other more theoretical skills that will enable graduates to improve their qualifications. Education and research are closely coordinated to achieve this, first and foremost by assigning them with equal importance in the daily work of the academic and scientific staff and whenever possible basing course work on research.

A survival guide for International Students, available online, provides helpful information on courses, housing, cost of living, and social activities:

<http://staff.unak.is/not/runarg/Incoming%20student%20handbook%202011-2012>

About Iceland and Akureyri

- Iceland is the most sparsely populated country in Europe, with an average of about three inhabitants per square kilometer. Almost four-fifths of the country is uninhabited, the population being limited to a narrow coastal belt, valleys, and the lowland plains in the South and Southwest.
- Akureyri is the second largest urban area after the capital area of Reykjavík, with a population of about 17,200. Akureyri is the center of trade and services in northern Iceland. It is also a town of culture and education. Akureyri has its own theater, symphony orchestra, University and one of the biggest hospitals in the country that also serves the eastern part of Greenland.
- Lovers of fine art will feel at home in Listagil, "Street of the Arts."
- The town is also a good base for many of Iceland's most beautiful natural wonders such as waterfalls, volcanic areas and canyons, as well as exciting activities such as river rafting, hiking, fishing, whale watching and horse riding. The Akureyri Botanical Garden is known far and wide for its beautiful walking paths and luxuriant flora. One of Akureyri's gems, it was founded by women in 1911, and it contains nearly every plant found in Iceland as well as about 4,000 foreign plants.
- The Akureyri Bus Company (SVA) run busses all over town, including specific routes that go directly to the University buildings.

<http://www.visitakureyri.is>

Please consult the Study Abroad Handbook for information on how to apply for this program.