

WHY STUDY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND?



- A rigorous academic program
- Strong foundations in theory
- Focus on the Arctic
- Diverse teaching methods
- Small classes allow for engagement with faculty and peers
- Opportunities to study abroad
- Learn about Iceland and other small states in the international system
- All courses are taught in English

Specialization in International Affairs is in demand

The scope of international relations and cooperation has grown exponentially in the past decades. States and organizations have a need for a growing number of people well versed in the various aspects of international affairs. This course of study prepares students for diverse careers, as well as for further studies.

Two lines of study are offered: International affairs as a full time masters program 120ECTS and as a part time Post Graduate Diploma 30ECTS.

Career prospects

A degree in international affairs from the University of Iceland opens the doors to varied and interesting career paths, including investigative journalism, diplomacy, government service, work in international organizations (such as the UN, EU, NATO etc.), think tanks, NGOs and the development sector, as well as academia.

“I chose the program after having completed the Small State Studies graduate diploma. I really enjoyed the coursework in this program and was eager to extend my time studying at University of Iceland. Because my bachelor’s degree is in a similar field, I was also seeking more advanced study, so the choice was easy.”

Lindsey Mitchell - MA in International Affairs 2020

A practical and diverse academic program

The program emphasizes the position of Iceland and other small states in the international system and their foreign affairs. A wide variety of electives is offered to students, including courses also taught in the Post-Graduate Diploma program in Small State Studies where teaching is based on extensive research on small states by internationally acknowledged. The program offers considerable flexibility yet aims to provide students with fundamental theoretical understanding of international affairs and the methodology of social sciences. The MA in International Affairs brings together rigorous academic studies and a practice-oriented approach that provides students with an in-depth understanding of both the theories and realities of world politics.

All course descriptions can be found here:
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“I chose this program because I am very interested in international relations, and the program seemed to offer a variety of courses that can be valuable in understanding the complex world of politics and diplomacy. Additionally, enrolling in a program based in Iceland, a state with an interesting political and socio-economic history played a role in making my decision.”

Stefan Jovic – MA in International Affairs 2020

Diverse student body

Our students and graduates are a good mix of local and international students from all parts of the world, many of whom already have significant work and life experience across the globe. By joining our International Affairs programs, prospective students will not only get an advanced education within a unique Icelandic environment, they will also gain wider exposure to people and perspectives from around the world.

Study abroad

Students at the University of Iceland can take part of their studies at one of its many international partners. Students in International Affairs have spent semester abroad in Australia, North America, the Nordic countries, Japan, and all over Europe. The University of Iceland is a member of the ERASMUS+ program which encompasses around 300 universities in Europe. More information on studying abroad is available at the International Office.



Admission requirements

BA, B.Ed., BS degree or equivalent qualification. For the MA degree students also need to have first class grades (7.25 out of 10). International applicants, whose native language is not English, are required to provide results of the TOEFL (79) or IELTS (6.5) tests as evidence of English proficiency.

See further:

https://english.hi.is/university/proof_of_english_proficiency_requirements

Application Deadline:

- International students 1 February
- Nordic citizens are exempt and may apply for graduate studies until 15 April and 15 October for the spring semester
- Students from Iceland 15 April and 15 October for the spring semester
- Applications are submitted online www.hi.is.

Cost: Annual enrolment fee at the University of Iceland.

For further information please contact the Faculty of Political Science, e-mail: nemFVS@hi.is

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