

This is a beginners course in Icelandic, positioned at the third year of the Bachelor program.

Contents

The course focuses on the grammar of Icelandic, its sound system, inflectional and derivational system and syntax. The main emphasis will be on reading modern Icelandic texts and on exercises involving pronunciation and grammar, leading to basic proficiency in the modern language. The student will become familiar with Icelandic dictionaries and other reference material.

Initial competences

No specific prerequisites.

Final competences

- 1 The student should be able to formulate simple Icelandic sentences
- 2 The student should be able to read and account for the content of elementary modern Icelandic texts
- 3 The student should be able to master central aspects of Icelandic morphology and syntax
- 4 The student should be able to use dictionaries and reference grammars
- 5 The student is familiar with the most important phonological features of Modern Icelandic and can also apply them (cf. pronunciation exam)

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

This course is both theoretical and practical in nature. The theoretical component focuses on the most important grammatical and phonological features of Icelandic, both of which will regularly be practiced in class. The practical component of this course will acquaint the students with a basic vocabulary, which will be introduced through a series of dialogues.

Learning materials and price

Learning Icelandic (textbook + workbook)

Icelandic Online (online language learning resource)

References

Dictionaries and reference grammars (TBA)

Course content-related study coaching

Students can ask the lecturer questions after class or they can make an appointment.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Written assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Non-periodical assessment (20%):

– Two tests (5% + 10%)

– Pronunciation exam through audio recording (5%)

(If the student does not pass the course during the first exam period, the result of the in-session assessment will remain valid for the second exam period.)

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodical assessment (80%): exam (vocabulary, grammar, translation, phonology, reading and listening)

Facilities for Working Students

This course is not open for working students as attendance is compulsory.