





Háskóla- og
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University Centre
of the Westfjords

Academic experience on the edge of Europe

The University Centre of the Westfjords offers full service for travel courses, study tours, field schools, and other travel study programs organized by universities and institutions. Iceland is an exciting destination for visiting students in all fields of study. The breathtaking nature of the Westfjords and the rich cultural heritage, with the Icelandic Sagas as a centre piece, offer many exhilarating learning and recreation opportunities.

We make all arrangements for study tours, both ready-made tours and tailor-made tours, based on the needs of each university or institution.

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"Our group of fifteen U.S. university students was hosted by the University Centre of the Westfjords as a part of a program studying renewable energy in Iceland. In the Westfjords we hoped to see how energy principles we had learned about elsewhere were actually applied. The program was a great success; the small scale and accessibility of the area make it an ideal setting for such a study. The University Centre did a great job organizing the program, local people were very friendly and available to our students, and of course the scenery is spectacular. We will be returning to the Westfjords in the future."

Dave Timmons
Academic Director
World Learning,
SIT Study Abroad Program

"Students participating in the Icelandic Field School 2007 (a summer course organized by the Department of Icelandic Language and Literature, University of Manitoba, in cooperation with the University of Iceland and the University Centre of the Westfjords), traveled around the country, spending time in Reykjavik, in the Westfjords, up north and in the East Fjords. They did not hesitate when rating their experience in the Westfjords as the highlight of the summer course. As the organizer of the IFS, I fully agree with the students, thanks to the exceptionally professional, profound and creative cooperation with the University Centre of the Westfjords."

Dr. Birna Bjarnadóttir
Acting Head Chair
Department of Icelandic,
University of Manitoba



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Three-Week Courses in Iceland

Classes in English for international students

Coastal and Marine Management is a cross-disciplinary master's program at the University Centre of the Westfjords. Each course in the program is taught intensively over a three-week period. Courses are open to external participants, including individuals and student groups. The program is taught in English, and both students and instructors come from all around the world.

At the gates of the Arctic

The seaside community of Ísa-fjörður will welcome you warmly to the cool of the sub-arctic. The small-town atmosphere makes it easy to settle in and meet people. The remote and exciting Westfjords are a rich field for research and case studies, and coursework places local conditions in their global context. Hands-on learning and field trips around the region play a large role in the University Centre's courses.

The University Centre of the Westfjords is always at students' service for assistance with accommodation and other practical matters.

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Spring

- Coastal and Marine Politics and Policy
- Climate Changes and Policy
- Fisheries Management, Policy and Development
- Conflict Resolution in Resource Management
- Ecological and Management Strategy Modeling
- Marine Transportation
- Aquaculture
- Human Ecology

Summer

- Chemistry and Contamination in the Coastal Zone
- Evaluating Variations in Population and Communities
- Planning of Coastal and Marine Regions
- On the Law of the Sea and the Environment
- Introduction to Marine Technology
- Environmental Impact Assessment and Sustainability in Marine Systems
- Tourism Policy and Planning in Coastal Areas
- Geographical Information Systems
- Coastal and Marine Conservation
- Energy and Materials Management