



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Study programme WUR	Soil, Water, Atmosphere
Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)	20/08/2023 until 20/12/2023
Exchange destination: University	Agricultural University of Iceland
Faculty	Ecology
Country	Iceland
City	Hvanneyri

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

It is very important for me to meet people from other places to broaden my view of the world. Furthermore, I like to travel.

What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

The main reason to go to AUI is for the quietness. I really enjoy not being around other people and I knew that it was not busy in Hvanneyri. Furthermore, there is a lot of really nice nature around Hvanneyri.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination?

No

4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	Ecosystem Ecology and Sustainable Management	6	Contents are very similar to the course system earth and describe the global cycles.	4	Very enthusiastic teacher, but pace is low and examination easy.
2	Grazing ecology and management	4	This course was about sustainable grazing.	3	Enthusiastic teacher and interesting guest lectures
3	IN&E issues at the Arctic edge	10	This course was about the natural ecosystems of the northern latitudes	1	Extremely easy and mostly teaching examples and not describing the bigger system
4	Ecological Restoration and Global Environmental Challenges	4	This was a project based course about ecological restoration	2	Extremely time consuming with little new knowledge gained
5	Restoration Ecology: Theory and Concepts	5	Very similar to Ecological Restoration and Global Environmental Challenges, but less project based	3	Extremely time consuming, but some new knowledge gained
6	Soil Science and Land Condition	5	Basics about soils in Iceland and some general soil science	4	Extremely interesting teacher, with lots of knowledge gained

What is it like to study there?

Very low academic level, examination is very easy. Mostly online open book exams that consists of multiple choice that can be looked up. Some courses are more time consuming, but that is mostly due to projects.

What is the culture of the university?

Small university, thus very approachable teachers. Not a lot of engagement with local students, because they mostly follow online or courses in Icelandic. Very chill culture, a bit like a high school.

What does the university offer students additionally?

E.g. catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?

There is an cantina that sells food, but quite expensive. Sport facilities are available, but not very fancy. Laundry facility is available in apartments.

5.Housing-travelling-living

What are the possibilities for housing?

Housing is provided by the university

What is the culture of the country like?

Mostly a western culture, not a lot of differences.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?

Public transport is almost non existent, because the bus arrives once per day in Hvanneyri.

6. Expenses

Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?

Ticket there: -

Visa if applicable: -

Vaccinations if applicable: -

Insurances (extra, if applicable): -

Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation: equal

Groceries: Higher

Public transport: higher

Restaurant/going out for dinner: higher

Daytrips/sight-seeing: higher

Additional remarks regarding expenses?

It's expensive

7. Free time

What are must-sees in the area?

The nature of Iceland

What does not appear in a travel guide, but is definitely worth a visit?

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time?

The nature is always close by and perfect for hikes

8. Challenges & best moment abroad

What challenges did you encounter and how did you overcome them?

No challenges

What is your best memory of your time abroad?

Taking a hike to the top of the mountain

9. Contact details (optional)

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