

## THREE-WEEK COURSE IN ICELANDIC AND CULTURE 2011

### VIKUSKIPULAG VIKU 1 - SCHEDULE WEEK 1

(Subject to minor changes)

	Mán /Mon. 01.08.	Þri /Tue. 02.08.	Mið /Wen. 03.08.	Fim /Thu. 04.08.	Fös /Fri. 05.08.	Lau./Sat. 06.08.	Sun./Sun. 07.08.
08-09							
09-12	Reykjavík-Ísafjörður	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	<b>Free for own activities</b> • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips <a href="http://www.westfjords.is">www.westfjords.is</a> <a href="http://www.vestuferdir.is">www.vestuferdir.is</a>	<b>Free for own activities</b> • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips <a href="http://www.westfjords.is">www.westfjords.is</a> <a href="http://www.vestuferdir.is">www.vestuferdir.is</a>
12-13							
13-14							
14-16		Ísafjörður: University Centre and Places to know. (ends 15:30)	Kennsla/Classes	Málfræði/Questions about grammar	Valnámskeið/ Electives		
16-18			Kennsla/Classes		Valnámskeið/ Electives		
18-19							
19-20							
21-22	IceBreaker at The University Center of the Westfjords.	20:00 Bíó/Film		20:00 Bíó/Film			

### VIKUSKIPULAG VIKU 2 - SCHEDULE WEEK 2

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	Mán /Mon. 08.08.	Þri /Tue. 09.08.	Mið /Wen. 10.08.	Fim /Thu. 11.08.	Fös /Fri. 12.08.	Lau./Sat. 13.08.	Sun./Sun. 14.08.
08-09							
09-12	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	<b>Free for own activities</b> • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips <a href="http://www.westfjords.is">www.westfjords.is</a> <a href="http://www.vestuferdir.is">www.vestuferdir.is</a>	<b>Free for own activities</b> • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips <a href="http://www.westfjords.is">www.westfjords.is</a> <a href="http://www.vestuferdir.is">www.vestuferdir.is</a>
12-13			12:30 Bus leaves from the UW				
13-14							
14-16	Kennsla/Classes	Valnámskeið/ Electives	Theatre: Gíslí the Outlaw	Málfræði/Questions about grammar	Valnámskeið/ Electives		
16-18	Kennsla/Classes	Valnámskeið/ Electives	Heimsókn til Þingeyrar/Visit to Þingeyri		Valnámskeið/ Electives		
18-19							
19-20							
20-22		20:00 Bíó/Film		20:00 Bíó/Film	<b>Act alone</b>	<b>Act alone</b>	<b>Act alone</b>

### VIKUSKIPULAG VIKU 3 - SCHEDULE WEEK 3

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	Mán /Mon. 15.08.	Þri /Tue. 16.08.	Mið /Wen. 17.08.	Fim /Thu. 18.08.	Fös /Fri. 19.08.	Lau./Sat. 20.08.
08-09						
09-12	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	Ísafjörður-Reykjavík	Ísafjörður-Reykjavík
12-13						
14-16	Excursion to Bolungarvík	Valnámskeið/ Electives				
16-18		Valnámskeið/ Electives				
18-19						
19-20						
19-22		20:00 Bíó/Film		Final ceremony and dinner		

## IceBreaker

IceBreaker at The University Center of the Westfjords. Icelandic pancakes, coffee and introduction.

## Ísafjörður – Places to know

A fun excursion around Ísafjörður where you get to know the town a little bit.

## Classes in the morning: Mon-Fri, 09-12

Basics of Icelandic taught through lectures and exercises. Training in reading and writing skills up to CEFR level **A1-A2**. The course will end with a final exam. The final exam is not obligatory but if you want a graded certificate you will have to take the exam.

## Classes

Classes in the afternoon will teach you more about Icelandic language and culture.

## Electives in the afternoon

In the afternoons you will have a wide variety of electives to choose from. Electives are to be signed up for via the virtual classroom MySchool on [www.uwestfjords.is](http://www.uwestfjords.is) before or during the course. There are a maximum number of participants for each elective. Signing up for the electives starts at Tuesday 2 August at 15:00.

The electives consist of pronunciation and conversation exercises for small groups, language games, problem-based learning, but here you will also find lectures in easy Icelandic (you will be surprised how much you already understand). Minimum number of participants will be required for each course or the course will not be taught.

To offer more variety of electives to choose from the electives are both for students in the *Three-week Course in Icelandic and Culture* and students in the *Three-week Course for Exchange Students*.

### **Questions about grammar**

Do you have any grammar questions? Here you can come and ask a teacher about grammar, whether you want to know more than what the morning lessons give you, or if you do not understand the grammar that is taught in the morning lesson. These sessions are not obligatory.

### **Watch a film with a teacher**

Your instructor briefly introduces the film in simple Icelandic and goes over key vocabulary. Films will be in Icelandic (most have English subtitles). After the film there is time for discussion.

### **Gísli Saga theatre and visit to the sites of the saga in Haukadalur – visit to Þingeyri**

Just opposite Núpur í Dýrafirði is Haukadalur, where Gísli lived before he was outlawed. As Gísli Saga is one of the most famous Icelandic sagas, we think you should visit Haukadalur.

We will watch an acclaimed stage version of Gísli Saga, performed as a one-man production by Elfar Logi Hannesson. The Gísli Saga programme is included in the course fee.

Þingeyri is a small village in Dýrafjörður with many attractions. In Þingeyri you can taste a Belgium waffle at the coffee-house, go for a swim, sail on the vikingboat *Vésteinn* and maybe meet some vikings?

The Gísli Saga programme and the visit to Þingeyri are both for students in the *Three-week Course in Icelandic and Culture* and students in the *Three-week Course for Exchange Students*.

## **Final ceremony and dinner**

The course ends with a basic dinner in probably the best fish restaurant of Iceland, the rustique Tjöruhús in the oldest ensemble of houses in all Iceland.

## **ActAlone**

### **Act alone festival**

Act alone is a theatre festival dedicated to the art of acting alone, a monodrama. The Act alone festival is held every year in the town of Ísafjörður in the Westfjords of Iceland. There is no entrance fee at the Act alone festival. The Comedy Theatre stands for Act alone and the director and founder of the festival is Elfar Logi Hannesson. For more information see the website [www.actalone.net](http://www.actalone.net).

## **Saturdays and Sundays: Free time for your own activities**

As you are in new to the country, in an area far from Reykjavík, you might want to make a day trip to some parts of Iceland, you otherwise would not visit. Vesturferðir, in the town of Ísafjörður, can help you organise a day trips. Please contact [www.vesturferdir.is](http://www.vesturferdir.is) for more information or check out [www.westfjords.is](http://www.westfjords.is)