

Sumarnámskeið í íslensku • Summer School in Icelandic:
Beginners A1-A2 Núpur
Beginners A1-A2 Ísafjörður
Intermediate B1 (Ísafjörður)
Crash Course A1 (Núpur)

Valnámskeið • Electives • 2016

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Bókun í valnámskeið hefst þriðjudaginn 2. ágúst kl. 14:30
Signing up for the electives starts on Tuesday 02.08.2016 at 14:30

Fyrsta hjálp • First Aid

Bryndís Friðgeirsdóttir

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 20

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1

In this course students will learn basic vocabulary that has to do with first aid, body parts, injuries and other relevant vocabulary. Students will learn about the importance of first aid and when it is necessary to call 112 (the Icelandic emergency number). They will also learn basic skills to respond to emergencies, accidents, illnesses, and other similar events, until specialized help arrives. Students will also get training in CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hnoð- og blásturslífgun), respiratory and how to use a defibrillator for CPR.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary. Understanding.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic and English.

Íslenskuspilið • The Icelandic Board Game

Bryndís Friðgeirsdóttir

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 12

Staður/Place: University Centre.

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: Nokkur orðaforði og einhver þekking á málfræði. Level A2-B1.

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Students will play The Icelandic Board Game with the help of their teacher and thereby increase their vocabulary and feel for the language. The aim of the game is to travel around Iceland, beginning in Keflavík-airport and ending in Reykjavík. The Icelandic Board game is a dice game and the players draw cards as they move around the board, the cards have small puzzles on them that must be solved using the Icelandic language.

Færni/Skill: Listening, Vocabulary. Reading. Pronunciation. Grammar. Questions. Following instructions in Icelandic.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Talaðu! • Speak Up!

Dagný Arnalds

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 12

Staður/Place: Núpur and Ísafjörður Music School Concert Hall

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: Bring the good mood. Level A1

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

In this course students will learn how to pronounce sounds essential to pronunciation of Icelandic. Improvisations, sing-along and oral exercises will be done to practice voice control and pronunciation. Students will work with different texts.

Færni/Skill: Pronunciation, Culture

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic

Dansaðu og lærðu íslensku! • Dance and Learn Icelandic

Eva Friðbjófsdóttir

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 20

Staður/Place: Núpur, University Centre.

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1.

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Students will learn Icelandic as they dance the so-called “old dances” that are really Icelandic folk dances. The dances that will be taught are for example vikivaki, ræll (reel), skottís (schottische) and vínarkrús. Instructions are given in Icelandic and students will learn words like *left* and *right*, *forwards* and *backwards*, *hands* and *feet* and many more.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary. Listening. Following instructions in Icelandic. Dancing.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Auglýsingar • Advertisements

Gísli Hvanndal

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 25

Staður/Place: University Centre

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to read and understand different types of advertisements, for example for rooms, bicycles and other practical things they could need during the winter. Useful phrases and vocabulary for shopping will be taught. Icelandic webpages with second-hand products will be used.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary training.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic

Pylsa og ís • Hot dog and ice cream

Gísli Hvanndal

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 20

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: A2-B1. Interest in poetry and declamation.

Hot dogs are the unofficial national dish in Iceland. Ice cream is eaten frantically all year long – also during the cold winter. It is therefore important to be able to order these two essential dishes according to your gusto! Students will learn how to order a hot dog and ice cream with all that it entails. A vocabulary list will be given with words that can be found in ice cream shops and hot dog stands. Students will then try out ordering and taking orders.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary. Pronunciation. Culture.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Fyrirsagnir • Headlines

Gísli Hvanndal

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 30

Staður/Place: University Centre

Forkröfur/Prerequisites:

Reading news headlines in a foreign language is challenging. This course helps students to read and understand headlines with some simple tools.

Students will be trained in reading headlines in Icelandic media. Special emphasis will be on what separates headlines from common language style so students can figure out what information is missing from the headline. Students will work in groups to find one example for each of the three characteristics of headlines that will be introduced. They will work out the meaning of the headlines with the help of dictionaries and other tools such as The Database of Modern Icelandic Inflection. Usage of dictionaries and other tools will therefore also be taught during the course.

Færni/Skill: Reading comprehension. Language style. Grammar.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Að panta á veitingastað • Ordering at a restaurant

Gísli Hvanndal

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 20

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1.

Students will learn vocabulary and phrases used to order at a restaurant. After a short introduction students will work together in groups to prepare an order. The teacher will act as a waiter and take down the orders. Apart from learning useful phrases that can be used in a wider context, students learn about Icelandic food culture.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary. Talking.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Íslensk málfræði fyrir byrjendur • Icelandic grammar for beginners

Gísli Hvanndal

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 25

Staður/Place: University Centre

Forkröfur/Prerequisites:

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

The first part of this course consists of a lecture on what it is like for beginners to learn Icelandic grammar. Students will learn about the learning process and get an idea about what will come easy and what will be more challenging. Students will see that the grammar is not an unsurmountable obstacle even though some aspects will be more challenging. Students will also be given advice on practical methods to move forward in the learning process. In the second part of the course students will try out the main rules that are discussed in the lecture both in written and oral form.

Færni/Skill: Grammar and linguistic structures. Learning strategies.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: English and Icelandic.

Að blóta rétt á íslensku • How to swear in Icelandic

Ólafur Guðsteinn Kristjánsson

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 30

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1-A2

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Knowing how to swear correctly in any given language is important – if only to be able to release anger and disappointment. Swearing's and profanities also give an insight into the mindset of the country and culture they originate from. Finally it can be useful to know these words when locals use them, possibly towards you.

In this course students will learn how to swear correctly in different imagined scenarios, without going too far in that respect. Relevant videos from Youtube will be viewed, which will both teach the usage of the swear words and give insight into Icelandic culture.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary. Understanding. Culture.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic and English.

Tölum saman! • Let's talk!

Ólafur Guðsteinn Kristjánsson

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 20

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

In this course various students will engage in various daily situations and learn how to express themselves in these situations. Practical vocabulary will be the main focus although some basic grammar will also be covered. Situations that can occur in places such as the bakery, at concerts, restaurants and the library will be explored. Other daily subjects and talking points such as the weather and landscape will be covered as well as basic questions such as “where are you going?”, “what are you doing?”.

Students will be divided into small groups where they will work together and form dialogues that can occur in different situations with a short introduction where the situation is explained. Students will then “perform” this short act to their fellow students.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary. Understanding, Pronunciation. Grammar.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Mostly Icelandic.

Vera á eða fara til? • To Stay or Go?

Ólafur Guðsteinn Kristjánsson

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 30

Staður/Place: University Centre

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Extensive knowledge of grammar is not required and this course is good for both beginners and intermediate students. Level A1-A2

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Icelandic has sometimes been called the Latin of the north and with good reasons. Surrounding verbs and adjectives change most nouns and to be able to communicate efficiently requires training and quick thinking. In this course the students will work with the names of places in Iceland, how they are changed by inflection and how to use them in common speech with the correct verbs and prepositions. Basically this course is about teaching the students to express where they are at the moment and where they are going. Real places and place names in Iceland will play a big role in this course and there is special emphasis on the local region Westfirðir so that the newfound knowledge can be used right away.

Færni/Skill: Inflection. Grammar. Vocabulary.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic and English.

Barnasögur • Children's Stories

Ólafur Guðsteinn Kristjánsson

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 16

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

This course has emphasis on understanding and pronunciation and students will read selected texts and are then asked to answer questions from them. Questions will often be quite humorous and often concern many factors of life in Icelandic society such as family names and food.

Færni/Skill: Listening, Vocabulary. Pronunciation. Questions.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Mostly Icelandic.

Myndaorðabók • Picture Vocabulary

Ólöf Bergmannsdóttir

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 12

Staður/Place: University Centre/Fræðslumiðstöð (first floor)

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: None. Level A1

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Guided self-study: Students will get the opportunity to access a vocabulary-training program owned by Fræðslumiðstöð Vestfjarða. They will train their vocabulary in guided self-studies. The program is based on pictures and is interactive.

Færni/Skill: Vocabulary.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Búðarall • Shopping Rally

Ólöf Bergmannsdóttir

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 20

Staður/Place: University Centre 1st floor reading rooms (start)

Prerequisites: Students have to be able to ask questions and know the numbers. Level A1-A2

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Students will be divided into small groups and sent on a mission in downtown Ísafjörður. At the first stop, they will receive a map and instructions on where to go. At each stop, the students have a task they will have to complete, e.g. find a particular person in the store and ask a question or find out how much a particular item costs. Students will also have to mark the places on the map. The answers to all the questions will be submitted to the course leader when the last task has been completed.

Færni/Skill: Understanding simple instructions and the ability to ask for simple information in Icelandic. Vocabulary regarding the town centre, money and shopping.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Minningargreinar • Necrologies

Dr. Peter Weiss

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 30

Staður/Place: Núpur and Ísafjörður

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: Vocabulary of family members and relationships. Level A1-A2

Students will read necrologies (obituaries) from the newspaper Morgunblaðið. In a necrology, there is always formalised information on the life of the person who has died: place of birth, family and work. It can be challenging to understand the makeup of Icelandic families, however, students in this elective will learn to make sense of this complicated system by making family trees and understanding the relationship within families as well as in Icelandic society. They will learn to understand the formal part of those texts and be able to produce a similar text of their own.

Færni/Skill: Reading and oral comprehension, vocabulary.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic.

Málfræðisurningar • Questions about grammar

Attention: There is no need to sign up for this course, just show up. You can take this course once or twice.

Dr. Peter Weiss (Ísafjörður) Ólafur G. Kristjánsson (Núpur) Gísli Hvanndal (Ísafjörður)

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: unlimited

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: Level A1-A2

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.

Færni/Skill: Grammar.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic and English.

Kór • Choir for All

Sigrún Pálmadóttir óperusögnvari

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: 100

Staður/Place: Núpur and Ísafjörður Music School Concert Hall

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: Bring the good mood. Level A1

Please register so we know the number of photocopies needed. Students are free to attend the first rehearsal and can decide afterwards if they want to participate or not.

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Open your mouth, train your voices. The choir is for everybody who loves singing. In addition, students will learn pronunciation, vocabulary and about culture.

Færni/Skill: Pronunciation, Vocabulary, Culture

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic

Íslenskar kvikmyndir • Icelandic Films

Attention: There is no need to sign up for this course, just show up.

Ingi Björn Guðnason (Ísafjörður) Ólafur Guðsteinn Kristjánsson and Gísli Hvanndal (Núpur)

Fjöldi/Number of Participants: unlimited

Staður/Place: University Centre and Núpur

Time: Please note that the time indicated in the Núpur-schedule might change because of availability of locations.

Forkröfur/Prerequisites: Some understanding in Icelandic. Level A1.

Hæfniviðmið/Learning outcomes:

Students will watch selected Icelandic films. An instructor briefly introduces each film. Films will be in Icelandic (but with English subtitles). After the film there is time for discussion.

Færni/Skill: Listening. Vocabulary. Film culture.

Tungumál/Language of teaching: Icelandic and English.

Selection of films that might be shown (subject to changes):

Hrútar/Rams (2015)

In a remote Icelandic farming valley, two brothers who haven't spoken in 40 years have to come together in order to save what's dearest to them - their sheep.*

Director: Grímur Hákonarson

Writer: Grímur Hákonarson

Stars: [Sigurður Sigurjónsson](#), Theodór Júlíusson, Charlotte Böving.

Á annan veg/Either Way (2011)

Set in the 1980's in the highlands of the Westfjords, the movie follows two mismatched employees of the Icelandic Road Administration as they spend the summer painting lines on the road that circles the highlands and doing their best to survive each other...

Director: Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurðsson

Writers: Sveinn Ólafur Gunnarsson and Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurðsson

Stars: Hilmar Guðjónsson, Sveinn Ólafur Gunnarsson, Þorsteinn Bachmann

Prestir (2015)

A coming-of-age story about the 16-year old boy Ari, who has been living with his mother in Reykjavik and is suddenly sent back to the remote Westfjords to live with his father Gunnar. There, he has to navigate a difficult relationship with his father, and he finds his childhood friends changed. In these hopeless and declining surroundings, Ari has to step up and find his way.*

Director: Rúnar Rúnarsson

Writers: Rúnar Rúnarsson

Stars: Rade Serbedzija, Ingvar Eggert Sigurðsson, Atli Óskar Fjaljarsson.

Börn Náttúrunnar/Children of the Nature (1991)

Old Þorgeir must leave his home far off in the Icelandic 'countryside' and move into a home for senior citizens in Reykjavik. There he meets an old friend from his childhood, Stella. Þorgeir soon becomes unhappy living there and together with Stella he steals a jeep. Together they leave the city for Stella's old home in northwestern Iceland. A drama who asks us: how important is it to have a long life if you have to leave everything that has a meaning for you?*

Director: Friðrik Þór Friðriksson

Writers: Friðrik Þór Friðriksson, Einar Guðmundsson

Stars: Gísli Halldórsson, Sigríður Hagalín and Baldvin Halldórsson

Sódóma Reykjavík/Remote Control (1992)

Since his mother wants to watch TV, Axel, a young auto-mechanic, must recover her remote control, accidentally taken by his punk sister Maja. During his quest, he becomes involved in the conflict between Moli, the liquor smuggler, and Aggi, a night club owner who wants to be Iceland's first mafia boss.*

Director: Óskar Jónasson

Writer: Óskar Jónasson

Stars: Björn Jörundur Friðbjörnsson, Pórarinn Eyfjörð and Thorarinn Óskar Thorarinnsson

Nói Albínói/Noi the Albino (2003)

Is he the village idiot or a genius in disguise? 17 year old Noi drifts through life on a remote fjord in the north of Iceland. In winter, the fjord is cut off from the outside world, surrounded by ominous mountains and buried under a shroud of snow. Noi dreams of escaping from this white-walled prison with Iris, a city girl who works in a local gas station. But his clumsy attempts at escape spiral out of control and end in complete failure. Only a natural disaster will shatter Noi's universe and offer him a window into a better world.*

Director: Dagur Kári

Writer: Dagur Kári

Stars: Tómas Lemarquis, Þróstur Leó Gunnarsson and Elín Hansdóttir

Útlaginn/Outlaw: The Saga of Gísli (1981)

The saga of Gísli Súrsson) is one of the Sagas of Icelanders. It tells the story of Gísli, a tragic hero who must kill one of his brothers-in-law to avenge another brother-in-law. Gísli is outlawed and forced to stay on the run for thirteen years before he is finally hunted down and killed. The saga was likely written in the 13th century, it describes events taking place in the period 940-980.*

Director: Ágúst Guðmundsson

Writer: Ágúst Guðmundsson

Stars: Tinna Gunnlaugsdóttir, Arnar Jónsson and Kristján Jóhann Jónsson

* Heimild: IMDb *The Internet Movie Database* (www.imdb.com)