

Dear participant in the Icelandic Course Beginners A1-A2 Ísafjörður

Now there are only a few days until the course begins and we at the University Centre of the Westfjords are looking forward to meeting you all.

I'm writing this letter to inform you about few practical things regarding the course in August.

Schedule

Attached to this mail is the schedule for your three week course. Please note that there may be some minor changes to it.

Chartered bus

For those of you that are taking the Chartered Bus take note that it will leave BSÍ bus terminal in Reykjavík, Westfjords bound, at 9:00 (sharp) on Monday, 01.08.2016, loading of the bus begins at 8.30. The bus will have the UW logo in the front window and will be located at the right hand side of the Harpa building close to the sea. We would like to remind you to print out the payment receipt for the Chartered Bus and bring it with you.

IMPORTANT: The receipt is your voucher for the bus so you must bring it with you.

As stated in the terms and conditions we can only guarantee bus reservations made before 30.06.2016. We hereby confirm all bookings made before that date. Those of you that have not booked a seat on the bus but are interested please contact islenska@uw.is to find out about availability.

For all information about the bus, time of departures and other important information please read carefully through the information on the chartered bus webpage:

http://www.uw.is/icelandic_courses/chartered_bus/

Here are a few things to remember:

- If you **come by flight** to Ísafjörður you can take the **Flybus** from the airport directly to your final destination in Ísafjörður town for a fee of 1.000 ISK. Note that only cash is accepted for the bus. The bus is at the airport for every flight.
- **Ice Breaker** at the University Centre of the Westfjords on Monday August 1 at 20:00.
- The teaching **starts** on Tuesday morning, August 2, at 9:00 in the University Centre.
- The **teaching material** will be available at the Ice-Breaker. The material is included in the course fee.
- We expect you to bring your own **basic dictionary**. Basic dictionaries are also available in the local bookstore in Ísafjörður. At the University Centre there is a free open Wi-Fi so you can also use an online dictionary if you have access to such dictionaries.
- We expect that you bring your own **computer, I-pad** or similar device; however this is not obligatory but can be useful.

- The **electives brochure** will be available on our webpage next week. A printed version of it will also be included in your course material. In the Electives Brochure you can read all about the electives that are available. Note: Registration for the elective courses will not be open until Tuesday 2 August.
- When you arrive we expect that you have worked through the Bjargir part of the "**Icelandic Online**" Internet course on your own. Please calculate approximately 50 hours of work for the whole online course. It is accessible at www.icelandic.hi.is. Our course will build on this basic vocabulary and grammar. If for some reason you are not able to finish the Icelandic Online course don't worry you will be fine.

Facebook group

We have already set up a group for students attending courses at Ísfjörður on Facebook. If you have not received information about this you can follow this link and request to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Isafjordur2016/>

The Facebook group can be a good venue to chat about practical matters but it can, and should, of course also serve as a venue for simply getting acquainted with your fellow students before you arrive in the Westfjords!

If you are not a Facebook user or do not want to join this group I can assure you that you will not miss out of any announcements from the University Centre.

If you have any questions or need more information of any kind do not hesitate to contact us.

Hlakka til að hitta þig í ágúst (looking forward to meeting you in August).

Kveðja,