

UW Course Schedule 2026/2027 (subject to change)

Week	DATE	AUTUMN TERM 2026	
w1	24 - 28 Aug	Academic Writing & Icelandic Society and Environment (2 ects)	
w2	31 Aug - 4 Sep	Coastal and Marine Ecology (6 ects)	Fundamentals of Sustainable Coastal Communities (4 ects)
w3	7 -11 Sep		People and the Sea: Systems Thinking for Coastal Communities (6 ects)
w4	14 - 18 Sep		
w5	21 - 25 Sep	Coastal and Marine Management: Theory and Tools (4 ects)	
w6	28 Sep - 2 Oct	Arctic Ocean Governance (4 ects) (Arctic Circle participation 8-10)	Ethics of Conservation and Resource Use (4 ects)
w7	5 - 9 Oct		
w8	12 - 16 Oct	Midsemester Break	
19 - 23 Oct			
w9	26 - 30 Oct	Physical Processes of Coastal Environments (4 ects)	Sustainable Local Economies (6 ects)
w10	2 - 6 Nov		
w11	9 - 13 Nov	Oceanography (6 ects)	Public Policy Making – From Idea to Realization (4 ects)
w12	16 - 20 Nov		
w13	23 - 27 Nov		
w14	30 Nov - 4 Dec	Environmental Economics (4 ects)	
w15	7 Dec - 4 Dec		
5 Dec - 3 Jan		Winter Break	

Total credits offered for term: 30

Week	DATE	SPRING TERM 2027		
	whole term	Proposal Writing Workshop (4 ects)		
w1	4 - 8 Jan	Applied Methodology (4 ects)		
w2	11 - 15 Jan			
w3	18 - 22 Jan	Geographical Information Systems (6 ects)		
w4	25 - 29 Jan			
w5	1 - 5 Feb			
w6	8 - 12 Feb	Fisheries Management and Technology (6 ects)	Data Analysis & Interpretation (6 ects)	
w7	15 - 19 Feb			
w8	22 - 26 Feb	Environmental Impact Assessment (4 ects)	Coping with Disasters (4 ects)	
w9	1 - 5 Mar			
w10	8 - 12 Mar	Marine Spatial Planning (4 ects)	Regional Policy Evaluation (4 ects)	
w11	15-19 Mar			
w12	22-24 Mar*			
25Mar - 2 April		Spring Break		
w13	5 - 9 Apr	Climate Change in Coastal Regions: Adaptation and Mitigation (6 ects)	Aquaculture, Environment, and Society (6 ects)	Outlook to the Future: Coastal Arctic Scenarios (6 ects)
w14	12 - 16 Apr			
w15	19 - 23 Apr *			

Total credits offered for term: 34

Week	DATE	SUMMER TERM 2027		
w1	26 - 30 April	Pollution in the Coastal Arctic (4 ects)	Science Communication (4 ects)	
w2	3 - 7 May*			
w3	10 - 14 May	Marine Protected Area Management (4 ects)	Tourism in Coastal Communities (4 ects)	
w4	17 - 21 May*			
w5	24 -28 May	Restoration of Northern Coastal Ecosystems (4 ects)	Regional Transformation and Development: Sociological Theories and Practices (4 ects)	
w6	31 May - 4 Ju			
w7	7 - 11 June	Coastal and Marine Management: Practical Applications and Challenges (4 ects)	Tools for Community Development (4 ects)	
w8	14 - 18 June*			

*Total credits offered for term: 16
Total credits offered per acadmic year: 80*

CMM Mandatory Courses
CRD Mandatory Courses
CMM & CRD Common Mandatory Courses
CMM & CRD Common Elective Courses

Public Holidays
 Christmas Eve - 24 Dec
 Christmas Day - 25 Dec
 Second Day of Chris. - 26 Dec
 New Year's Eve - 31 Dec
 New Year's Day - 1 Jan
 Maundy Thursday - 25 Mar
 Good Friday - 26 Mar
 Easter Sunday - 28 Mar
 Easter Monday - 29 Mar
 First Day of Summer - 22 Apr
 Labour Day - 1 May
 Ascension Day - 6 May
 Whit Sunday - 16 May
 Whit Monday - 17 May
 Icel. National Day - 17 June

Important dates
3rd Term: Research proposal deadline June 15
4th Term: Data collection & thesis writing
5th Term: Submission & Defence
 • Deadline for thesis submission: March 15
 • Public defence April 15 - May 10

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