



## **IT University Travel Report**

*Dear Student, this is a template – the aim is to inspire other students who may wish to follow in your footsteps. You are free to give your report the shape you want and to go beyond the questions. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not.*

*Note that by filling in and sending the report you automatically consent to publishing it on ITU student.*

**Host university: Reykjavik University**

**Study Programme at IT University: Software Design MCs**

**Exchange agreement or Free mover: Exchange Agreement**

**Courses studied abroad: Research Methodology, Empirical Research in Software Engineering, Information Systems, and Human-Computer Interaction and Cyber Security Management & Compliance in Practice**

**Period studying abroad: spring 2025**

**If you wish to give advice to other students regarding your travels, please state your contact info here: [fbbl@itu.dk](mailto:fbbl@itu.dk)**

**What was it like to study at the university (including choice of courses, academic level, social life at campus)?**

The atmosphere at Reykjavik University (RU) is really relaxed. More so than at ITU. RU does not believe that every single course needs an exam or a fixed number of assignments, it is only up to the professor, who will decide on the academic form for each of the courses. This means that they vary quite a lot in both expectations and workload, but ultimately it follows the ideal of spending the most time on what you think is interesting.

**What was your initial motivation for going abroad and did your stay meet your expectations?**

I wanted to try to go on exchange because I wanted to try the experience of living somewhere else, and trying a different type of academia. I enjoy nature and a relaxed atmosphere, so RU was a perfect fit for me.

**Please describe what you got out of your stay, both personally and academically, and how do you expect it to contribute to your further studies?**

I took two courses in Research Methods, which has given me a number of great tools and

experience, which will be useful for my master's thesis, which is due after my exchange studies.

### **Arranging the stay**

Quite easy, they have good housing for students which is nice and getting the erasmus grant was easy, especially with all the help from the international coordinator at ITU.

Visit [BN.is](https://bn.is), which is housing.

### **Expenses**

Iceland is quite expensive, and my monthly accommodation was around 7000 dkk, but if you change address to Iceland you can get housing benefits which are quite nice.

Also, transport is quite expensive; buying an old car might be the best and cheapest way to get around.

### **Recommendations**

There aren't a lot of exchange students at RU, especially from the Nordic countries, so meeting some from the University of Iceland (the biggest university in Iceland) could be a nice thing.

For enjoying the weekends in Reykjavik, Mengi is nice for experimental music, and Röntgen is nice for dancing.

Pool culture is quite a big thing in Iceland, make sure to back swimmers and visit Vesturbæjarlaug.