



Explore ICELAND!

Summer I 2024

Three faculty-led study abroad classes are being offered in **Reykjavik, Iceland** for the Summer I 2024 semester.

POLS 2305 – Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics (Dr. Robert W. Velez)

POLS 4361 – Inequality & the Welfare State (Dr. Hafthor Erlingsson)

BMED 3123 – Independent Research III (Dr. Upal Roy)

Scholarships and other funding opportunities are available! Contact one or more of the faculty listed above for more information!



CLASSES OFFERED:

POLS 4361 – Inequality & the Welfare State

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This course addresses the rise of the welfare state and political conflict over inequality, economic stagnation, and the role of government in advanced industrial societies.

POLS 2305 – U.S. Federal Government & Politics

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This course examines the origins and development of the U.S. federal system of government and politics, which includes the U.S. Constitution, policymaking processes, political action, power relations, and various political issues. This course fulfills three of the six-hour legislative requirement in U.S. and Texas government and politics.

BMED 3123 – Independent Research III

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This course is a continuation of [BMED 3122](#). In this course, students will apply the research principles, ethics and methods they learned from [BMED 3121](#) and [BMED 3122](#) to design and execute a research project. Students will analyze their results and prepare a presentation to disseminate the data that they obtained for their project.

FUN FACTS ABOUT ICELAND

- June is a great month to visit Iceland. It's the beginning of summer when the days are long and the sun is shining (mostly). There may be snow dotting the mountain tops still, but the flowers are blooming, and temperatures are becoming more comfortable (though not as warm as [July](#) and [August](#)).
- Great democracies from long ago include the Greek, the Roman... and the Icelandic. Not everyone knows this fact, but Iceland has the oldest parliament in the world that is still in existence.
- In Iceland you don't have to worry about violent crimes. That's because the country boasts [one of the lowest crime rate in the world](#). For over a decade now, it has always topped the safest countries list.