

## COURSE DETAIL

### BEING ICELANDIC 2: ICELANDIC FOLKTALES, BELIEFS, AND POPULAR CULTURE PAST AND PRESENT

**Country**

Iceland

**Host Institution**

University of Iceland

**Program(s)**

University of Iceland

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Anthropology

**UCEAP Course Number**

103

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

BEING ICELANDIC 2

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

### **Course Description**

The course introduces foreign students to Icelandic folk culture past and present: from the folk beliefs implied by the Icelandic sagas to the famous collection of folk tales concerning "hidden people", elves, magicians, seal-folk, ghosts and more which was published by Jón Árnason in 1862-64; the ballads and music enjoyed by the people in the countryside; and the beliefs, behavior, and lifestyles encountered by the somewhat dumbfounded and awe-inspired early foreign travelers to Iceland during the last century. Students are introduced to modern Icelandic traditions and beliefs, from the Christmas men to the "elf stones" that road builders avoid, to the eating of sheep heads, and the continual interest in the supernatural.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

ÞJÓ004G

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

Faculty of Sociology, Anthropology and Folkloristics/Social Sciences

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

## Course Last Reviewed

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