



Iceland

Viking Excavation

Discover the realities of Viking Age life—and death—through an immersive archaeology field school in northern Iceland. Set in the dramatic landscapes of Skagafjörður, this program centers on the excavation of one of Iceland's oldest continuously inhabited farms, where a rare burial mound and centuries-old midden offers insight into daily life, belief systems, and environmental adaptation during Iceland's earliest settlement. Working alongside an international research team, you'll explore how early Icelanders lived while surrounded by the remote and rugged landscape that brings Norse history to life.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Investigate how early Icelanders navigated harsh climates and the shift from paganism to Christianity.



Field & Lab Skills

Train in excavation, lab, stratigraphy, digital recording and single-context methods.



Unforgettable Location

Explore the unique beauty of northern Iceland, from its iconic turf houses to its geothermal springs.



Make a Difference

Contribute to research that helps local communities learn about their direct ancestors.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Iceland

- 4-week immersive research program
- Earn academic credit through Connecticut College
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared housing at a working sheep farm + meals provided



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Institute for Field Research

Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



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Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



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