



# Small-State Studies: Small States and European Integration

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The Faculty of Political Science and the Centre for Small States at the University of Iceland offer a graduate diploma (30 ECTS) in Small-State Studies with a special focus on small states in Europe.

**Aim of the diploma:** The diploma offers a detailed study of small state theories based on the literature on the state and the international system. It also emphasizes the opportunities and constraints facing small states in Europe, i.e. how they are affected by and have responded to the process of European integration, new security threats, globalization and other domestic and international challenges. Special attention is devoted to the Nordic states and their reactions to European integration. Another particular focus will be on Iceland's position - as a small state - in the international system. A detailed study of small states in Europe and internationally has never been so important. A vast majority of member states in today's European Union are most often categorised as small states, i.e. 21 states out of 27 members – and the same applies to a majority of member states of the United Nations.

**Learning outcome:** At the end of the diploma students should have a solid knowledge of the position of small European states in the international system and in the context of ongoing European integration; a clear picture of the opportunities and constraints which small states face both domestically and internationally; and an understanding of how the European small states have responded to international challenges.

**Why Reykjavik?** The Centre of Small States at the University of Iceland has already established itself as one of the main institutes in research and teaching on small states. The Centre can draw upon a network of academics from all over the globe studying in this field. The Centre has, with 15 European and American Universities, held an annual Summer School on Small States in Europe – funded by ERASMUS - since 2003. It has published a number of books and papers on small states and held conferences and seminars in Iceland and abroad.

## Programme structure

The diploma consists of four courses in the autumn semester, starting at the end of August and running to mid December.

**STJ301M** *Small States in Europe: Vulnerability, Status and Influence (8 ECTS)*. Supervisor Dr. Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Professor.

**STJ310M** *Term Paper: Small States in Europe: Vulnerability, Status and Influence (2 ECTS)*. Students who wish to complete the diploma in one semester must write an extra paper in the course Small States in Europe.

**ASK101F** *A Secure Europe in a Better World: European Security Institutions and Small States (6 ECTS)* by Alyson Bailes, adjunct and former ambassador and director of SIPRI.

**STJ303M** *The Power Potential of Small States in the European Union (8 ECTS)*. Supervisor Dr. Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Professor.

**ASK104F** *Europeanization of Small States (6 ECTS)* by Dr. Maximilian Conrad, assistant professor.

or

**STJ404M** *Security in Small States (8 ECTS)*

Two week summer school hosted by the Centre for Small States in Reykjavik - taught by leading experts in the field of small states from Europe and the United States.

The director of the programme is Dr. Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Centre for Small States, a leading expert in the field of small-state studies and European integration.

The Small States graduate diploma is supported by the EU's Jean Monnet Programme.

### Admission requirements:

The diploma is open to all students who have completed their undergraduate studies.

Students can apply specifically for the diploma at the University of Iceland, or take the courses as part of their 'semester abroad', as exchange students.

Students can also take individual courses from within the diploma programme, and gain the credits for these courses, without necessarily having to complete the full programme.

### Application deadlines:

International Students: 1 February.

Students from the Nordic countries and Iceland: 5 June.

Exchange students: 1 May.

**Application forms and further information can be found at:** [www.stjornmal.hi.is](http://www.stjornmal.hi.is)

For further information please contact the Faculty of Political Science, University of Iceland, [stjornmal@hi.is](mailto:stjornmal@hi.is).

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JUNE 18 - JUNE 30, 2012  
JUNE 24 - JULY 6, 2013

# SMALL STATES SUMMER SCHOOL

- Small States in the International System
- Opportunities and Challenges for Small States
- Political and Economic Strategies
- Security of Small States in a Globalized World
- The Future of European Democracy
- The Future of Democracy in the Arab World
- Small States in Africa



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## A Unique Opportunity to Visit Iceland!

- Join students from around Europe for an intensive two week long course on Small States, Integration and Globalization
- The Centre for Small State Studies at the University of Iceland runs the Summer School in association with 16 universities
- The Summer School has been sponsored by an ERASMUS grant since its foundation in 2003
- The programme is open to both graduate and undergraduate students
- Students can receive 8 ECTS credits for the course



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