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Introduction

Statistical information represents an important foundation for policy-making and provides a valuable reference point in deciding future directions for Bifröst University. Collection, analysis and publication of statistical data has improved greatly at Bifröst University in recent years. The benefits reaped by the University include enhanced organisational methods and educational improvements at the University. Over the past five years, we have made a concerted effort to improve the publication of statistical data about the University. Information is currently available on Bifröst University's website on the number of students by semester from the fall of 2015, presented graphically.

This booklet contains a range of statistical information on the operations of Bifröst University over the past several years. In almost all instances, the period in question is the last five years. We have presented the information graphically in order to provide a visual overview of developments and changes to the student body. The booklet also includes statistical information relating to teaching evaluation, staff, research and the University's finances.

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Table 1 - Number of students by discipline, 2015–2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Department of Business	395	366	331	396	449
Social sciences*	131	114	109	136	152
Law*	111	97	105	106	112
Open education	13	26	24	21	20
Exchange studies	35	71	63	72	111
Summer school	0	19	26	25	27
Total in university studies	685	693	658	756	871
Department of Preparatory Studies	217	160	133	103	85
Continuing education	153	48	63	32	17
Total	1.055	901	854	891	973

* The Department of Social Sciences and the Department of Law merged on 1 August 2017. Since students before this date were enrolled in two separate departments, social sciences and law are examined separately in all tables and figures in this booklet.

Figure 1 - Students by discipline, 2015–2019

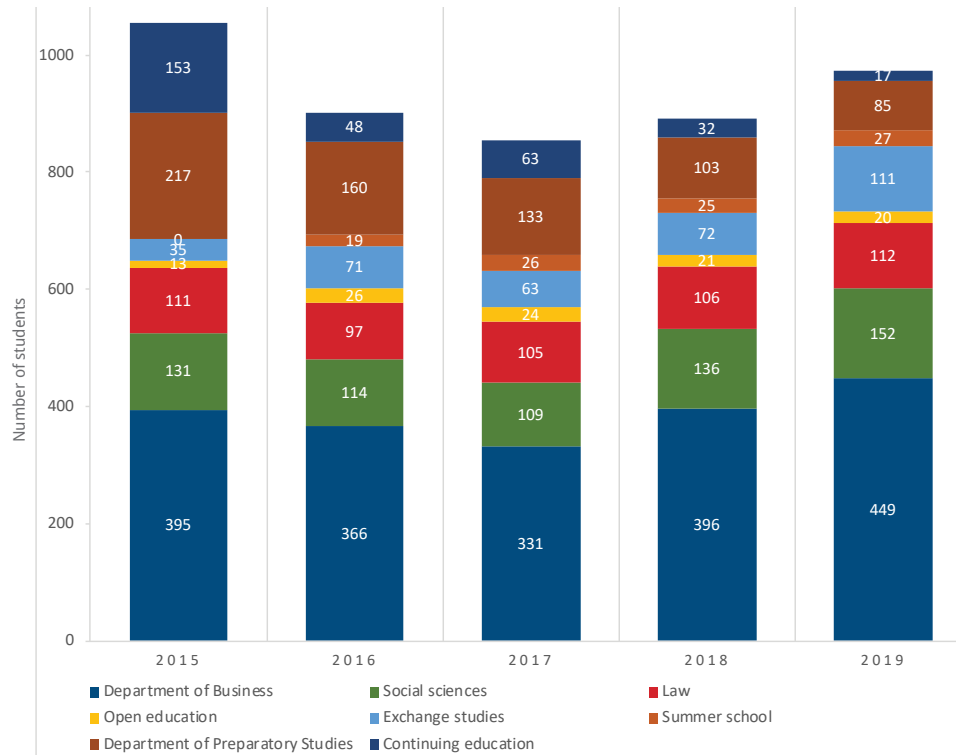


Figure 2 - Students in university studies, 2015–2019

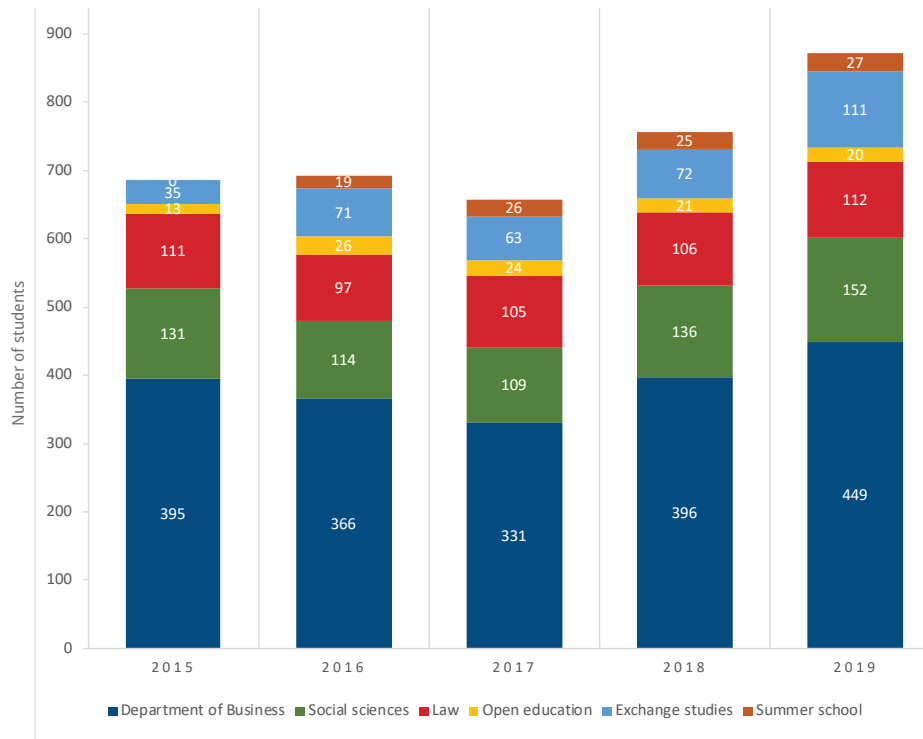


Table 2 - Number of students by discipline 2019

	male		female		Average age	
	male	female	male	female		
Department of Business	449	135	314	30%	70%	36
Social sciences	152	39	113	26%	74%	38
Law	112	46	66	41%	59%	38
Open education	20	2	18	10%	90%	39
Exchange studies	111	72	39	65%	35%	25
Summer school	27	6	21	22%	78%	24
Total in university studies	871	300	571	34%	66%	
Dep. of Preparatory Studies	85	37	48	44%	56%	33
Continuing education	17	0	17	0%	100%	46
Total	973	337	636	35%	65%	

Graduating students		
male	female	
84	31	53
29	13	16
18	8	10
Not applicable		
Not applicable		
31	6	13
181	66	115
31	5	26
13	0	13
225	71	154

New students		
male	female	
213	67	146
66	17	49
46	18	28
7	2	5
122	68	54
30	7	23
503	185	318
39	20	19
14	0	14
556	205	351

Table 3 - Number of students by discipline 2018

	male		female		Average age	
	male	female	male	female		
Department of Business	396	123	273	31%	69%	36
Social sciences	136	41	95	30%	70%	38
Law	106	43	63	41%	59%	38
Open education	21	4	17	19%	81%	28
Exchange studies	72	35	37	49%	51%	24
Summer school	25	7	18	28%	72%	24
Total in university studies	756	253	503	33%	67%	
Dep. of Preparatory Studies	103	35	68	34%	66%	31
Continuing education	32	0	32	0%	100%	46
Total	891	288	603	32%	68%	

Graduating students		
male	female	
81	28	53
24	6	18
29	9	20
Not applicable		
Not applicable		
25	8	17
159	51	108
31	13	18
57	0	33
247	64	159

New students		
male	female	
214	60	154
69	12	57
51	20	31
23	6	17
73	36	37
29	9	20
459	143	316
53	17	36
32	0	32
544	160	384

Table 4 - Number of students by discipline 2017

	male		female		Average age	Graduating students			New students			
	male	female	male	female		male	female		male	female		
Department of Business	331	114	217	34%	66%	35	106	33	73	139	44	95
Social sciences	109	37	72	34%	66%	36	28	7	22	39	18	21
Law	105	41	64	39%	61%	36	18	6	11	47	18	29
Open education	24	5	19	21%	79%	26	Not applicable			24	4	20
Exchange studies	63	26	37	41%	59%	23	Not applicable			58	22	36
Summer school	26	6	20	23%	77%	24	25	6	19	28	8	20
Total in university studies	658	229	429	35%	65%		177	52	125	335	114	221
Dep. of Preparatory Studies	133	52	81	39%	61%	26	58	19	39	62	30	32
Continuing education	63	3	60	5%	95%	38	61	2	59	53	0	53
Total	854	284	570	33%	67%		296	73	223	450	144	306

Table 5 - Number of students by discipline 2016

	male		female		Average age	Graduating students			New students			
	male	female	male	female		male	female		male	female		
Department of Business	366	119	247	33%	67%	34	88	21	67	182	62	120
Social sciences	114	35	79	31%	69%	36	30	10	20	41	16	25
Law	97	40	57	41%	59%	35	21	8	13	37	15	22
Open education	26	4	22	15%	85%	33	Not applicable			29	5	24
Exchange studies	71	30	41	42%	58%	23	Not applicable			58	22	36
Summer school	19	8	11	42%	58%	23	19	8	11	22	11	11
Total in university studies	693	236	457	34%	66%		158	47	111	369	131	238
Dep. of Preparatory Studies	160	61	99	38%	62%	32	57	22	35	82	26	56
Continuing education	48	10	38	21%	79%	38	34	4	30	45	6	39
Total	901	307	594	34%	66%		249	73	176	496	163	333

Table 6 - Students by level of study 2019 – Undergraduate and Master’s studies

					Graduating students			New students			
	male	female	male	female	male	female		male	female		
Department of Business											
Undergraduate studies	210	88	122	42%	58%	37	14	23	107	47	60
Master’s studies	239	47	192	20%	80%	47	17	30	106	20	86
Total	449	135	314	30%	70%	84	31	53	213	67	146
Law											
Undergraduate studies	77	31	46	40%	60%	8	4	4	31	11	20
Master’s studies	35	15	20	43%	57%	10	4	6	15	7	8
Total	112	46	66	41%	59%	18	8	10	46	18	28
Social sciences											
Undergraduate studies	116	35	81	30%	70%	19	11	8	47	14	33
Master’s studies	36	4	32	11%	89%	10	2	8	19	3	16
Total	152	39	113	26%	74%	29	13	16	66	17	49
Dep. of Preparatory Studies											
Continuing education	85	37	48	44%	56%	31	5	26	39	20	19
Summer school	17	0	17	0%	100%	13	0	13	14	0	14
Exchange studies	27	6	21	22%	78%	31	8	23	30	7	23
Open education	111	72	39	65%	35%	Á ekki við			122	68	54
Total	20	2	18	10%	90%	Á ekki við			7	2	5
Total	973	337	636	35%	65%	225	71	154	556	205	351

Figure 3 - Students in university studies, 2015–2019

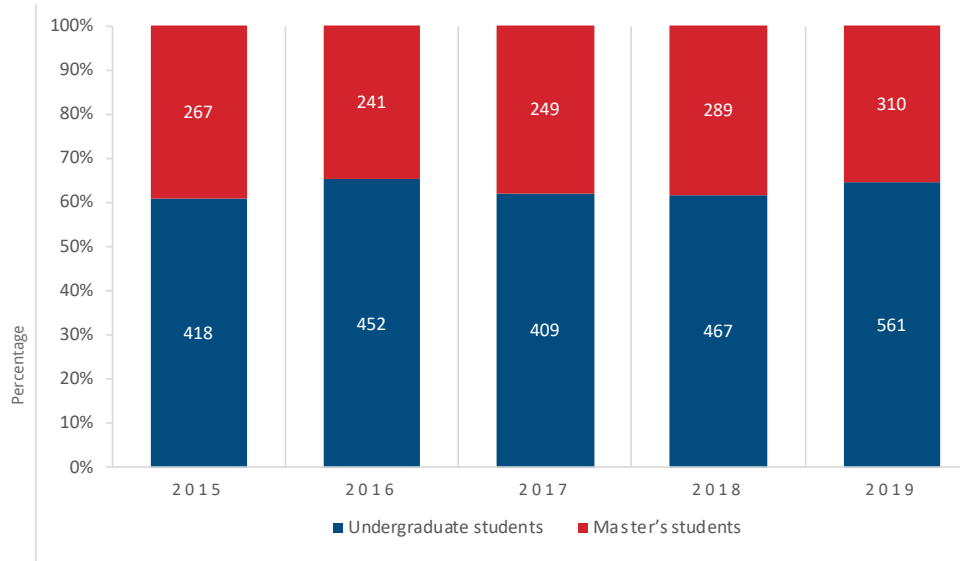


Figure 4 - All students by gender, 2015–2019

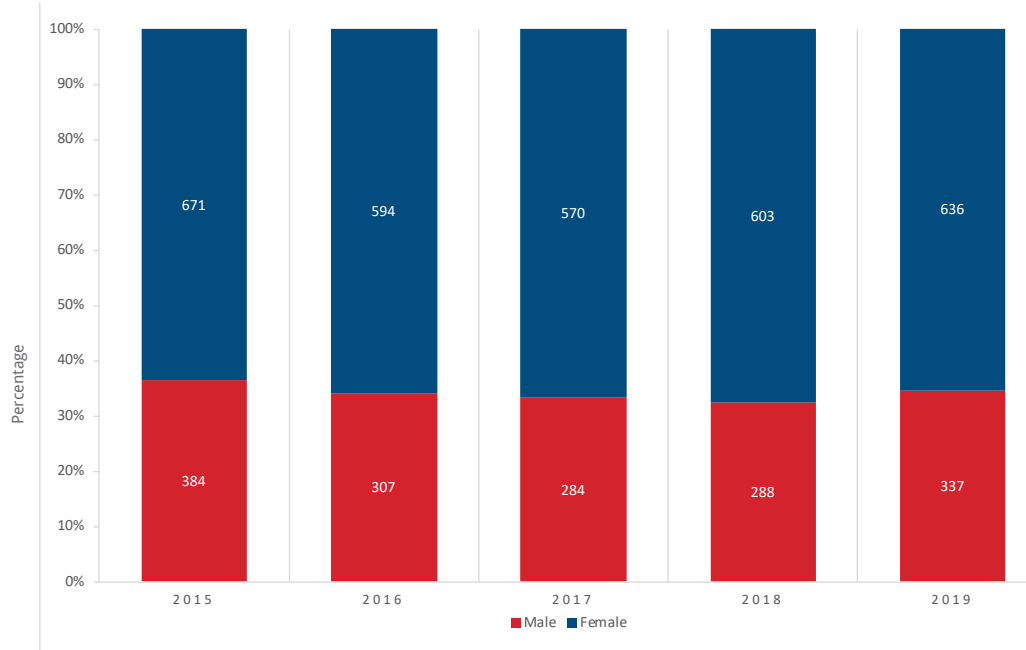


Figure 5 - Students in university studies by gender, 2015–2019

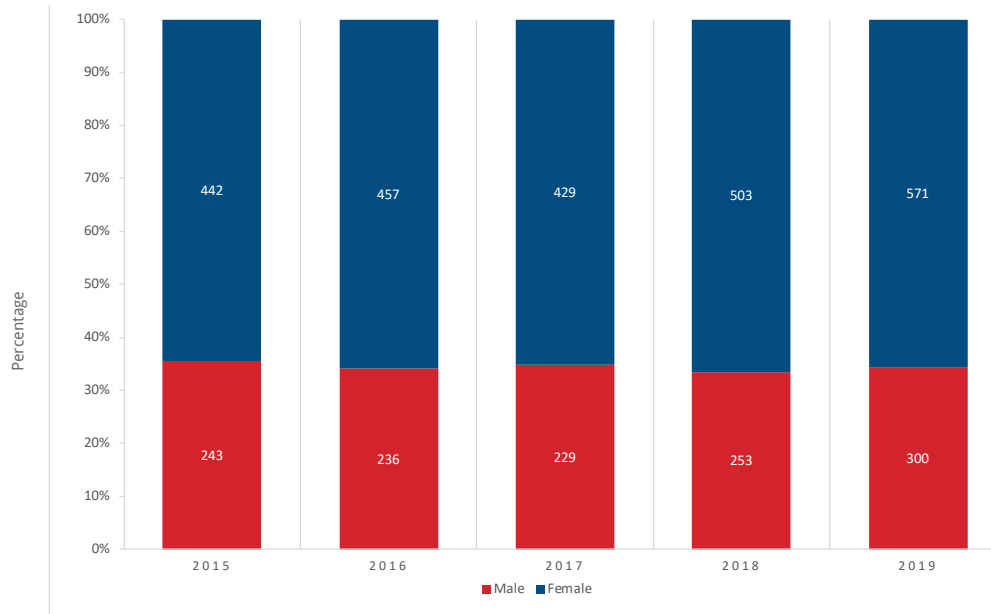


Figure 6 - Exchange students, 2015–2019

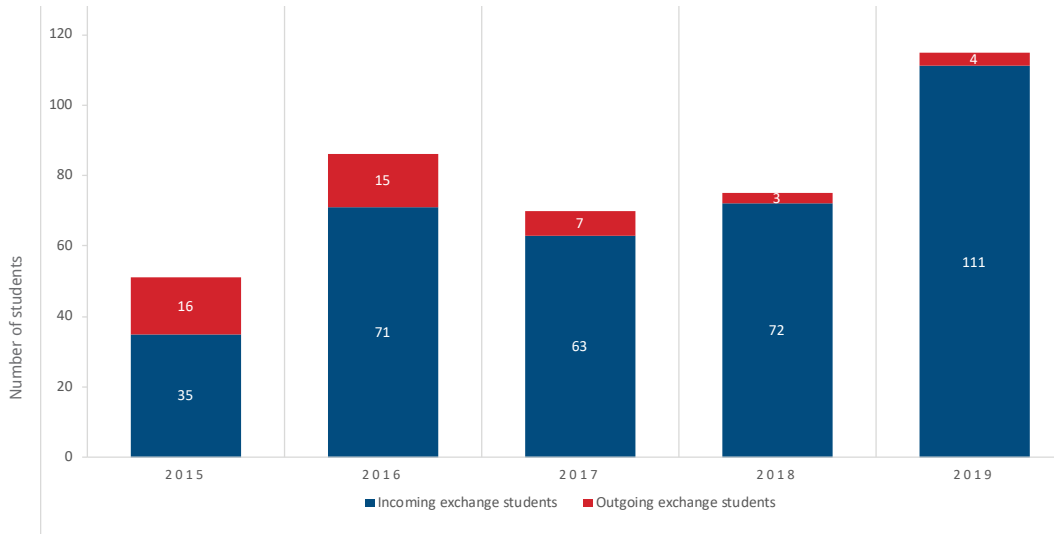


Table 7 - Teaching evaluation, 2015–2019

	Sp2015	S2015	F2015	Sp2016	S2016	F2016	Sp2017	S2017	F2017	Sp2018	S2018	F2018	Sp2019	S2019	F2019	Avg.
Dep. of Business	4,3	4,2	4,0	4,2	3,7	4,0	4,3	4,3	4,0	4,2	4,4	4,2	4,1	4,1	4,0	4,1
Dep. Social sciences and Law	4,1	3,8	4,0	4,2	3,9	3,9	4,0	4,2	4,2	4,3	4,3	4,0	4,2	4,0	3,8	4,1
All departments – undergrad. studies	3,8		4,1	3,8		3,8	3,9		3,9	4,2	3,8	4,3	3,9	3,0	4,2	3,9
Dep. of Preparatory Studies	4,2		3,9	3,9	4,3	3,9	4,3	4,4	4,2	4,2	4,0	4,1	4,0	4,6	3,7	4,1
Cont. education	4,4		4,5		3,5	4,0		4,3								4,1
Average	4,2	4,0	4,1	4,0	3,9	3,9	4,1	4,3	4,1	4,2	4,1	4,2	4,1	3,9	3,9	4,1

* Teaching is evaluated on a scale of 0-5. In the event that a course receives a score of less than 3, the head of department reviews the evaluation with the instructor. The average is around 4.0, as can be seen here. Students are encouraged to participate in evaluation, which is anonymous. The number of respondents varies, but around 50% of students generally complete the teaching evaluation.

Student Counselling and Career Centre, 2015–2019

Table 8 - Student Counsellors interviews 2016-2019

	F2016	Sp2017	F2017	Sp2018	F2018	Sp2019
Department of Business	75	52	56	56	30	22
Department of Social sciences and Law**			41	43	35	17
Social sciences	42	39				
Law	63	38				
Department of Preparatory Studies	42	47	32	50	17	14
Continuing education		1			2	4
Non-students*	38	26	38	47	12	15
Alls	260	203	167	196	96	72

* Non-students are individuals who book an interview to explore programme offerings at Bifröst University but are not enrolled students at the time.

**The Department of Social Sciences and the Department of Law merged in the fall of 2017

Table 9 - Students with extended examination time, 2015–2019

Department	F2015	Sp2016	F2016	Sp2017	F2017	Sp2018	F2018	Sp2019	From F2017	
									m%	f%
Undergraduate studies	31	34	24	28	21	23	7	12	32%	68%
Master's studies	9	12	7	11	4	5		3	34%	66%
Preparatory Studies	10	11	6	8	3	2	1	1	0%	100%
	50	57	37	47	28	30	8	16		

Table 10 - University staff, 2015–2019

	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	m	f	total	m	f	total	m	f	total	m	f	total	m	f	total
University Office	12	12	24	7	10	17	5	12	17	5	13	18	7	12	19
Maintenance, cleaning and security	4	1	5	2	3	5	2	2	4	1	2	3	1	3	4
Tenured academic employees	19	9	28	16	4	20	11	2	13	14	3	17	12	5	17
Other educational activities				1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Development and international affairs				2	1	3	2	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	3
Sessional lecturers	25	10	35	31	21	52	29	23	52	35	36	71	43	54	97
	60	32	92	28	19	99	49	40	89	57	56	113	65	76	141

Figure 7 - Academic staff by gender, 2015–2019

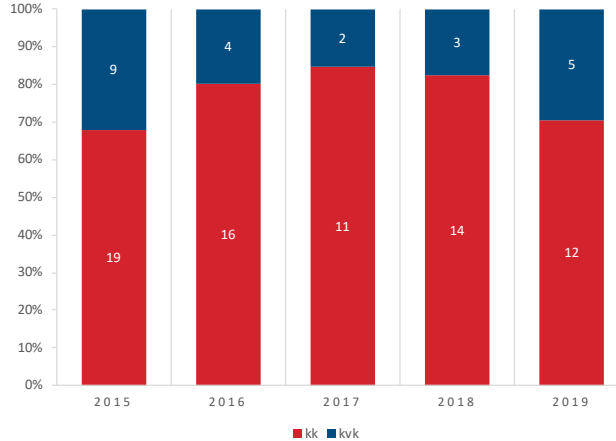


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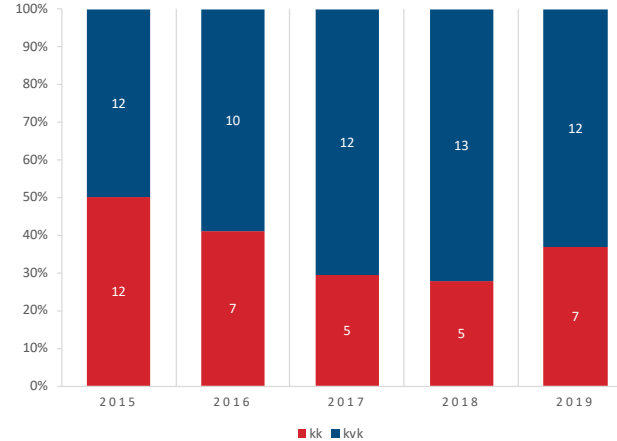


Table 11 - Research, 2015–2018

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total research points*	172	190	267	281
Average research points for academic employees	13,2	14,6	24,3	31,2
ISI publications**	0	2	2	1

* Research points: Points in the category “A. Research” in the annual evaluation of academic employees, which is based on the Evaluation System for Public Higher Education Institutions and is carried out by the University of Iceland

** ISI journals: Journals in the Web of Science databases

Table 12 - University operations, 2014–2018

University of Bifröst - Income Statement 2014-2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Income					
State contribution	310.200	336.000	383.700	430.400	459.300
Tuition	268.448	353.392	346.136	334.400	359.400
Other income	266.684	142.264	66.337	55.800	25.300
	845.332	831.656	796.173	820.600	844.000
Expenses					
Wages	595.378	601.858	581.289	533.600	581.300
Other costs	345.249	222.241	198.465	192.100	206.900
	940.627	824.099	779.754	725.700	788.200
Profit (loss) before financial items and depreciation	(95.295)	7.558	16.419	94.900	55.800
Depreciation of fixed assets	20.766	20.214	21.046	23.100	23.000
Financial items	34.835	42.291	44.914	37.700	29.100
	55.601	62.505	65.960	60.800	52.400
Annual profit (loss)	(150.896)	(54.948)	(49.541)	34.000	3.400

*Amounts in thousands of ISK

