

Degree Programme in International Business, full-time

Welcome to Finland and to Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS)!

Congratulations on being accepted to study International Business. It is always a delight to welcome new students to our Lemminkäisenkatu campus.

We look forward to meeting you in Turku.

Please read carefully through the following information.

The code of your study group is **PINBOS16**.

Beginning of your studies

Your orientation to studies at TUAS starts on Monday the 29th of August at 9 am (Finnish time) at Lemminkäisenkatu campus, Lemminkäisenkatu 30. [Google Maps](#).

MONDAY 29.8.2016

| Time | Room | Topic |
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| 9:00–9:30 | B160b | Registration |
| 9:30–10:30 | Aino | Introduction to the Degree Programme |
| 10:30–11:30 | Aino | Breaking the Ice |
| 11:30–12:30 | Cafeteria | Lunch |
| 12:30–14:30 | Aino | Your expectations for your studies at TUAS (letter, surviving in the desert) |
| 14:30–16:00 | Aino | First year of studies (Q&A with student tutors) |
| 18:00- | | Picnic |

TUESDAY 30.8.2016

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| 9:00–9:30 | Aino | Photo Session, Windows Password Distribution and Certificate follow-up |
| 9:30–10:30 | Aino | Studying and living IB |
| 10:30–11:30 | B169 | School systems (user-id, e-mail, Messi) |
| 11:30–12:30 | Cafeteria | Lunch |
| 12:30–13:00 | Aino | Student Union TUO |
| 13:00–14:30 | Aino | Accreditation of prior learning |
| | | First year courses and campus tour |
| 14:30- | | Personal matters (bank, Turku city registry etc.) |

WEDNESDAY 31.8.2016

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| 9:00–10:00 | Aino | School Systems (SoleOPS, Optima) |
| 10:00–11:00 | Aino | TULI and Trade |
| 11:00–11:30 | Aino | Progress of studies / Living in Finland |
| 11:30–12:30 | Cafeteria | Lunch |
| 12.30–13:30 | | Accreditation of prior learning (booked appointments) |
| 13:30–16:00 | - | Keep moving at Campus Kupittaa |

THURSDAY 1.9.2016

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| 11:00–16:00 | ICT-City | Ready, Study, Go Turku Student Fair |
| 13:45–14:00 | | Keep Moving at Campus Kupittaa prizes |
| 17:30- | Turku Cathedral | City tour of Turku |

Things to do BEFORE coming to Finland!

Before arriving to Finland, **the most important thing** is to have a place to live. Here are couple alternatives:

Accommodation:

TYS – the student village. The cheapest alternative for students. You need to provide your acceptance letter in order to apply. There are multiple choices. You can live alone or with someone else. <http://www.tys.fi/en>. **APPLY FOR HOUSING FROM TYS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

The tricky thing about TYS is that there are a lot of applicants and NOT everyone is getting a place. So here are more solutions to the problem. The following two are companies on the private market. You can apply to them as well. It is a bit more expensive, but you can always find someone else and live together with. It is quite cheaper in that way.

SATO – is a company on the private market. <https://www.sato.fi/en/>

TVT – Similar to SATO <http://tvt.fi/english/>

Turku Students' accommodation Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TurkuStudents>

For **temporary** accommodation, check [Omenahotelli](#) and [Laivahostel Borea](#) for example.

Documents:

- Take all documents that you have, such as:
- Passports
- ID
- School certificates (Including higher education certificates you might already have completed)
- Other documents that can be beneficial for you because in most cases you will need them here.

If you are arriving from outside the EU, bring:

- All your health certificates or statement from a licensed physician
- Chest x-rays with you.

The healthcare system in Finland requires these certificates to ensure that you do not suffer from any contagious respiratory diseases, such as tuberculosis, "TB".

Transportation

From Helsinki to Turku, your easiest choice is [Matkahuolto](#).

For transportation inside Turku area, [Föli](#) handles all the local transportation.

Clothes

Well, you do realize you are moving to Finland. The weather is mostly rainy and cold. In the winter it's even colder. And by cold I mean even -27 degrees in the winter, if you are unlucky enough. Be prepared for that. Bring warm clothes, if you don't want to spend thousands of euros on that here.

Things to do AFTER coming to Finland!

In order to stay here, you need to follow these steps in this order:

Get a Social Security Number (the Finnish ID number). You need this for literally everything. You have to take it from Maistraatti (Registry Office). (Your tutors will help you with this) online link to Maistraatti: <http://www.maistraatti.fi/en/>

If you are arriving outside EU, you already have the Social Security Number in your residence permit, but you need to register it in Maistraatti.

1. Get a phone number – you need Social Security Number for a permanent data plan. You can still get a pre-paid data plan without the Social Security Number.
2. Open a bank account- in order to open a bank account, you need a social security number. Tutors can help you with this if necessary. From the Finnish banks, Danske Bank and Osuuspankki (OP) have English language services.
3. **Register with the police as a resident here in Turku.** You need to do that in max **3 months after your arrival!** You will need a Social Security Number, phone number and bank account.

Further Information

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