

# Degree Programme in Information and Communication Technology, PINFOS17

Welcome to Finland and to Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS)!  
Congratulations on being accepted to study Information and Communication Technology. It is always a delight to welcome new students to our ICT campus.  
We look forward to meeting you in Turku.  
**Please read carefully through the following information.**

## 1.Beginning of your studies

Your orientation to studies at TUAS starts on Wednesday the 30th of August 2017 at 9 am in ICT City Campus, Joukahaisenkatu 3 C. <http://www.tuas.fi/en/about-us/faculties-and-campuses/ict-building-joukahaisenkatu/>

**Date: Wed 30 August 2017**

Time	Room	Program
9:00 - 9:30	Omega	Start of the day, registration
9:30 - 10:00	Omega	Welcome and Introduction to TUAS & Staff
10:15 - 10:45	Omega	Forms
10:45 - 12:00	Omega	Getting to know each other
12:00 - 13:00	ICT Restaurant	Lunch
13:00 - 14:00	B1038	IT Rules
13:00 - 15:00	B1038	Logging in the IT systems & ICT Tour

**Date: Thu 31 August**

**Free time to take care of practicalities** (e.g. getting a bus card, Registry Office, opening a bank account, getting a phone SIM card - See 3.1 Official Stuff) **+ tutor-led informal activities!**

**Date: Fri 1 September 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Program</b>
9:00 – 11:00	Omega	Web Programs Introduction
11:00 – 12:00	Omega	Study-Related Matters
12:00 – 13:00	ICT restaurant	Lunch
13:00 – 13:30	Omega	Finnish Culture & Quiz
13:30 – 14:00	Omega	Student Union introduction (TUO) Engineers Union (TIO)
14:00 – 14:30	Omega	<b>Q &amp; A session</b>

## 2. Things to do before coming to Finland

### 2.1 Accommodation

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

**TYS** – Turun Ylioppilaskylä, Turku 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 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 some 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 to share accommodation 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://tvf.fi/english/>

**Turku Students' accommodation Facebook Group:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TurkuStudents>

Many people sublet their apartments or look for flat mates in this group, so check it out.

For **temporary** accommodation, check Omenahotelli and Laivahostel Borea, for example.

<https://www.omenahotels.com/en/hotels/turku-en/>

<http://www.hostelborea.fi/>

### 2.2 Documents

Take all documents that you have, such as:

- Passport
- ID
- TUAS Acceptance letter
- 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 a 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”.

## **2.3 Local Transportation**

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

If you are arriving straight from Helsinki Vantaa airport, you must take the Express Bus to Turku. Check all options here: <https://www.matkahuolto.fi/>

Once you're in Turku, [Föli](#) handles all the local transportation.

You can check the bus timetables on the website, so you won't get lost on your first day.

A single bus ticket costs about 3 €, so you can get a one week pass (25 €) before you can get your student discount seasonal card.

## **2.4 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 a lot of money on that.

## **2.5 Acquire a Laptop**

Turku University of Applied Sciences is increasingly moving towards the utilization of students' own computers. Starting next semester, a lot of used-to-be computer classrooms have been transformed into “Bring Your Own Devices” (BYOD) - classrooms to be used with students' personal laptops.

Open the [linked document](#) that will help you determine what specifications you need from your laptop, or if your current one is compatible to TUAS' recommendations.

## 3. Things to do AFTER coming to Finland!

### 3.1 Official Stuff

In order to stay here, you need to get a Social Security Number (the Finnish ID number). You need this for literally everything. You must obtain it from Maistraatti (Registry Office). You need to book an appointment for this.

#### **Maistratti:**

**Address:** Nallinkatu 8, 21200 Raisio.  
**How to get there:** Take a bus 6 or 7 towards Nallinkatu from Kauppatori.  
**Booking an appointment:** [http://www.migri.fi/our\\_services/service\\_points](http://www.migri.fi/our_services/service_points)

**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 a Social Security Number for a permanent data plan. You can still get a prepaid 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 provide assistance if necessary.

**Banks in Finland:** Säästöpankki, Osuuspankki, Danske Bank  
**Documents required:** Study certificate, Residence permit, Passport

When choosing your credit/debit card, please note, that you can use Visa Electron card only in EU.

**Säästöpankki:** If you are under 26 years old, you will have free access to internet banking and no monthly payments. If you are older than 26, the fee will be 4€/month for the card and 1€/month for internet banking services.

**Osuuspankki:** If you are under 26 years old, you will have free access to internet banking and no monthly payments. If you are older than 26, the fee will be 2€/month for the card and 2€/month for internet banking services.

3. **Register with the police as a resident of Turku (if you come from EU).** You need to do this within **3 months from your arrival!** You will need a Social Security Number, phone number and bank account.

## 3.2 Fun Stuff

### **Parties**

During the year, there are a lot of student parties and events for everyone. The student parties and events usually take place on Thursdays, because most students work over the weekend. There are many pub crawls, or scavenger hunt type events around the city. For students who do not like to drink, the parties are a fun way of meeting new people even if you don't drink alcohol. Also, there are events such as Sport Appro which is basically a pub crawl but instead of bars you go and do different sports.

### **Overalls**

Students in Finland have a tradition of buying and wearing [student overalls](#) in parties. Students have different colors for their overalls depending on what they study. Engineers in Turku have purple overalls with yellow linings. The overalls are a great for finding people who study the same subjects as you or it's just a great way of breaking the ice by asking "What degree does your overalls color represent?"

### **Other fun stuff to do in Turku.**

We have a lot of fun stuff to do in Turku besides studying math. All the movies screening in Turku you can find at <http://www.finnkino.fi/movies/turku> (site only in Finnish for some reason). Turku is a relatively large city by Finnish standards so we do have a lot of activities for everyone to enjoy. If you enjoy a fancy dinner every now and then, our restaurant scene is among the best in the country. If you like different sports, we have a lot of possibilities for different sports. Also, there are many events that aren't just for students but can be really fun. We'll try and inform you on Facebook whenever there are such events. In short: if you get bored just sitting at home there are a lot of things to do in your spare time.

## 4. Student Tutors' Greetings

Greetings from TUAS Student Tutors!

Congratulations on being accepted to Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS). It is always a delight to welcome new students to our modern ICT campus.

We are your student tutors, which means that we get to provide you with the necessary information and help for the duration of your studies here at TUAS.

Feel free to ask us about whatever you need: accommodation, Finnish culture, information on visas and study-related matters. We will try to answer all your inquiries as clearly and as informative as we can.

For easier distribution of information we have created a Facebook group page for your class of 2017. **Please, join the TUAS PINFOS17 group by following this link:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PINFOS17/>

### 4.1 Tutor Introductions



#### **Mikko Jaakonsaari**

Third year student by the time you read this.

I like bicycling, bouldering, music in general, comics, video games, craft beer, nerd stuff.

Video Games I'm into at the moment: Rainbow Six - Siege, Rocket League, ARMA 3.

Batman > all.



#### **Mila Grigoryeva**

Second year student. I like sports and have been doing rowing for the past 5 years. I also enjoy good food, indie music, making pancakes, reading, watching ice hockey and Formula 1. Follow my insta @letmegogh (or my finsta @milayevaa)!!



#### **Nikita Podhornyi**

Will be second year student by the time you arrive here. I'm Russian, but from Ukraine. I like sports, mainly Rugby and Freeride Skiing. I enjoy all typical stuff like music, movies and videogames, but as well as that I like planes. Instagram @nikitapodhornyi



### **Jaakko Partanen**

Hello proud new students of TUAS! I, like everyone but Mikko, will be a second-year student by the time you arrive. I've lived in Finland for all my life, so if you have any questions about Finnish culture or stuff, I'll do my best to answer you. I spend my time by playing video games, sailing, skiing, bouldering and running around Turku in parties and such. My dear friends describe me as fatherly, mainly because of my hilarious dad jokes.



### **Vasha Thangarajah**

22 and a human-potato (: I hail from the far away land of Malaysia and I still remember how lost I was when I was first coming here, so if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me and I will do my best to assist you! In my spare time, I enjoy watching movies, writing, playing video games, petting dogs and browsing the Interwebs for the dankest of memes :P



### **Kalle Mäntylä**

A happy second-year student here at TUAS, 22 years old. I've always lived here in Finland as well, and I just love the weather around here. I'm living with my girlfriend currently, and I plan to get lots of cats into our small home. In my free time, I play video games, code, or play badminton, whichever is the feel of that day, but I do not visit parties that often. I'm easily approachable, and will answer almost any question you may have to the best of my ability. Sadly, I'm a bit forgetful at times, so be sure to remind me if I miss anything you asked :) All in all, have an enjoyable time here in Finland, I'm sure you'll love it.



### **Thao Huynh**

I am a second-year student. I love planes, reading books and music. If you have any questions, I will try my best to help you. Enjoy your life in Turku, it's a beautiful and friendly city.



### **Thao Ho**

My name is Thao Ho and I am a student from PINFOS16 in ICT. I like to study programming and designing in my free time. Moreover, my favorite activities are travelling and swimming because it feels refreshing. If someone asks me, what is my goal to achieve in the future, I will answer that it is becoming a software engineer. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I will help you.

Below are the contact details of your Student Tutors. Please feel free to email or message us with your questions.

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