

TUAS PARTNER INFORMATION SHEET 2018

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Please see the contacts of the International Student Services and the Faculty coordinators here:
www.tuas.fi/internationalservices

Academic Information

Application deadlines for incoming students: For the spring term the application dead line is October 15th. For autumn term or the academic year the application dead line is April 15th.

Necessary documents to apply for exchange at TUAS: Application form, transcript of records in English, motivation letter, Curriculum Vitae, ECTS learning agreement (and for the design and the Arts Academy's students also portfolio or related). Please see the detailed instructions at our web page at www.tuas.fi/howtoapply.

Semester dates: In the autumn term the lectures begin on the weeks 34-35. In the spring term the lectures usually begin in January, during week 2. Please note that the beginning and finishing dates may vary depending on the degree programme. Check the exact semester dates at www.tuas.fi/beforearrival or from the faculty international staff at TUAS.

List of available courses: See www.tuas.fi/courses or contact the faculty international staff at TUAS. There are no course fees for exchange students from our partner universities.

Language of Instruction: English (and Finnish)

Finnish course: An elementary course is available for all exchange students, Finnish for Exchange Students, 3 ECTS credits, free of charge.

English language requirements: TUAS does not require an English Language Proficiency test from the students, i.e. they do not have to submit a TOEFL, IELTS etc. score to be admitted to TUAS. However, the students should at least meet the following requirements to be able to successfully complete their semesters at our institutions.

These requirements are:

English Language proficiency of minimum TOEFL 550, IELTS 6 or equivalent
CGPA of 2.5 and above

Transcript of records / Grading scale

The exchange student will receive the transcript of records by mail about one month after his/her study period or practical training has ended.

- The grading scale at TUAS:
 - 5=excellent
 - 4=good
 - 3=good
 - 2=satisfactory
 - 1=satisfactory
 - H = passed
 - 0 = failed
- One ECTS grade equals to 27 hours of student's work.

Accommodation in Turku

Due to the lack of student housing in Turku, TUAS can no longer guarantee accommodation for the exchange students. Students studying in Turku are encouraged to book their accommodation in good time. It will be easier to find housing for the spring semester.

More information at www.tuas.fi/accommodation

Cost of accommodation varies greatly between the housing providers (260€ - 550€).

Accommodation in Salo

Students studying in Salo should contact the International Relations Coordinator at Salo campus, Ms Reetta Partala, e-mail reetta.partala (at) turkuamk.fi.

Other Information for Incoming Students

Estimated monthly living costs in Turku

- Rent (usually incl. water, electricity, heating, Internet)
 - Student housing: EUR 280–370 /month
 - Other accommodation providers + private market: starting from EUR 400 /month
- Student lunch EUR 2.60 * 22 days = EUR 57.20
- Monthly bus card EUR 36 / month single ticket for the bus EUR 3

Other living costs

- Mobile phone calls average 0,07€/min, 0,07€/sms DNA prepaid offered for free of charge
- Mobile data package starting from 10€/month
- Movie ticket 9,00€ - 15€
- Glass of wine or beer 4€ - 7,50€
- Pizza or kebab in cheaper restaurants 6€ - 10€
- Normal restaurants, main course 13€ - 25€
- Coffee in a regular cafeteria 2,5 €
- Coffee in a student cafeteria 1€
- Bus ticket Turku-Helsinki with the Finnish student discount card about 18€
 - Helsinki Airport - Turku, normal price (no discounts) 30,50€
- Communal gym, single entrance 5€ (check also www.campussport.fi/en)

Nearest airport: Turku Airport (connections from Helsinki, Stockholm, Gdansk and Riga) Direct bus connections from Helsinki-Vantaa airport to Salo and Turku, approx. 2 hours 30 min by bus.

Arrival

The incoming students need to inform the International Student Services about their arrival date and place 2 weeks before the arrival through an online form. See www.tuas.fi/beforearrival

The incoming students should arrive to the study town during weekdays (Monday – Friday) between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Student tutoring

Every incoming exchange student will have a personal student tutor who will pick up the student when s/he arrives to Turku or Salo.

The tutor student will

- pick up the apartment key
- pick up the starting package (if the incoming student wants to rent one)
- help to settle down in the study town
- familiarize the studying culture to the incoming student

Starting packages for students in Turku

The starting package includes some household items to make the settling down faster and easier: blanket, pillow, curtains, kitchen utensils etc.

More information: www.tyy.fi/startingpackage