

# Degree Programme in Information and Communications Technology, PINFOS18

Welcome to Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS)!

Congratulations on being accepted to study Information and Communications Technology. It is always a delight to welcome new students to our university.

We look forward to meeting you in Turku.

**Please read carefully through the following information**

## Beginning of your studies

Your orientation to studies at TUAS starts on Wednesday the 29th of August 2018 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 29 August 2018**

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	<b>Getting to know each other</b>
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 30 August**

**This day is reserved** for some **tutor-led informal activities**, as well as **time** to sort out some **formal paper work** (e.g. getting a bus card, Registry Office, opening a bank account, getting a phone SIM card - See 3.1 Official Stuff).

**Date: Fri 31 August 2018**

Time	Room	Program
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	Q & A session

### Contact Information

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## Things to do before coming to Finland

### 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 <http://www.tys.fi/en>. 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. **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 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>

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/>

## Documents

Take all documents that you have, such as:

- Passport
- School certificates (including higher education certificates you might already have)
- Other documents that can be beneficial for you because in most cases you will need them.

Student Health Care Center requires all the students who have lived / stayed in countries with **high risk of tuberculosis** for more than 3 months to return the doctor's statement of health and result of Thorax X-ray in English provided in the country where you are invited to study from. Please read more about the required health documents [here](#).

## Local Transportation

From Helsinki to Turku, your easiest choice is [Onnibus](#). If you are arriving from Helsinki Vantaa airport, you could take the Express Bus to Turku. Check all options here:

<https://www.matkahuolto.fi/>

You can also take the train from Vantaa airport, if you buy your ticket in advance, it will be the cheapest way to get to Turku, you will need to change once from commuter train to Intercity train, but it's not hard at all. Check the times on [VR](#) website. The fastest way is to take the train from Vantaa airport to Pasila and change there to the train to Turku. In Turku there are two main stops, the Kupittaa stop is next to our school, while the Turku railway station stop is close to the city center (keskusta).

Once you're in Turku, [Föli](#) handles all the local transportation. You can check the bus timetables on the website. A single bus ticket costs 3 €, and you can get a one week pass (25 €) before you can get your student discount seasonal card.

## Clothes

Yep, it gets cold in Finland in winter. You can expect ample rain in summer and heavy rain showers in spring. With all this in mind, you'll have to come prepared. Take some warm clothes and socks with you because that is the secret to surviving the winter and some of the spring weather.

## Acquire a Laptop

TUAS 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. Read the separate document that will help you determine what specifications you need from your laptop, or if your current one is compatible to TUAS’ recommendations.

## Things to do AFTER coming to Finland!

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. You can get a **Social Security Number** from the city center **Aurakatu 8, 20100 Turku, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.**

**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.

**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.**

**For renewing your visa,** you need to visit the **Registry Office, in Nallikatu 8, 21200 Raisio,** the busses 6 and 7 from Kauppatori will take you there.

**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.

**Open a bank account.** In order to open a bank account, you need a social security number. Tutors provide assistance if necessary.

<b>Banks in Finland:</b>	Säästöpankki, Osuuspankki, Danske Bank, Nordea Bank
<b>Documents required:</b>	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.

## Student Tutors’ Greetings

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 2018. **Please, join the TUAS PINFOS18 group by following this link:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PINFOS18/>

### **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> .

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.

### **Tutor Introductions**



#### **Nikita Podhornyi**

Third year student majoring in Game Development. I'm Russian, but from Ukraine. I'm quite chilled lad, I enjoy playing games, as well as making them, I used to play Rugby for a Turku city team, and I'm also a Freeride skier. I go out a lot, visit many student parties and have collected good number of patches for my overalls. I am very pleased that I will be you Head tutor this year, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me, I will try to answer ASAP. You can follow me on Instagram @nikitapodhornyi

### **Kalle Mäntylä**

I'm a third year student here at TUAS, majoring in Networking and Network Security. I was born here in Finland, and I've lived here my whole life. I'm a very helpful person overall, and I love playing badminton in my free time. Sadly, I'm one of those tutors who hasn't bought any overalls, but I still try to partake in events that I can. I'll be your second head tutor, so if you have any problems I'm always willing to help you out. Enjoy your stay here in Finland and TUAS, I bet it'll be a great time for all o' ya.

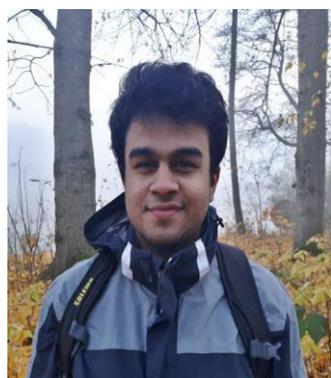


### **Rasha ElMansuri**

Hi all, and welcome! I'm a second-year student here at TUAS. I am from Libya, north Africa. I consider myself a positive character. I enjoy playing the piano and my favourite animals are cats. I love traveling, meeting new people and new cultures as well as volunteering. I enjoy day-light activities as in hiking, picnics and long-distance walking. I'm very pleased to be your tutor, you can contact me whenever you need some help, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Wish you great years ahead!

### **Hassan Farah**

Hey everyone, Second year student here at TUAS. I was born here in Finland however I lived abroad better part of my life. I tend to be loud at times so don't be surprised if you hear me from other side of the hallways more often than not. I like cooking and baking, you could say I consider myself the next Gordon Ramsay. I play both video games and board games most of my free time. If you ever need help with anything, contact **Nikita**... I'm kidding! contact me as well, I'd be happy to help with anything.



### **Arbaaz Khan Jariwala**

Hey guys!! I am a second-year student at TUAS. I am originally hail from India, but I have lived in Finland for over 4 years now. I have done International Baccalaureate from Tampereen Lyseon Lukio which has given me exposure to international background and cultures. So, you can consider me as a friend who is sailing in the same boat as you. :) I like watching NBA and Football (British one of course!!). I support the football team Juventus #forcajuve . I have played basketball on a national level and also like playing football (British one of course.....Ok now too much information). Also I am an avid gamer and I like playing video games like Fortnite ,PUBG, FIFA and many more .Feel free to contact me regarding anything and I will be more than happy to help.

### **Nguyen Ngoc Truc Anh**

Hey everyone, you can call me Ashley, a third year student at TUAS. I'm Vietnamese and have lived in Finland for over 2 years. Now I am studying IT. I consider myself as a happy person. I like cooking and baking, also swimming, dancing. I enjoy having some get-together-parties with friends on Friday nights. If this is your first time come to Finland and face with culture shock or for-any-thing (especially if you are from Asia which has totally different culture), heyyy, don't hesitate to contact me, as I can see myself within you 2 years ago.

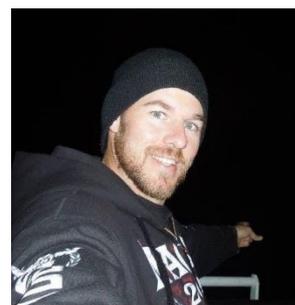


### **Miguel Angel Fernández Ramírez**

Welcome to TUAS, I'll be helping you this first year. I like soccer, basketball, volleyball and table tennis. I like to spend my free time either reading books or walking. Thank you for choosing this university, you are more than welcome to ask me and the other tutors any inquires that you may have.

### **Travis Dyde**

Hello all and welcome to Tuas, I will be one of the tutors to help you with any questions you may have. I enjoy gaming, going to the gym, social gatherings and am also interested in internet security and related fields. I am originally from Australia and have been in Finland for 3 years and I really enjoy it here.



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

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