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Why Choose the University of Turku?

We are delighted that you are considering of choosing the University of Turku as the destination for your exchange period. Here are some good reasons to come to Turku:

The University of Turku is a highly international university, where academic education is based on high quality and often multidisciplinary research.

- We offer more than 200 courses in English
- Exchange students are able to combine courses from different faculties and departments creating a multidisciplinary study plan to suit individual aims and interests
- Exchange students are able to take courses from two other Universities in Turku and from Turku Polytechnic (some restrictions apply)
- Each exchange student will have a personal tutor helping with practical matters
- Wireless Internet access on campus, computer classes available 24/7
- Excellent libraries and collections
- Marvelous opportunity to study Finnish/Swedish/English or other languages during the exchange
- Student accommodation for all exchange students
- Friendly and helpful staff
- Active Student Union
- Great benefits with the Finnish Student Card

- Turku is a friendly city with vibrant student life
- Short distances; it is easy to cycle everywhere

This guide is aimed specifically at students planning to come to the University of Turku as exchange students from our international partner universities and therefore mainly includes information about non-degree studies which do not lead to a degree at the University of Turku.

You will also find important information on practical matters related to the student exchange in Turku. Please always check our website for updated and more detailed information: www.utu.fi/en/studying.

If you have any further questions, our staff working with International affairs will be happy to help you. You will find our contact information at the end of this guide.

If you are not eligible for exchange study at the University of Turku, you may be able to participate in some courses as a fee paying **visiting student**. More information on www.utu.fi/en/studying/studies/visiting.html.

The University of Turku also has several international Master's degree programmes. If you are interested in completing a Master's degree at the University of Turku, please refer to the University's Degree Prospectus or the University's website on www.utu.fi/en/masters.

University of Turku

The Royal Academy of Turku was founded in the year 1640 as the first university in Finland and it created a strong, dynamic and innovative foundation for the academic tradition which still prevails in the atmosphere of the university. The University of Turku was founded in 1920 as the first entirely Finnish-language university in the country. Today, the University of Turku is a highly international university where education and research are closely intertwined. The University offers academic education based on high quality, often multidisciplinary, research. As one of the leading universities in Finland, it offers study and research opportunities in six faculties: Humanities, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Medicine, Law, Social Sciences and Education. University of Turku and the Turku School of Economics will emerge in the beginning of 2010.

Even though the main language of instruction is Finnish, each faculty offers study opportunities in English. The university is a member of the Coimbra Group, a network of prestigious universities in Europe, and is coordinating the Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN).

Over 17,000 students enroll at the University of Turku annually and each year more than 1,000 international students study at the university. Most of these students participate in the English-language programmes or in research projects at the doctoral level.

The University of Turku has been granted the Diploma Supplement Label by the European Commission. This label signifies that the University of Turku has correctly complied with the criteria of the regulations for issuing diploma supplements to its graduating students.

Programmes in English

The University of Turku focuses on complete programmes or modules taught in English. Every year there are some 200 courses offered in English by different disciplines. In the academic year 2009–2010 there are several international non-degree programmes available in English. Detailed information about the programmes can be found in the sections of the faculties later in this guide. The programmes available for exchange students are usually at the Master's level but several of them are also suitable for students studying in their third year of a Bachelor's degree.

In addition to the non-degree programmes, several disciplines in most faculties offer individual modules or courses taught in English. Please notice that exchange students can participate in a complete programme or individual modules. **Courses from different modules and faculties** (except Medicine) **can also be combined creating a multidisciplinary study plan to suit individual aims and interests.** Students studying in Turku as exchange students can combine courses from the other two universities in Turku; Åbo Akademi University and the Turku School of Economics as well as the Turku Polytechnic, although some restrictions apply.

Detailed course information will appear after the printing of this guide and the latest information is available on www.utu.fi/en/studying.

Visiting students have only right to study in the programme to which they have been accepted for.

International Summer School

The University of Turku organises an International Summer School. The courses are aimed at university students and graduates, whether they are planning a short study visit or intend to live in Finland. The language of instruction is English and teaching is based on a fee. The programme offers courses related to Finnish culture and history including Finnish language study. Teaching will be intensive during the daytime but there will also be interesting social programme. More information on www.utu.fi/summerschool.

Orientation Course

The Orientation Courses are arranged at the end of August and in the beginning of January. All incoming exchange students coming to study at the University of Turku must begin their studies with an Orientation Course and students should always arrive in time for the course. The course includes important information about studying at the University of Turku as well as practical advice that helps students in adjusting to the Finnish student life and living in Turku. If the student for some reason arrives late s/he will be responsible finding the information delivered

during the orientation him/herself. Information on the Orientation Course will be sent to all exchange students before they arrive in Turku.

Arrival during the weekends and holidays is not recommended as the Housing Office and all the other offices will be closed. Please note that keys for the student apartments are not available before the first weekday of the rental month.

Courses usually begin during the week following orientation, in some fields even before, for example in the Faculty of Medicine studies usually begin already in the beginning of August. Exchange students planning to participate in the courses organised by the other universities in Turku should check the starting dates of these courses from the universities' own websites. (www.abo.fi and www.tse.fi)

How to get to Turku?

Turku is situated about 160 km west of Helsinki. It can be reached by train, bus or plane. There is an airport in Turku but also a frequent bus connection from Helsinki airport. In addition, Turku can be reached by ferry from Stockholm, Sweden.

Academic Year 2009–2010

Autumn semester 2009:

September – December

Orientation Course: 26-28 August

Spring semester 2010:

January – May

Orientation Course will be held in the beginning of January 2010, please check the website on www.utu.fi/en/studying/students/exchange/arrive/orientation.html

Finland and Turku

Finland is situated in Northern Europe and it has been a member of the European Union since 1995. It shares land borders with Sweden to the West, Russia to the East and Norway to the North. Forests cover three quarters of the country's surface area of 338,000 sq. km. Other outstanding features of Finland's scenery are some 190,000 lakes and approximately as many islands. Finland is the second northernmost country in the world and has one of Europe's lowest population densities. The distinctive four seasons give the Finnish nature and lifestyle an ever-changing character. A quarter of Finland's territory lies above the Arctic Circle making the sunny summer nights an unforgettable experience.

Turku is located on the south-west coast of Finland at the mouth of the River Aura, where it has maintained contacts with Scandinavia and continental Europe since the medieval times. Turku is the oldest city of Finland and since its foundation in the late 13th Century, Turku has been Finland's main gateway to the West and it also acts as a link between western (Stockholm) and eastern (St. Petersburg) cultural influences. It offers its inhabitants and visitors a wide selection of services, business, cultural and sport activities. All around the year the city of Turku is hosting several festivals and events.

Turku has over 175,000 inhabitants and it is an officially bilingual city (Finnish and Swedish). The Swedish name for the city is Åbo. The Finnish name Turku refers to a market place and the Swedish name Åbo to a dwelling on the river.

The city centre is concentrated around the Market Square and the River Aura. In Turku everything is easily within reach. The city layout is simple, efficient and easily accessible by bus, bike or on foot. Turku offers excellent travel connections to the rest of the country as well as abroad. The unique Turku archipelago with over 20,000 islands lies just outside the city and its beautiful environment is easily accessible from the city. Turku offers plenty of hiking and nature trails through the numerous parks and hills surrounding the city for those who like to walk, jog, ski or skate.

With a student population of 30,000 studying at different institutions of higher education, Turku is a lively and well respected university town. Each year over 2,000 international students, teachers and researchers visit the University of Turku. The local student organisations are active in organising events and activities. The three universities form a unified campus located next to the historical centre of the city, only a short walk from the heart of the city. Student housing is available in various locations around the city.

Turku the European Capital of Culture in 2011

The EU Council of Ministers of Culture in Brussels officially named Turku, Finland and Tallinn, Estonia as the European Capitals of Culture for 2011. More information on www.turku2011.fi.



Facts of Finland

Capital city	Helsinki
Official languages	Finnish and Swedish (English is spoken widely)
Government	Parliamentary Democracy
Inhabitants	5.3 million
Currency	Euro (€)
Total area	338,000 sq. km
Distance from north to south	1,160 km
Distance from west to east	540 km
Average temperature	in July + 16.6 C° In February - 6.2 C°

The Structure of University Studies in Finland

The Finnish national higher education system follows the principles set in the Europe-wide Bologna Agreement. The degree structure is mainly based on a three-cycle model, except in the field of Medicine. The first cycle ends in a Bachelor-level degree and the second cycle consists of a Master's degree. Finnish university degrees correspond to the Bachelor's (*kandidaatti*), Master's (*maisteri*) and Doctoral/ PhD (*tohtori*) degrees. Most degree students are accepted directly to Master's studies and finish with a Master's degree after 5–6 years of studies.

The degrees usually consist of studies in one main subject and in one or more minor subjects.

Studies form larger entities are at three levels: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Bachelor level studies usually consist of Basic and Intermediate level studies, the Master's level includes Advanced studies.

In Finnish, the term *jatko-opiskelija* (post-graduate/graduate) usually refers to doctoral level studies (Licentiate or Doctoral) due to the fact that most students complete a Master's degree. A Doctoral degree normally requires at least four years of full-time study after a Master's degree. In most fields studies for Doctoral and Licentiate degrees can be carried out in English.

Education Statistics in Finland in 2007

According to Statistics Finland, a total of 22,300 university degrees were attained in Finland in 2007. This is 2,900 more than in the year before. Of the total number, 5,900 were lower and 13,900 higher university level degrees. Completed degrees at the doctorate level numbered 1,500. Women completed 63 per cent of all university degrees.

Examined by field of education, the largest numbers of degrees were attained in humanities and in technology. Women completed 82 per cent of all degrees in humanities whereas men attained 75 per cent of all degrees in science and technology.

Foreign students completed 820 degrees, of which 23 per cent were at the doctorate level. Foreign students attained the largest numbers of degrees in science and technology, and in natural sciences. Women attained 43 per cent of all degrees completed by foreign students.

Source: Education Statistics. Statistics Finland (www.stat.fi/index_en.html)



Studying at the University of Turku

Eligibility

An exchange student is anyone who comes to study at the University of Turku through an exchange programme such as ERASMUS, FIRST, NORDPLUS, ISEP, north2north, North-South-South, Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window or a bilateral agreement between the host and home institutions. Also Fulbright and CIMO Scholarship holders are granted an exchange student status. If you are uncertain on your status please refer our website on www.utu.fi/en/studying/apply/exchange_programmes.html

In most cases the basic requirement for an exchange period is that the applicant is a registered student at an institution of higher education abroad. Some programmes require 2–3 years of studies in the field. All programmes require familiarity with the basic concepts of the disciplines in question. Please note that each programme also has specific prerequisites which are listed in the programme descriptions.

Participants in the programmes taught in English should have a good knowledge of the language. Applicants whose native language is not English should provide documentation of their knowledge of English when applying.

Application deadlines:

Studies beginning in **Autumn semester 2009**
Application deadline 1 June, 2009

Studies beginning in **Spring semester 2010**
Application deadline 2 November, 2009

Please refer to the application material on www.utu.fi/en/studying/apply for more information.

How to apply?

All application information and an electronic application form for exchange students can be found on: www.utu.fi/en/studying/apply.

Students coming to the University of Turku through an international exchange programme should follow the application **procedure of the exchange programme they are participating in.**

Please check the information concerning the exchange programme you are applying through and note that **all students must meet the application requirements and deadlines.**

The University of Turku application form for exchange students is electronic and must be filled in carefully on www.utu.fi/en/studying/apply/non-degree.

Enclosures:

1. Transcript of Records (list of courses you have made in your home university)
2. Learning Agreement (form can be found on www.utu.fi/opiskelu/kv/lomakkeet/saapuvat.html)
3. Certificate of language skills (if the Transcript of Records does not contain the information)
4. Nomination / official letter of confirmation that you are an exchange student nominated by

your home university. Please check with your coordinator at the home university.

Erasmus and Nordplus (excluding Nordlys) students should send **the required enclosures by post to the faculty concerned.** The Faculties' contact information can be found in the inner cover of this guide and on the internet on www.utu.fi/en/studying/contact.

All other exchange students should post their enclosures to the International Office: The International Office, University of Turku, FI-20014 TURKU, FINLAND.

Please note that **the application will not be processed before all the required enclosures have been submitted.** Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.

Exchange students wishing to participate in courses that do not belong to the field of the exchange agreement should always check the availability of the courses well in advance. The University of Turku cannot, for example, accept exchange students who primarily wish to take courses in business. Cooperation between the University of Turku, Åbo Akademi University, Turku School of Economics and Turku Polytechnic gives incoming exchange students the opportunity to take up to 50 % of their studies at the other institutions. However, some restrictions apply; students must fulfill the prerequisites of the programmes and there must be places available in the courses.

Language proficiency

A good command of the language of instruction is required. All students whose mother tongue is not Finnish or English must enclose proof of their language skills for English or Finnish in their application. When planning to participate in courses from the regular curriculum, exchange students should always check the language of instruction for each course with the Faculty Officer or Departmental Contact person.

Course information

Can be found from this guide but for more actual information please refer to our website at www.utu.fi/en/studying. Most of the Faculties have ECTS-guides on their websites which include course lists or contact the coordinators at the faculties directly for preliminary course information. If you do not find the needed course information please refer to the information available.

Application procedure

It takes a minimum of 2–3 weeks to process an application after it has been completed. All completed applications received by the deadline in June will be processed in June and students are notified by mid-July. The completed applications for the spring semester received by the deadline in November are processed in mid-November and students are notified in December at the latest. Incomplete applications cause delays in processing and may result in the rejection of acceptance to the University of Turku or to some courses.

Our deadlines cannot be extended. It is extremely important that applications arrive in time and are completed so that they can be processed in time. Applicants should note that the faculty personnel is on holiday in July and in the beginning of August and the International Office is usually closed during the holiday season. Please check on www.utu.fi/en/studying/students/exchange/arrive/orientation.html.

Once a student has been accepted, the acceptance letter is sent directly to the student unless otherwise agreed. The letter is sent together with an information package including information on studies and arrival dates.

Costs of living

The minimum living expenses of a single student are about € 600 per month depending on the accommodation costs. More information about student accommodation on www.tys.fi. Please note that it is difficult to find a part-time job in Finland.

Credit System

At Finnish universities, 1 credit (opintopiste, abbreviated op) equals 1 ECTS credit. All courses in this brochure are measured using ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). ECTS was developed by the European Commission to provide common procedures that guarantee the full transfer of credits for studies abroad towards the final qualification in the home country. ECTS credits are a value allocated to course units and they describe the workload required to complete the course/module. In ECTS, 60 credits represent the workload of one year of full-time studies and 30 credits per one semester. Exchange students receive ECTS credits for all academic work successfully carried out at any of the three universities in Turku.

Grading system

The grading or assessment of courses usually includes lectures, course participation, essay writing and/or a written examination. Examinations are usually based on lecture notes as well as the required readings indicated in the reading list for the course. Some courses are taught over the entire semester for two hours per week, others are taught for several hours per week over a shorter period of time. Some courses are graded on a pass/fail basis only.

Exams and assignments are assessed according to the following scale:

University of Turku	ECTS
5	A
4	B
3	C
2	D
1	E
0	F/FX

ECTS Learning Agreement

As an exchange student you are required to fill in an ECTS Learning Agreement when applying. The meaning of this preliminary study plan is to inform our departments about your wishes for courses in Turku. When you arrive in Turku you should make, if necessary, an updated ECTS Learning Agreement which will be signed by our departmental and institutional coordinators. Changes to the Learning Agreement has to be made during the first three weeks upon your arrival. A signed Learning Agreement approves the study plan i.e. the courses you wish to take. Please save your final Learning Agreement carefully together with the final transcript because they will be important documents when

you discuss the recognition of studies at your home university.

At the University of Turku each coordinator responsible for the courses must sign it, and if you have chosen courses from several programmes, it will take some time for the document to circulate. If you did not receive a copy of your Learning Agreement in the information package, you will receive it later by mail or upon your arrival in Turku.

Please note that courses are normally arranged either in the autumn or spring semester only. Make sure that your Learning Agreement contains only courses which are available during the time period you are in Turku. If there are any courses which were not approved by the coordinators or which will not be arranged during the next academic year, this should be mentioned at the bottom of your preliminary Learning Agreement. Please make sure that you choose enough courses according to the regulations of your home university. In case there are changes in offered courses e.g. due to the cancellation you will be able to meet the requirements of your home university.

Students who wish to take courses arranged by our partner universities (Åbo Akademi University and Turku School of Economics) will find the specific documents to be filled in on www.utu.fi/opiskelu/kv/lomakkeet/saapuvat.html Please note that if you need to make changes into your study plan when you arrive in Turku it has to be completed **during the first three weeks of your stay in Turku.**

Visiting students will also need to fill in an ECTS Learning Agreement forms but they should have applied to each course beforehand.

Please find more information on: www.utu.fi/opiskelu/oppaat/visiting.

Course registration

Please note that if in the course catalogue or in the course description is mentioned that you should register for the course beforehand, you should do so according to the instructions given, even though you have filled in the course in your Learning Agreement. In most cases, however, you register for a course by attending the first lesson. Special registration is normally required for the Turku Law School and for the Turku School of Economics and for some individual courses in other programmes. More information about the procedures will be given during the orientation course.

Transcript of Study Records

The transcript of study records, lists all the results for completed study units. The most convenient way to verify the results saved in the student register is via e-mail. Credits are only given if the courses are fully completed and the student must have finished all the assignments of the given course. Incomplete or failed courses will not be registered or shown in the transcript.

Please note that if the student is accepted to study at the University of Turku for the whole academic year, the student's right to study is valid until **31 July**. For the autumn semester the right to study is valid until **31 December**. The marks of the courses must be recorded in the student's transcript before this date. Therefore, **it is very important that the student finishes all of his or her work before leaving Finland.**



Final Transcript

The official final transcript will be sent to the student or to the student's home university after the student has left the country. In order to receive the final transcript the student must leave a filled student Course Card at Student Services. Only completed courses will be shown in the Transcript of Records.

Exchange Student in Turku/Åbo Course Card

International students will receive an exchange student course card at Student Services upon registration with the University of Turku. The course card is to record your courses and grades during your stay in Finland. The processing of your final transcript is based upon your course card and the completed grades in the study register. Please fill in your course card carefully and completely.

NettiOpsu - a virtual study register

There are a number of services available on NettiOpsu such as exam registration (currently at selected departments) and change of address.

Wentti - exam results on the Internet

Wentti is a virtual publishing system where you can search for exam and course grades. Most of the completed grades are published on this system in addition to the notice boards found at the departments.

Instructions and regulations concerning courses, examinations and essays

Most courses are assessed by a written examination at the end of the course. The instructor will notify the students about the examination procedures in question. Exams should be evaluated by the instructor within two weeks (at the University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University) and within four weeks (at Turku School of Economics). Essays or other exercises written during the course may also be a part of the assessment.

Each semester of the academic year is divided into two teaching periods with an examination week between each period. Examination usually takes place during this time, but examination periods may vary from faculty to faculty. Please check the procedure at your department/programme.

There are certain rules concerning examinations and essays, set out by the University Law and the regulations of each university. **Violation of these rules is considered a serious offence and will be punished** with failure to complete the course in question, a warning by the Rector, and in serious cases, suspension from the university. The most serious violation is to cheat in examinations or to plagiarise in an examination or on essay. Any violation against these rules by exchange students will be reported to the student's home university. Before that, however, the student will always be informed of the matter and has the right to be heard. More information on www.utu.fi/en/studying/studies/regulations/exams.html.

Student Support Services

The University of Turku offers a variety of support services aimed at incoming international students. The Orientation Courses and the tutoring system are designed to make arrival and settling in as smooth as possible. Study counselling is available for exchange students throughout the duration of their studies at the University of Turku.

Orientation Course

The Orientation Courses are arranged at the end of August and in the beginning of January. All incoming exchange students coming to study at the University of Turku are strongly recommended to begin their studies with an Orientation Course. The course includes important information about studying at the University of Turku as well as practical advice that helps students in adjusting to the Finnish student life and living in Turku. If the student for some reason arrives late s/he will be responsible finding the information delivered during the orientation him/herself. Information on the Orientation Course will be sent to all exchange students before they arrive in Turku.

Tutor

All exchange students coming to study at the University of Turku are assigned a personal student tutor. Tutors are voluntary and trained students to help you with the practical matters. The tutoring system is designed to give you a smooth start into your studies and stay in Finland.

Please inform the International Office and your tutor about your arrival day, time and place as soon as possible so that s/he can make arrangements to meet you upon your arrival. You will be sent a link into a form where you should fill in your arrival information.

Please note also that it is not always possible for the tutor to come and meet you the same day you arrive in Turku. Moreover, if you do not need or want a tutor, inform the International Office as soon as possible.

Practical counselling for international exchange students is available through the faculties, Student Services (International Advisors) and International Office. Academic counselling is available in the faculties and departments. You can find the contact information on www.utu.fi/en/studying/contact.

The Student Union of the University of Turku (TYY)

In every Finnish university, there is a student union. The membership of a student union is by law compulsory for all Finnish undergraduate students - and for those international students who are studying for a Finnish degree. It is possible for the exchange students to join a student union, too. Visiting students are not allowed to join the Student Union.

The role of TYY as a public corporation completely independent of the University of Turku is to represent its members, to advance



the position of students and provide them with services. As a member of the Student Union, you are entitled to a variety of benefits. TYY services for undergraduate students include, for example, basic health care at the Finnish Student Health Service, TYY Library, student priced lunches at all the student cafeterias in Finland and free of charge consultation with a lawyer. As a student union member you get a 50 % discount on long distance buses and trains and a variety of other discounts in museums, sport arenas and several shops.

Students who have paid the Student Union membership fee will be issued a student card called Lyyra, which entitles to the student union membership benefits. To obtain the Lyyra student card, you must pay the membership fee of the Student Union. For the student card you need a **digital photograph**. The card can be ordered at www.lyyra.fi and the ordering costs € 15. You will be notified when your card is ready. Meanwhile you can normally get the lunch reductions in student cafeterias by showing your payment receipt.

The student union works as an umbrella organisation for many student clubs, most of which are faculty or subject specific organisations. One of the best ways of meeting other students and getting involved in student life in Finland is joining your subject organisation and taking part in their activities. There are also political and religious student organisations, student nations and cultural organizations. Whether you are into heavy metal music, organically grown food, rowing or photography – there is a whole range of groups to explore.

The TYY section of the **Erasmus Student Network (ESN)** organises cultural happenings, sports activities, excursions, parties and other events that are mainly for exchange

students, but are open to all students. For more information, please visit <http://esn.tyy.fi> and join the ESN mailing list at <http://lists.utu.fi/mailman/listinfo/tyy-esn> as soon as possible! On this mailing list you will also receive general information from TYY.

The Secretariat of the Student Union offers TYY members consultation in academic, social and international affairs. For more information about the Student Union, check out the TYY Guide for International Students, visit the TYY web pages at www.tyy.fi or contact the TYY Secretary for International Affairs (tel. +358 2 276 9615, e-mail: tyy-kvsihteeri@utu.fi).

Health care

The Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS/ YTHS in Finnish) provides basic health care at a low cost for the members of the Student Union. Consultations with a general practitioner and laboratory tests are free of charge. A small fee is charged for consultations with specialists and for dental treatment. The University of Turku is not responsible for the health care of its exchange students, therefore, it is highly recommended students to have personal health insurance.

FSHS is open Monday to Friday during office hours only. At other times students must rely on municipal or private health care facilities at their own expense. Please note that FSHS does NOT cover emergency or hospital treatments or other treatments exceeding basic health care or treatment during evenings or weekends when the FSHS is closed. For more information please refer to www.yths.fi.

Student health care is not available for the visiting students and therefore they must use the municipal or private health centres and cover

the costs themselves. Visiting students who are not EU/EEA citizens are required to have a valid health insurance for studies in Finland.

Health insurance

EU/EEA citizens who have a European Health Insurance Card or an equivalent E-111/E-128 form are entitled to the same municipal health care at the same prices as Finnish citizens, however, it does not mean that health care would be free of charge.

If a student wants all the expenses covered in the case of accident or illness, it is advisable to take a personal insurance. **If you are receiving a scholarship paid by the University of Turku (e.g. bilateral agreement, FIRST programme) you must have a certificate of a valid personal health insurance when you enroll in the university.**

Non-EU/EEA citizens are required to have valid health insurance before arrival. Health insurance is required when the student exchange lasts for more than three months but less than two years. Foreign students must have a health insurance policy that covers the costs of medical care (up to € 100,000). If the duration of studies is at least two years, it is sufficient that the insurance policy covers pharmaceutical costs (up to € 30,000). The health insurance must be in force upon entry into Finland and the policy must be issued by a reliable and financially sound company or institution. For more information please visit the Finnish Immigration Service on www.migri.fi.

Library facilities

The Library of the University of Turku comprises the Main Library and five Faculty Libraries. Most of the university library services are free

of charge except for interlibrary loans. If books are not returned by the due date, a fine will be charged. At the university library, the student card issued by the Student Union is used as the library card for borrowing and reserving material. In case you do not have a student card, you can get a library card.

The libraries of the University of Turku, Abo Akademi University and Turku School of Economics together have a collection of 3.5 million volumes forming a significant scientific collection in Finland.

Computer facilities

All students have access to the university computing services with no additional costs. You need a personal user account in order to have access to the computer resources at the university. Exchange and visiting students will simultaneously apply for an user account at the Computing Centre when they enroll to the university. The Computing Centre and the helpdesk is located at Educarium (Assistentinkatu 5) on the 4th floor. The university offers computer labs for its students and staff to use for the purpose of study and study related matters. More information can be found on www.cc.utu.fi/en.

SparkNet

Wireless networks are growing in popularity around university and enable wireless mobility around campus. There are network sockets all around campus you can use to connect your (notebook) computer to the University network.

Student Village Network

All apartments in the Student Village have internet connection access. This requires a network card and you must apply for the



connection. **The connection fee** is € 30 and there are no monthly fees afterwards. Cables and connectors are available at the Computing Centre helpdesk.

The Exchange mailing list

The International Office has an e-mail list which purpose is to inform you about academic matters: new courses, changes in courses, seminars, practical matters related to studies and so on. The International Office will add all accepted exchange students on the list automatically, if you have given permission in your application. However, you should remember to remove yourself from the list before leaving Turku. You can unsubscribe from the mailing list by entering your e-mail address under "Exchange Subscribers" at <https://lists.utu.fi/mailman/listinfo/exchange>.

Sport facilities

University Sports provides the university community versatile sports services focusing on fitness and health. Services include both indoor and outdoor sports. Read more on www.utu.fi/en/studying/students/services/sports.

Student housing

The Student Village Foundation of Turku (TYS, Turun ylioppilaskylästätiö) is responsible for student housing and guarantees accommodation for all formal exchange students who apply on time. Please notice that you can only apply for housing after you have been accepted by the University of Turku.

By reading though the TYS web pages on renting a furnished flat you can find what types of housing are available for exchange students. Most of the rooms and flats are new or recently renovated. Exchange students need to fill out an online application form at www.tys.fi **at least**

six weeks before the first day of the lease.

Please note that the lease always starts on the first day of the month. The monthly rent includes electricity, water and heating, and the rent varies depending on the type of accommodation. There are no extra fees for a furnished room. Prices for all accommodation options are shown on the TYS website.

The housing office will send you instructions on paying a **refundable security deposit**, which is equal to approximately one month's rent. When you plan on moving out, an inspection will be made to make sure that the flat is in the same condition as it was when you moved in. Provided that the flat is in good condition the deposit will be refunded.

Students should confirm their reservation by paying a deposit according to the instructions they receive. If an applicant decides not to take the flat, the reservation must be cancelled before the due date given in the housing offer. Once the security deposit is paid, the rental agreement is considered being entered into. The **tenant is obliged to pay the rent for the duration of the entire semester** (autumn semester 4 months, spring semester 5 months), regardless of when he/she moves in or out. An admission fee of 40 euros is collected for all tenancy agreements that are made for a fixed period. The admission fee will be charged together with the rent.

You will be notified via e-mail or by post of your accommodation details about one month before you arrive. **When you come to collect your keys from the housing office, you must show a receipt as proof that you have paid the deposit.** Keys for your room are available from the Office of the Student Village Foundation only during their office hours from Monday to Friday. Please check the current opening hours on www.tys.fi. Because of this, you should not arrive during the weekend. If, however, you must

arrive either during the weekend or late in the evening after the office has closed, you must be prepared to stay in a hostel or a hotel (www.turkutouring.fi). In some cases your tutor might be able to collect your keys.

Household utensils such as curtains, blankets, etc. will have to be provided by the students themselves, but the Student Union of the University of Turku provides exchange students who are members of the Student Union with a Starting Package, which contains some household items (e.g. curtains, sheets, pans, dishes, cutlery, pillow and blanket) **for a refundable deposit and a small fee**. Please note that all these items are second-hand and available on a first come, first served basis. More information on the website of the Student Union on www.tyy.fi/english/starting.shtml.

Important notice for those arriving in the autumn term 2009! The orientation week starts in the last week of August and the official arrival day will be on Tuesday, 25 August. You can either arrive earlier in August and rent a flat for the whole month or you can stay in a hostel or hotel for few nights (www.turkutouring.fi). You will most likely be able to have your room on Tuesday 1 September after 12:00 when the lease starts.

Language courses and opportunities offered by the Language Centre

Finnish courses are offered at the Language Centre of the University of Turku for degree and exchange students who can freely study different courses of Finnish for Foreigners. There are normally courses available at different levels, and also shorter and longer courses (e.g. survival and intensive courses, elementary and

more advanced courses) according to the level and interests of students.

Visiting students please note that Finnish for Foreigners beginners' courses (levels I and II) are offered for exchange and degree students only. In regard to other language courses, visiting students should apply in advance and the fee is € 50/ECTS.

The language courses can only take a limited number of students and those who have not signed up in time, will not be able to participate. If unsure, please contact the teacher.

Language circles are carried out by international and Finnish students. International students can participate in voluntary Language Circle meetings, where both Finnish and one other language (depending on the specific group concerned) can be used and where international students can make contacts with Finnish and other international students. At the end of the term, the participants receive a certificate of their participation.

Tandem language exchange

There is also a possibility to practise your language skills with a so-called **Tandem Partner**, who is a native speaker of your target language or knows the language well for other reasons. Depending on Tandem partners' needs for language learning, the Tandem pair can practise both of the partners' target languages reciprocally e.g. offer each other help with homework, proof read short essays or practise oral skills over coffee.

Other opportunities in the Language Centre

There are a limited number of part-time job opportunities at the Language Centre for students to be a tutor, a helper for self-study in

the self-study area or an assistant teacher. This is normally two hours a week for two or three months.

The Language Centre prefers students, who are doing their teaching practice/Praktikum and who will later become teachers of their language and culture for foreigners. You can receive more information and express your interest during the orientation week. We also recommend you to check beforehand whether the teacher assistant-period could be transferred to your degree at your home university.

For more information please visit <http://kielikeskus.utu.fi>.

Visa and residence permit

NON EU/EEA citizens must obtain a residence permit from the nearest Finnish embassy or consulate in their home country. It is also important to check if a visa is also required to enter the Schengen area. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs website (www.formin.fi) offers a list of countries showing what travel documents are required and what agreement each country has with the Schengen member states. **The residence permit and visa must be obtained before arrival in Finland.** Students from non-EU/EEA countries are therefore advised to check what documents are required and apply for them in time.

According to the directive of the Ministry of the Interior, **non-EU/EEA citizens, who will be coming to Finland for studies or student exchange, are required to have valid health insurance in order to obtain a residence permit.**

According to the Finnish Immigration Service, citizens from outside the EU/EEA countries must show that their income is secured either with a scholarship, a grant or other funds with which the student can support him/herself during the academic year. Students must be able to prove that they have at their disposal at least € 500 a month or € 6,000 for a year.

Detailed information for students of non-EU/EEA countries can be found at the Finnish Immigration Service (www.migri.fi). Residence permit renewals are done at the local Police Station in Turku at Eerikinkatu 40-42.

US students, please also see instructions from the Embassy and Consulates General of Finland www.finland.org/en/ and follow the path: Services => visas and residence permits.

EU citizens and citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland do not need a residence permit, but they must register their right to reside in Finland if their stay lasts **longer than three months**. The right to reside can be obtained from the local Police Station in Turku at Eerikinkatu 40-42 before the three months is over.

Citizens of the **Nordic countries** (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland) do not need a visa or a residence permit for studies in Finland.

For further information on visa applications and residence permits, please contact the nearest Finnish Embassy or Consulate. Detailed information about matters concerning visa and residence permit can also be found from the website of the Finnish Immigration Service on www.migri.fi.



Faculties at the University of Turku

The University of Turku has six faculties. In each faculty, several disciplines offer non-degree programmes or individual modules taught in English. A total of some 200 courses are offered in English every year by different disciplines. Most of the courses offered in English are available for exchange students, although some restrictions do apply.

The University of Turku has nine **international Master's degree programmes** and most of them offer courses also for exchange students.

Please find more information on www.utu.fi/en/masters.

Faculty of Humanities

Master's Degree Programme in Baltic Sea Region Studies
Master's Degree Programme in European Heritage, Digital Media and the Information Society
Master's Degree Programme in Finnish and Other Finno-Ugric Languages (in Finnish)

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Master's Degree Programme in Bioinformatics
Master's Degree Programme in Environmental Sciences
Master's Degree Programme in Information Technology
Master's Degree in Physical Sciences, Astronomy track

Faculty of Medicine

No Master's degree programme in English available

Faculty of Law

No Master's degree programme in English available

Faculty of Social Sciences

Master's Degree Programme in Asian Studies
Master's Degree Programme in Institutions and Social Mechanisms

Faculty of Education

Master's Degree Programme in Learning, Learning Environments and Educational Systems



Exchange Studies at the Faculties

Faculty of Humanities

Baltic Sea Region Studies
North American Studies
Finnish Language and Culture (in Finnish)

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Development Studies

Faculty of Medicine

No non-degree programmes, only individual courses available

Faculty of Law

Turku Law School

Faculty of Social Sciences

Histry and Politics of European Integration
Centre for East Asian Studies
Asian Programme
Finnish-Nordic Society and Culture

Faculty of Education

No non-degree programmes, only individual courses available



The University of Turku has the second-largest Humanities Faculty in Finland. The Faculty is recognised for its wide coverage: over 30 subjects represented in the Faculty are grouped into the study of languages, history, the arts and cultural sciences. Over 5,000 students are enrolled in Humanities, making it the largest Faculty at the University of Turku with the staff of around 200. There is also a campus in the City of Pori (110 km north from Turku).

Fields:

School of Art, Literature and Music
 School of Classical and Romance Languages
 School of Cultural Production and Landscape Studies
 School of Cultural Research
 School of English
 School of Finnish and General Linguistics
 School of History
 School of Swedish, German and Russian

Non-degree Programmes in English:

Baltic Sea Region Studies
 North American Studies

Non-degree Programme in Finnish for foreigners:

Finnish Language and Culture

Information on study opportunities can be obtained from the International Officer of the Faculty. Also note the contact information for each programme.

The Faculty of Humanities offers several study opportunities for exchange students in the international non-degree programmes offered in English. Exchange students also have, with certain limitations, access to the lecture courses offered in the international Master's Degree Programmes of the Faculty. In addition to the courses within the international programmes, the departments sometimes offer courses in English and in other languages.

The Centre for Women's Studies arranges annually in spring semester the course "Nordic Gender System and Cultural Representations of Gender in Finland". The course explores gendered, cultural and political dimensions of Nordic welfare state and its gendered meanings. It gives also an introduction to representations

of women, men, femininities and masculinities in the field of media, art and other areas of expression. For further information, please see the website www.hum.utu.fi/oppiaineet/naistutkimus/en.

It is also worth noting that international students can take several classes at the Department of English. For further information, please consult the website on www.hum.utu.fi/oppiaineet/englantilainefilologia/studying/exchangestudents

Also the other departments of modern languages offer teaching in their target languages. Information on the Faculty of Humanities, its departments and programmes is available on the Faculty website on www.hum.utu.fi/en.

Baltic Sea Region Studies

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Prerequisites: At least two years of university studies and a special interest in the Baltic Sea Area in the fields available.

Description: Baltic Sea Region Studies is a programme at the advanced undergraduate/graduate level offering an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the societies,

cultures and economics of the region surrounding the Baltic Sea. The Baltic Sea Region has emerged as a visible entity on the map of Europe and in the process of European integration. The programme explores the very varied societies of the region from both historical and contemporary perspectives. The language of instruction is English. The programme also provides courses using the scholarly expertise of its partner universities in the Baltic Sea Region.

The main fields of study are History, Art History, Culture, Intercultural Communication, Political Science, Contemporary History, Human Geography, Geopolitics, and Environmental Studies. The fields of study are organised in three sections:

History and Culture
 Languages and Communication
 Society and Environment

The programme offers a wide range of courses for exchange students who can construct their own study plan. The total number of courses offered each year amounts to at least 25 ECTS. The total list of courses and the course schedule is available on the programme website in the beginning of May at the latest, <http://balticstudies.utu.fi>

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North American Studies

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Prerequisites: see **Registration** below.

Description: The foundation course for the program, Introduction to the United States (4 ECTS + 4 ECTS for optional term paper), is taught every fall semester, and offers an introduction both to contemporary American society and to interdisciplinary studies. Students are also strongly encouraged to attend the annual two-day American Voices seminar held in October. In addition to these courses, the program offers taught electives which vary from year to year, and units consisting of independent study. The second foundation course, The Making of Canada (4 ECTS + 4 ECTS for optional term paper) is offered every spring semester.

Note: Where an elective is a taught course, students from the North American Studies program participate alongside students from the department offering the course. If places on particular courses are restricted, priority is given to the department's own students. The introductory course is taught in English; all of the book examinations can be taken in English. Occasionally, courses taught in Finnish or Swedish may be offered within the program. The choice of language used in classes and for written assignments is at the teacher's discretion and can be identified from the title of the class quoted in the course listing.

Registration: Please note that exchange students are not admitted to the University of Turku only for the North American Studies program. However, all exchange students admitted to the University of Turku, or to Åbo Akademi University or to the Turku School of Economics, may attend any courses offered by the NAMS program, and these courses can be included in exchange students' Learning Agreements.

Students should register with the Coordinator before the courses start.

For a complete listing of the courses available, please consult the programme's website on www.hum.utu.fi/nams

Suomen kieli ja kulttuuri Finnish Language and Culture

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NB: THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN THIS PROGRAMME IS FINNISH; ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE IS REQUIRED.

Prerequisites: General eligibility for university studies and a good knowledge of Finnish. The language of instruction is Finnish. Students must be able to produce and understand both spoken and written Finnish.

Description: The Finnish Language and Culture programme is offered for international students with previous studies in the Finnish language. The programme consists of two parts: the Basic (introductory) studies and the Intermediate (bachelor-level) studies.

The introductory studies (25 ECTS) deepen the participants' knowledge of the use and structure of Finnish as well as its regional and stylistic variants. The courses acquaint students with the main authors and central works of Finnish literature and its trends as well as provide information about the history and culture of the Finnish society. All courses in the introductory studies are aimed exclusively for international students.

The bachelor-level studies (35 ECTS) are aimed for students with advanced knowledge of the Finnish language. They consist of advanced practical (e.g. academic writing) and theoretical (e.g. Finnish syntax) studies in the Finnish language and linguistics as well as of studies in Finnish literature, culture and society. Some of the courses in the bachelor-level studies are aimed exclusively for international students but, for the most part, the courses are offered both for Finnish and international students.

The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the University of Turku covers all the basic natural sciences, mathematics and computer science. The strength of the Faculty lies in the high quality of its research in all of the disciplines. The Faculty offers a variety of choices for students wishing to embark on a career in science. There is also a campus in the City of Salo (55 km east from Turku).

Fields:

Department of Biochemistry and Food Chemistry
Department of Biology
Department of Chemistry
Department of Geography
Department of Geology
Department of Information Technology
Department of Mathematics
Department of Physics

Non-degree Programme in English:

Development Studies

Description: Development Studies is a 60 ECTS programme aiming to introduce students to the concepts and theories of development and enable them to see the value of their own main subject in development research. The programme examines development questions from multi-scientific point of view enabling students to begin to carry out research on development issues and/or in a developing country. The courses also broaden students' skills in readiness for working in a developing country.

Detailed information from www.sci.utu.fi/kehitysmaa

Information on study opportunities can be obtained from the International Officer of the Faculty.

The departments of the Faculty offer a large selection of courses in English every year. The non-degree programme in Development Studies is open to all exchange students. Also the majority of the courses offered in the three English-language Master's Degree Programmes of the Faculty – the Master's Degree Programmes in Bioinformatics, Environmental Sciences, and Information Technology – and also the courses of

the new English-taught Astronomy track of the Master's Degree in Physical Sciences, are open to exchange students. In order to participate, students must have relevant and sufficient knowledge in the applicable fields.

In addition to the annual courses in English, all departments occasionally have courses and lectures given in English by visiting professors and lecturers. Information on such courses is published throughout the year on departmental notice boards and websites. Exchange students can participate in these courses even if they have not signed up for them in their original Learning Agreements, but are recommended to agree on this with their home coordinator.

More specific and up-to-date information on the courses offered is available from the departments' web sites (direct links from www.sci.utu.fi/tdk/en/education/exchange/studying.html). Detailed course descriptions are available from the ECTS Guide on www.sci.utu.fi/tdk/en/education/sguide. The courses offered during the upcoming academic year are usually announced in May.

In addition to taught courses, it is possible to take examinations based on the independent study of reading material (textbook examinations). The examinations are the same as those taken by the local students but offered in English. The lists of books for the examinations can be found from www.sci.utu.fi/tdk/opiskelu/opas/opas_uusi/index.html. Arrangements for independent study can be made upon arrival in Turku with the academic contact person and the professor responsible for each study module. The departments organise 1–2 monthly general examination sessions during which independent study exams can be taken.

Students must sign up for the examination sessions in advance following the rules of the department in charge of the examination.

It is also possible to earn credits by writing essays or doing project work. All essay and project work must be arranged with the academic staff of the department in question.

In many subject areas it is possible to work in laboratories on a full-time basis. Several research groups welcome exchange students to work with the group as part of their studies. The basic requirement for this option is at least two years of studies in a relevant field of study and the basic laboratory skills. In order to work on such projects, please contact the International Officer of the Faculty prior to your arrival in Turku, as this kind of work placement needs to be arranged well in advance.

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The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Turku was founded in 1943. The Faculty aims to give comprehensive training producing experts of health care. The development of teaching and the commitment to lifelong learning have played an important role in achieving the goals of the Faculty. The Faculty has four major lines of specialisation including medicine, dentistry, nursing science and health biosciences and it accepts some 120 new students each year.

Fields:

Institute of Biomedicine
Institute of Clinical Medicine
Institute of Dentistry
Institute of Microbiology and Pathology
Department of Nursing Science

Information on study opportunities can be obtained from the International Officer of the Faculty.

Medical and Dental Studies

All courses in the regular curriculum in medicine and dentistry are offered in Finnish. There is a possibility for the exchange students to participate in small group teaching in English. Some departments offer lectures in English if there are several non-Finnish-speaking students participating. Some elective courses can also be held in English when required. Clinical rotations can be offered in English, please see www.med.utu.fi/en/studying/exchange/courses. Clinical dental treatment can also be practiced by the 5th year dental students.

A limited number of vacant places are available in the curricular courses and electives. As study places in the courses cannot be guaranteed, incoming exchange students should choose more than one alternative when choosing courses for their study plan.

Students applying for courses in the autumn semester should note that some courses may start as early as in mid-August. In such cases students are informed in advance.

Updated course information can be found on www.med.utu.fi/en/studying/exchange and www.med.utu.fi/dent/studying/sokrates.html

IMPORTANT (Medicine and Dentistry): It is mandatory that students planning to take clinical courses or electives have their samples taken and investigated to exclude contamination with MRSA (meticillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus) and VRE (vancomycin resistant Enterococcus) when they arrive in Turku. The students cannot begin their studies before the samples have been investigated and the results are ready, which should take about one week. Students should contact the International Officer of the Faculty for instructions when they have arrived in Turku.

Nursing Science

The department of Nursing Science operates a diverse programme of research. Research is aimed at actively responding to the needs of health care development in society and many research projects involve collaboration with clinicians from the field of nursing as well as from other scientific disciplines. The Department's main ongoing research projects are in the following areas: value base and ethics of nursing and nursing education, structures and knowledge base of nursing decision-making, evaluation and development of clinical nursing

practice, nursing education and education outcomes and health care administration and organisational development.

The language of instruction in the Master of Health Sciences (Nursing Science) programme is Finnish but annually some courses are in English and the non-degree study module "Empowering Patient Education". The Department of Nursing Science can also arrange individual study plans for exchange students in English as well as the individual study projects at the master and doctoral level. The Department of Nursing Science is an active international collaborator and a partner in the European PhD network.

More information is available on the website of the Department of Nursing Science on www.med.utu.fi/hoitotiede/en/international.

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The Faculty of Law at the University of Turku is a modern research and education unit established in 1960. Research and education based on research at the Faculty cover all significant and recognised areas of law. The English programme running at the Faculty is the Turku Law School. The Faculty has some 1,300 students.

Fields:

Law

Non-degree programme in English:

Turku Law School

Information on study opportunities can be obtained from the International Officer of the Faculty.

For its independent, innovative and international approach the faculty has been recognized by the Ministry of Education as a centre of excellence for the period 1997-1998, and as a quality unit for the periods 1999-2000, 2004-2006 and 2007-2009.

At the moment research activities concentrate e.g. on European Law, new activities of Public Administration, Fundamental and Human Rights, Criminal Law, Contract Law, Industrial Property Law and Property Law, Communication Law and Environmental Law. Research of Jurisprudence and Legal History have traditionally been strongly emphasized research fields at the faculty.



Turku Law School

Contact information: Please contact the International Officer at the Faculty of Law.

Prerequisites: The courses of the Turku Law School are available for exchange students registered as law students at partner institutions of higher education abroad. Students should also be familiar with the basic legal concepts. More information is available on the Turku Law School website on www.law.utu.fi/en/international/tls.

Turku Law School is a cooperative organisation involving the three universities in Turku: the Faculty of Law at the University of Turku (TY), the Department of Law at Åbo Akademi University (ÅA), and the Unit of Business Law at the Turku School of Economics (TSE). One of the principal aims of the cooperation is to combine the resources of the institutions in

order to provide international students with a broad range of high quality law courses taught in English. Currently more than 30 law courses are taught in English on an annual basis. International students at Turku Law School have the unique opportunity to live and study in a global community, gaining exposure to a variety of ideas and perspectives together with acquiring a deeper personal understanding of the Nordic culture and its special customs and norms.

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The Faculty of Social Sciences (est. 1967) is a forward-looking and active faculty with a wide range of academic disciplines. Its mission is to generate new knowledge and understanding through research as well as to provide high-quality teaching and research training. The defining characteristic of research carried out within the Faculty is a critical approach to the central problems of social sciences. The teaching at the Faculty is based on the latest research but it also familiarises students with the history of their discipline and its research traditions. The Faculty constitutes a community of almost two thousand persons including some 1,800 students enrolled in Social Sciences and the staff of around 200.

Fields:

- Economics
- Philosophy
- Contemporary History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Statistics

Non-degree studies in English:

- Centre for East Asian Studies
- Asian Programme
- History and Politics of European Integration
- Finnish-Nordic Society and Culture

Information on study opportunities can be obtained from the International Officer of the Faculty. Also note the contact information for each programme.

There are several possibilities for exchange students to study at the Faculty of Social Sciences including international programmes as well as individual courses taught in English. Exchange students can also negotiate with the departments about alternative ways to complete courses taught in Finnish.

Information about all the courses available in English can be found on the website of the Faculty on www.soc.utu.fi/en/studying/programmes.

Centre for East Asian Studies

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The Centre for East Asian Studies provides English-language teaching on contemporary East Asia at the graduate level as well as doing post-graduate research. It also aims to foster cooperation between the experts on Asia at the University of Turku and actors in business, education and state institutions.

The Centre offers interdisciplinary studies ranging from introductory courses for students with no previous knowledge of Asia, to courses on the Bachelor, Master and postgraduate levels. Studies are offered in the form of minor studies and a two-year Master's Degree Programme. Study methods include seminars and lectures by the Centre's regular teaching staff as well as guest lecturers from international universities around the world.

The studies include investigations into and discussions on the manner in which contemporary history, social practice, political philosophy, political culture as well as literature and cinema offer alternate, but equally significant understandings of East Asian society and politics in the present.

More detailed information on the teaching offered by the Centre for East Asia Studies is available at the Centre's website on <http://aasia.utu.fi>.



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History and Politics of European Integration

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"History and politics of European Integration" is a multidisciplinary teaching program at the non-degree level. The courses emphasize various aspects of the European integration process, and focus mainly on the history of European integration, ranging from the end of World War I to the creation of the European Union. The students are to investigate the problematics of European politics and are also invited to investigate other aspects of European politics (Law, Political Science, Economics and Economic History, Media politics, etc).

The program is a part of the Department of Contemporary History's teaching syllabus, open to foreign and exchange students. It covers one academic year (September-May), and accepts both undergraduate and graduate students. It is aimed at basic/intermediate students, but will accommodate more advanced students. The language of teaching, instruction and required reading material is English.

Both undergraduate and graduate students are accepted into the program. The language of instruction and the required reading materials is English.

The program is divided into an opening session, main courses for a total of 20 ECTS credits, and a variety of additional courses. The courses consist of lecture series, conferences, book exams, and intensive courses. Additional courses are organized by the program or by other institutions. While all the main and additional courses are open for attendance by option, it is

recommended for the students to attend the main courses in order to achieve a thorough perspective of European integration. Students can then include additional courses for a stronger emphasis on more specific aspects.

The main courses of the programme for the academic year 2009-2010 are:

- A. The History of European Integration 1945-1995, for 4 ECTS credits (lecture series during the autumn semester 2009, book exam through the year)
- B. Finland, the Nordic Countries, and European Integration, for 4 ECTS credits (lecture series during the spring semester 2010, book exam through the year)
- C. The Politics of the European Union, for 2*2 ECTS credits, 2 intensive courses (Dimensions of contestation in the European Union, and A cross-national comparative workshop: European Union and European Media Landscapes), one during the autumn semester, the other during the spring semester
- D. The Economic history of European integration, for 4 ECTS credits, book exam through the year
- E. The idea of Europe and European projects before 1945, for 4 ECTS credits, book exam through the year
- F. Perspectives on Europe and European Integration, 4 conferences through the year, for 4 ECTS credits

Finnish-Nordic Society and Culture

Contact information:

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www.soc.utu.fi/en/studying/programmes/finnish-nordic.html

The Finnish-Nordic Society and Culture is a multidisciplinary programme emphasising the dimensions of the Nordic welfare society. Exchange students particularly interested in gender issues, law or health care are offered the possibility of taking additional courses extending their knowledge in their area of interest.

Both undergraduate and graduate students are accepted into the programme. The language of instruction is English. The total amount of credits for the basic module is 25-33 ECTS (more credits are available). The basic module consists of following study areas: Contemporary History, Social Policy, Sociology, Political Science and Philosophy.

Autumn semester:

Aspects of Finnish Contemporary History, 5 ECTS
Nordic Welfare State from a Comparative View, 5 ECTS
Education and Equality, 2-4 ECTS

Spring semester:

Finnish Society: Structures and Cultures, 5 ECTS
The Finnish Political System, 5 ECTS
Ethical Thinking and Society, 5 ECST
Employment and Equality, 2-4 ECTS

Asian Programme

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The Asian Studies Programme is an interdisciplinary programme offering students basic knowledge on East and Southeast Asia.

The Programme consists of five courses which can be taken as a complete entity or as individual courses. All of the teaching is conducted over the Internet and all lectures and materials are available on the Internet as well. More information on the courses offered in the programme can be found on www.asianet.fi.

The languages of instruction are Finnish (course A) and English (courses B, C, D and E)

- A: Cultural History of East and Southeast Asia, options: 6 ECTS, lectures and books only: 3 ECTS
- B: Society and Politics in East and Southeast Asia, options: 6 ECTS, lectures only: 2 ECTS
- C: Business in East and Southeast Asia, options: 7 ECTS, lectures and course readings: 5 ECTS, term paper: 2 ECTS
- D: Language and Communication in East and Southeast Asia 6 ECTS
- E: India in World Politics 6 ECTS



The Faculty of Education consists of the Department of Education located in Turku and two Departments of Teacher Education, one in Turku and another one in Rauma (90 km north from Turku). Each Department of Teacher Education has its own affiliated training school.

The Faculty offers both undergraduate and graduate programmes with majors in Education, Adult Education, Special Education and Technology (Crafts) Education. The programmes are offered in Finnish. The Faculty offers also a two year Master's Degree Programme in English called Learning, Learning Environments and Educational Systems. In addition, the Faculty offers qualifications for subject teachers by providing pedagogical studies in teacher education as minor studies for students majoring at the University's other faculties.

The Faculty trains specialists for all fields of education, ranging from early education to adult education. Graduates from the Faculty have career prospects for example as teachers in kindergartens, primary schools and craft education or as educational planners and consultants in a wide range of tasks.

Fields:

Adult Education (Turku)
Educational Science (Turku)
Special Education (Turku)
Teacher Education (Turku and Rauma)
Technology Teacher Education (Rauma)
Kindergarten Teacher Education (Rauma)

Information on study opportunities can be obtained from the International Officer of the Faculty.

The Faculty of Education offers an international Master's degree programme called Learning, Learning Environments and Educational Systems (LLEES; www.edu.utu.fi/en/studying/llees). The programme is taught in English. Exchange students can take courses offered in the programme with certain reservations. The prerequisite for the courses with an 's' in the course code (for instance EDU s5) is at least three years of studies in Education, Adult Education, Special Education or in a related field. If the course code does not contain letter 's',

no previous studies in the field are required. The list of courses offered in English available for exchange students can be found at www.edu.utu.fi/en/studying/exchange_students.

The Faculty also offers teaching practice in English from primary to upper secondary school level at the Teacher Training School in Turku (from primary to upper secondary level) and at the Turku International School (primary level). Teaching practice is available only to the exchange students of the Faculty of Education. Students participating in teaching practice should have a good command of English.

Exchange students interested in courses for which the language of tuition is Finnish should contact the International Officer of the Faculty in advance to discuss whether there are alternative means for passing a course. The degree programmes and courses offered in Finnish are listed on www.edu.utu.fi/en/studying/undergraduate.

Courses Available for Exchange Students

N.B. Changes may occur! Courses are confirmed by 15 June, 2009.

Autumn semester 2009

Teaching Practice (max 6 ECTS)

Courses from the *Learning, Learning Environments and Educational Systems*

Master's Degree Programme:

EDU s1 Personal Learning Plan (2 ECTS)
EDU s3 Methodology 1 (7 ECTS)
EDU s5 Learning, Motivation and Learning Environments (3 or 5 ECTS)
EDU 15 Students with Needs of Special Education in Various Learning Environments (2 or 4 ECTS)
EDU 16 Educational Management and Administration (3 or 5 ECTS)

Spring semester 2010

Teaching Practice (max 6 ECTS)

Courses from the *Learning, Learning Environments and Educational Systems*

Master's Degree Programme:

EDU s2 Philosophical Studies of Educational Science and Learning (2 or 3 ECTS)
EDU s4 Methodology 2 (3 ECTS)
EDU s6 Educational Systems and Sociology of Education (2 or 4 ECTS)
EDU s7 Evaluation and Effectiveness of Education (2 or 4 ECTS)
EDU 13 Finnish Schools in the Light of International Comparison (3 or 5 ECTS)
EDU 14 Learning Difficulties in Elementary School (3 or 5 ECTS)
EDU 17 Multicultural Education (2 or 4 ECTS)

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Checklist

Some important matters to remember before you come to Turku:

If you are a non-EU/EEA citizen, check well in advance whether you need a visa in addition to a residence permit and apply for one at the nearest Finnish Embassy or Consulate in your home country.

Apply for housing. You should apply at least six weeks before arrival. Please notice that you will need to pay the deposit before you arrive.

Non-EU/EEA citizens are required to have a health insurance before arrival. It is advisable to take a travel insurance as well.

It is highly recommended to all students to have an insurance.

Book your travel tickets. You should arrive in time for the Orientation Course which is organised at the beginning of each semester. If you must arrive outside the official arriving days, avoid arriving during the weekends.

Contact your personal student tutor well in advance.

You will receive an Information Package of the University of Turku by post. If you have not received it in six weeks after the application deadline, please contact us by e-mail international@utu.fi.

Your first days in Turku:

Take part in the orientation programme for new international students.

Sign your lease at the Student Village Foundation office. Remember to fill out the apartment checklist carefully and return it to the housing office.

Enroll in the university at the Student Services office (open Mon-Fri 10-14). Remember to bring all the necessary documents with you.

Pay the Student Union fee at any bank by using your personal reference number (if you are eligible and willing to join the Student Union).

Apply for the Finnish student card (if you are eligible to join the Student Union).

Open a bank account (obligatory if you have been granted a scholarship, otherwise optional).



Useful Websites for More Information

Studies and practicalities:

Information on studying
www.utu.fi/en/studying

Orientation Course
www.utu.fi/en/studying/students/exchange/arrive/orientation.html

Wikicompass
www.wikicompass.fi/turku

Survival Guide
www.utu.fi/en/studying/studies/guides.html

Student Village Foundation (student housing)
www.tys.fi

Student Health Care
www.yths.fi

Language Centre of the University of Turku
<http://kielikeskus.utu.fi>

Computing Centre of the University of Turku
www.cc.utu.fi/en

Student Union of the University of Turku
www.tyy.fi/english

Services for students with disabilities and special needs
www.utu.fi/en/studying/studies/regulations/disabilities.html

Friendship Programme
www.turkuamk.fi/friendshipprogramme

The National Union of University Students in Finland
www.syl.fi/english

Finnish Immigration Service
Information on visas and residence permits
www.migri.fi

The Centre for International Mobility in Finland
<http://finland.cimo.fi>

International Summer School
www.utu.fi/summerschool

Turku and Finland:

City of Turku
www.turku.fi

Interactive Map of Turku
<http://opaskartta.turku.fi>

Virtual Finland
<http://virtual.finland.fi>

Finnish Tourist Board
www.visitfinland.com

Statistics in Finland
www.stat.fi/index_en.html