



The Student Union of the University of Turku

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Our agenda today

- What is the Student Union?
- The structure
- What do our members get?
- Student participation, ways to participate
- Our organisations



What does TYY (Turun yliopiston ylioppilaskunta) stand for?

- Founded in 1922
- We promote students' interests
 - Provide guidance, events and student culture
- Stated in law, every Uni has its own student union
 - Membership: obligatory for degree students, voluntary for exchange students and doctoral students
 - TYY is active in Turku, Rauma and Pori



14 000 students

participation



Organisations (144)

Wings (4)

elections



Student Union Council (41)



Executive Board (7)



Staff (14)

services



student benefits

newspaper

lunch restaurants

consultation



Our Executive Board this year



- **Chair:** Sini Saarinen
- **Vice-Chair:** Jeremi Nyyssönen
- **Academic Affairs:** Johanna Pohjonen
- **Social Affairs:** Otto Elomäki
- **International Affairs:** Sofia Engblom
- **Sub-organisations:** Risto Jokinen
- **Corporate Collaboration:** Ville Keränen



What do our members get?

- Student card
www.frank.fi/en
- Lunches with student friendly price
www.unica.fi/en + more!
- Student events and traditions
www.tyy.fi/en
- (Exchange students: Starting Package)
- YTHS – Finnish Student Health Services
www.yths.fi/en
- Consultation and support services – TYY staff & lawyer, harassment contact persons
- Rental spaces and items
- Student Union Newspaper

The membership fee 2019-2020 is € 110 for degree students and € 37 for doctoral students.



Student Participation

Based on the University Act (2009)

- Administrative autonomy: students and the staff form the majority in the multi member administrative bodies of the university
- Student Union elects the student representatives to the administration

In everyday life of departments

- Individual student associations are in constant dialogue and cooperation with the departments and programmes



Ways to participate, for example...

- Working together with the University on elections and promoting voting in general
- Development cooperation
- National level cooperation with other Student Unions and youth and student organisations
- Advocating student issues in Turku through the Group 40 000 (students of all the higher education institutions in Turku)
- Helping the refugees and asylum seekers in the year 2015 together with the University
- The Fairtrade University and sustainability issues
- Demonstrations and influencing the public opinion
 - Student issues like the student benefit
 - Taking part in the Turku Pride
- Giving statements and encouraging the student associations to do the same
- Supporting our associations both financially and by training: encouraging to emphasize certain issues (promoting equality and preventing harassment and inappropriate behaviour)
- The democratic and open processes of the Student Union, equal possibility to participate
- Advocating social issues like student housing and healthcare, for example mental health



Organisations



- 144 various organisations
 - Subject and Faculty organisations
 - Hobby and other organisations
 - Student Nations
- Financial support from TYY: activity support, project support
- [Tyy.fi/maillists](https://tyy.fi/maillists)
- [Tyy.fi/organisations](https://tyy.fi/organisations)

More information?

- www.tyy.fi/en
 - Event calendar, info mail
- tyy-kvsihteeri@utu.fi (Satu)
- Facebook:
 - TYY, TYY International
 - TYY International Council
- Instagram:
@studentuniontyy



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