

Exchange studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences

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Faculty of Social Sciences in student numbers



960


BACHELOR
STUDENTS
(2025)

681

MASTER
STUDENTS
(2025)

247

DOCTORAL
STUDENTS
(2025)

 **81**
INCOMING
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS
(2024)

 **57**
OUTGOING
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS
(2024)

Premises

Our premises are **mostly** located in Publicum



Studying at the Faculty

- Usually very MULTIPLE ways to study
 - Different learning and execution methods such as lectures, online learning, learning diary, book exams (written or e-exam), essay writing, video lectures, seminar working, study groups AND SO ON...
- Course enrollment
 - Check out the schedule from the study guide
 - NOTE! There might be different enrollments for different execution, e.g. a book exam vs a lecture course
 - Register your enrollment in Peppi study system (personal study plan)

Studying at the Faculty

- All the information about registrations, schedules etc. can be found from the study guide (Peppi)

Exams:

- E-exam → choose the suitable time to your self from the system

E-exams in the EXAM SYSTEM: <https://exam.utu.fi>

[More info about E-exams and detailed instructions](#)

- Written exams → dates set by the teacher

Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science

- Philosophy
- Contemporary History
- Political Science

Smaller units under the departments:

- ✓ Centre for East-Asian Studies
- ✓ Centre for Parliamentary Studies
- ✓ Finnish Centre for Democracy Studies
- ✓ The John Morton Center for North American Studies



Department of Social Research

- Social Work
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Economic Sociology



Smaller units under the departments:

- ✓ Turku Center for Welfare Research
- ✓ Research Unit for the Sociology of Education

Department of Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology (mostly known as logopedics)

- Speech-Language Pathology (Logopedics)
- Psychology

Smaller units under the departments:

- ✓ Centre for Learning Research
- ✓ Turku Brain and Mind Center
- ✓ Multiprofessional Teaching Clinic



Study Guide

<http://studyguide.utu.fi>

- Courses for exchange students
- Faculty of Social Sciences

Check the course description
for the teaching schedule and
person in charge/teacher!



Courses for exchange students

- Finnish and Nordic Society and Culture
- European Studies
- Minor in East Asian Studies
- ASIANET online courses
- North American Studies
- INVEST
- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Possible individual courses offered by the departments



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Finnish and Nordic Society and Culture

- Finnish and Nordic Society and Culture is a multidisciplinary non-degree programme that focuses on exploring the cultural, historical, political and social dimensions of Finnish and Nordic societies. It familiarizes students with contemporary history, political system, ethics of safety and well-being, social inequality and cultural practices and social institutions.
- Registration in Peppi or as stated in the [study guide](#).
- Courses available in spring:
 - The Finnish Political System, Lecture Course, 2 ECTS
 - The Finnish Political System, Essay, 3 ECTS
 - Social Inequality, 5 ECTS
 - **Contact:** Ulla Morelli oposoc@utu.fi

European Studies

- European studies is composed of compulsory courses and additional courses, which are announced annually. The studies explore EU and European studies from various historical, political, economic, ideological and theoretical perspectives.
- Lecture courses and independent study options.
- **Registration:** Please see the [study guide](#) for further information.
- Courses available in spring:
 - Europe and the Other, 5 ECTS
 - European Studies Essay, 5 ECTS
 - European Integration Exam, 5 ECTS
- **Contact:** Mika Suonpää, misuon@utu.fi

East Asian Studies

- The Minor in East Asian Studies programme provides a comprehensive introduction to the contemporary history and societies of East Asia on general issues of East Asia as well as particularities of the three major East Asian societies and states. In addition, the programme includes one language course (Chinese, Japanese, or Korean).
- Courses available in spring:
 - Korean Contemporary History and Society, 5 ECTS
 - Introduction to Chinese History, 5 ECTS
- **Sign-up** in Peppi if not mentioned otherwise.
- **Contact:** Tuula Karjalainen, tuusah@utu.fi

ASIANET

- The Asian Programme is an interdisciplinary Bachelor's and Master's level study programme which provides students with basic knowledge of Asia. For students whose study or career plans relate to Asia, this programme provides a good introduction to the region.
- **Sign-up** Application guidelines and the application form in <http://www.asianet.fi>
- Available courses [here](#) and [here](#).

North American Studies

- North American Studies (NAMS) is a joint program within Social Sciences and Humanities. Organized by the John Morton Center for North American Studies and the Department of English, the program offers an exciting transdisciplinary and multi-methodological approach to the study of North America.
- The North American Studies program provides students with an opportunity to assess from a variety of perspectives the societies, cultures, and politics of North American nations, communities, and phenomena.
- Most of the lecture courses in the North American Studies curriculum are taught in the autumn.
- **The list of courses:** [North American Studies, 2024-2027 | Opinto-opas 2024-2027](#)
- **Registration:** See Peppi study register and the study guide for details regarding registration policies of individual courses and independent studies.
- **Contact:** Janne Korkka, Dept. of English (jkorkka@utu.fi)

Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State (INVEST)

- A cross-disciplinary, international study programme that familiarizes the students with profound understanding of the key socioeconomic and demographic changes in societies, the role of welfare state institutions and services in compensating and/or enforcing them in different country contexts.
- The courses are offered for exchange students who study on the Master level in their home university.
- Courses available in spring:
 - Research Themes, 5 ECTS
 - Evolutionary Perspectives, 5 ECTS
 - Migration and Ethnicity, 5 ECTS
 - Health Disparities, 2 ECTS
- Contact: mdp-invest@utu.fi

Other options at the faculty

- Psychology & Speech-language pathology
 - A selection of courses for all exchange students and Psychology/Speech-language pathology majors (see further information/restrictions on [the study guide](#))
 - Many courses organised jointly with ÅAU
 - Human neuroscience courses offered by [Turku Brain and Mind Center](#)
- Philosophy, Contemporary History & Political Science



Studies at other faculties (examples)

- Faculty of Humanities
 - Finnish Culture Studies
- Turku School of Economics:
 - Futures Studies
- Centre for Language and Communication Studies
 - Chinese, English, Finnish, Swedish...
- Online [UniPID courses](#) (Virtual Studies Course Catalogue)

Finnish Culture Studies

- Finnish Culture Studies is a non-degree programme organized by the School of History, Culture and Arts Studies at the University of Turku.
- It offers a rich variety of courses that open cultural and historical perspectives to Finnish phenomena from nation building and communities to art, music and literature, to film and media, to gender and indigenous, religious or folk culture, popular culture or cultural heritage. Finnish culture is there seen in the Nordic, European and global context; all the time in interaction with the rest of the world.
- Courses can be taken individually or combined to a larger module of 10-30 ECTS.
- **Registration:** In Peppi, or as stated in the study guide.
- **Contact:** Pertti Grönholm, pergro@utu.fi

Futures Studies

- Futures Studies is a new emerging field of research. As the future does not exist yet, futurists study the future projections of and discontinuities in past trends and current views of the long-term future. Futures Studies is interested in the probable futures, possible futures and preferred futures.
- **Registration:** In Peppi, unless stated otherwise.
- **Contact:** futu@utu.fi



Studies at Åbo Akademi University (ÅAU)

- You can also take courses from Åbo Akademi University (up to 50 % of your exchange studies)
- To be able to attend courses at ÅAU, you'll need to apply for a separate study right using an online UTUForms application.
- It will take some time to process your application(s).
- More information available [here](#).
- ÅAU study guide is available [here](#).

Who to contact?

- In academic matters?
 - Your teachers or [departmental contact persons!](#)
- In practical matters?
 - Your tutor!
- In questions related to your mobility?
 - International Office
 - incoming@utu.fi



Office for Academic and Student Affairs

Email:

- oposoc@utu.fi (student advisors)
- opintosihteerit-yht@utu.fi (student services secretaries)

Visiting address:

- Publicum-building, ground floor ([check opening hours from the intranet](#))

➤ International master programmes

- Master's Degree Programme in Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State
- Master's Degree Programme in East Asian Studies

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