

Exchange studies at UTU

Orientation for new exchange students

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International Office

Student numbers

23148

STUDENTS
OVERALL
(2025)

479

INCOMING
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS
(2025)

544

OUTGOING
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS
(2025)

2373 international students from over 100 countries at UTU in 2025.

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FACULTIES

Faculty of Education

Faculty of Humanities

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Science

Faculty of Technology

Faculty of Social Sciences

Turku School of Economics



Faculties

- To an extent, faculties have different practices in study-related matters.
- Practices can also vary between the departments and even within subjects!
- In this presentation we tell how everything works in general
- If in doubt, you can always contact the teachers!

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Turku, Finland, showing a mix of urban buildings and a large area of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and green. The sky is clear and blue.

Academic Year (1 August – 31 July)

Autumn Semester

- August 1 – December 31
- Periods I (Aug 31 – Oct 25) and II (Oct 26 – Dec 20)
- Teaching usually starts in late August/early September and lasts until early to mid-December.
- Winter break starts on the weekend before Christmas and lasts until the beginning of January.
- See also [Finnish national public holidays!](#)



Academic Year (1 August – 31 July)

Spring Semester

- January 1 – July 31 officially, the teaching will end by the end of May
- Periods III (Jan 11 – Mar 14) and IV (Mar 15 – May 23)
- Teaching usually starts in early January and ends by the mid/end of May depending on the courses.
- No teaching offered in June or July
- See also [Finnish national public holidays!](#)



UTU Registration

- You have registered for UTU exchange studies online, the instruction sent to you in early August
 - your arrival date to Finland is the **first day of your exchange period!**
- You will receive a **Letter of Confirmation** at the end of your exchange, stating the exact dates of your mobility.
- The dates on the LoC do not usually correspond to the official semester dates!

Study Right

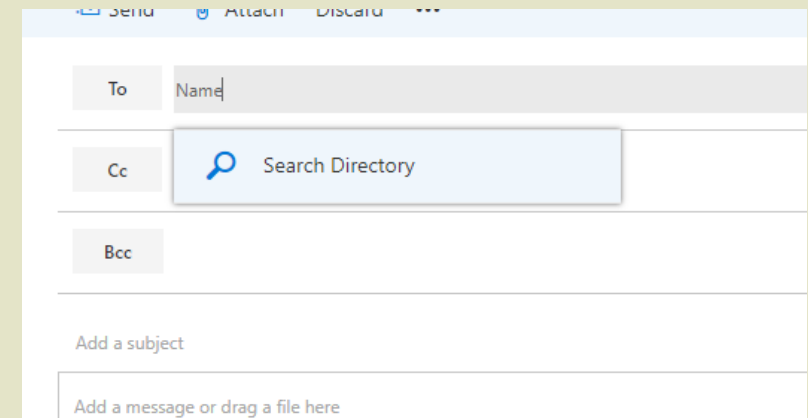
- If you stay at UTU for the Autumn Semester, your study right is valid until **December 31, 2026**.
- If you stay at UTU for the academic year, your study right is valid until **July 31, 2027**.
- **Remember to complete all your courses by the time your study right expires!**

UTU User Account

- The instruction how to activate your UTU user ID has been sent to you in June by Incoming team
 - You can do it remotely from home by using Signicat
- [Helpdesks](#) on campus are open Mon – Fri 8.00 – 15.00
- If you need to visit a Helpdesk, remember to bring an official ID with you! (NB! A driver's license **isn't** an official ID in Finland!)
- Helpdesks:
 - Natura (next to the Student Centre Disco)
 - Arcanum
 - Medisiina
- Helpdesk [Chat](#) is open online Mon – Fri 8.00 – 15.00
- You will need utu user account to access e.g....
 - your UTU email account
 - UTU's [intranet](#)
 - the study register Peppi where you can check your grades and register for courses and exams
 - course materials e.g. in Moodle
 - Please check [the presentations](#) of IT Services

UTU email

- Log in here mail.utu.fi with you UTU username & UTU account password
- Teachers and other university staff know only **your UTU-email** → all information is sent there!
- Teachers' email addresses follow a firstname.lastname@utu.fi principle
- When writing an email at mail.utu.fi you can search for other people's utu-email addresses



The screenshot shows the email composition window in the UTU mail client. At the top, there are buttons for 'Send', 'Attach', 'Discard', and a menu icon. Below these are the 'To', 'Cc', and 'Bcc' fields. The 'To' field contains the placeholder text 'Name'. The 'Cc' field has a 'Search Directory' button with a magnifying glass icon. The 'Bcc' field is empty. Below the recipient fields is a 'Add a subject' field. At the bottom is a large text area with the placeholder 'Add a message or drag a file here'.

Printing tag – access to the University buildings

- You can get a printing tag close to Helpdesk service points on campus, see the buildings here:
<https://www.utu.fi/en/university/wireless-networks-utu-accounts-and-it-support/helpdesk-it-support>
- You can activate the tag with your UTU account at any University of Turku printer
- Accounts and tags should not be activated the same day
- The tag works the day after you have activated the tag
- You can use your printing tag also for CampusSport services

Study Guide Peppi

- <https://studyguide.utu.fi>
- Courses for exchange students can be found on the study guide!
- Teaching schedules are listed on the course pages (click on the green box!).

Example of a course page

course
code



NB!

Contact the person
in
charge/teacher(s)
for any missing or
further
information!

firstname.lastname@utu.fi

FNSC9007 Finland in Northern European Contemporary History, 5 ECTS

Course Units

FNSC9007-3010 Finland in Northern European Contemporary History

09.09.2026 - 14.10.2026 ^

Teacher

Jenna Herva

Teaching language

English

Seats

30

Enrollment time

01.08.2026 00:00 - 02.09.2026 23:59

Further information

Students will be selected in the order of registration.

Teaching

Wed 09.09.2026 12:00-14:00 Pub299, Pub SH299
Mon 14.09.2026 10:00-12:00 Pub309, Pub SH309
Wed 16.09.2026 12:00-14:00 Pub299, Pub SH299
Mon 21.09.2026 10:00-12:00 Pub309, Pub SH309
Wed 23.09.2026 12:00-14:00 Pub150, Pub SH150

[Show more](#)

enrollment
period

teaching
schedule



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Peppi – the study register

What can you do in Peppi?

- Enroll for courses and exams
- Check your grades and credits
- Manage your personal information e.g. your address in Turku/ Pori
- Quick access to Peppi Study Guide and Timetables Planner



Peppi – the study register

<https://student.peppi.utu.fi>

Peppi - Student Desktop

Welcome to University of Turku Peppi Student's desktop!

You can get official, electronically signed study certificate and transcript by clicking on "Certificates" in the top bar of Student's Desktop. More information: Completed studies and documents

If you have questions about your completed studies or PSP, please contact the office of your faculty or department: <https://intranet.utu.fi/index/study-guidande-in-faculties/Pages/default.aspx>

For more information about using the service, please visit <https://intranet.utu.fi/en/sites/peppi-students/Pages/default.aspx>.



PSP – Personal study plan

PSP is your own study plan. Plan, schedule and edit your PSP.



Course enrolment

Enrol to courses you have planned (does not concern open university students). If you have multiple study rights, please make sure that you are on the correct study right before enrollment.



Study guide

Study guide.



Transcript of records

See completed and failed courses and credits.



Exam

Exam - electronic exam service



Semester enrolment

Enrol to your study right as attending or non-attending in Olli registration service. Enrolment periods 1 Jun - 31 Aug and 1 Dec - 15 Jan. You can see your enrolment status information in the personal details section.



Timetables

Check and plan your own schedule.

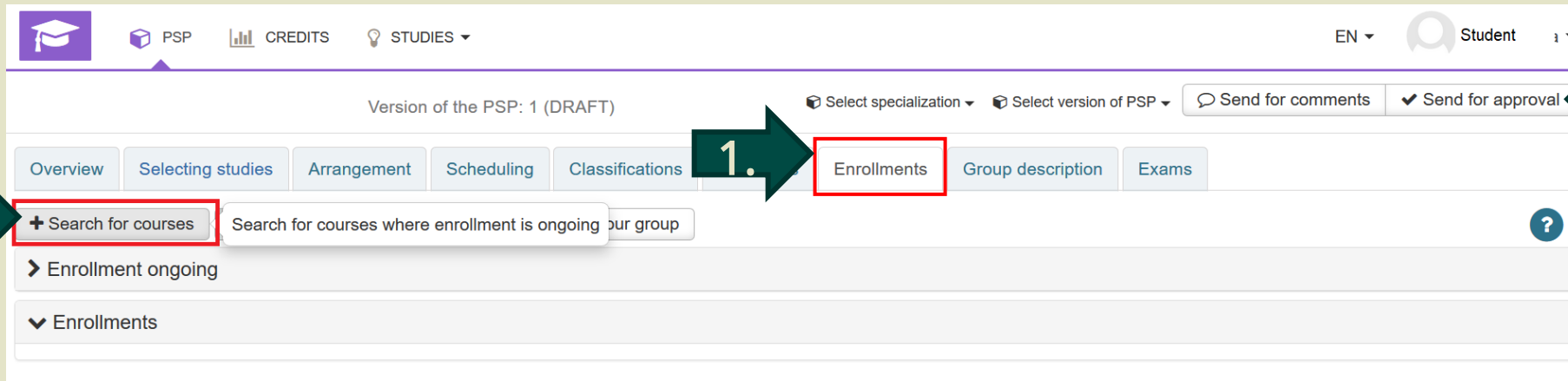


Personal details

View and update your personal details. You can print a study certificate in the top row of this page.

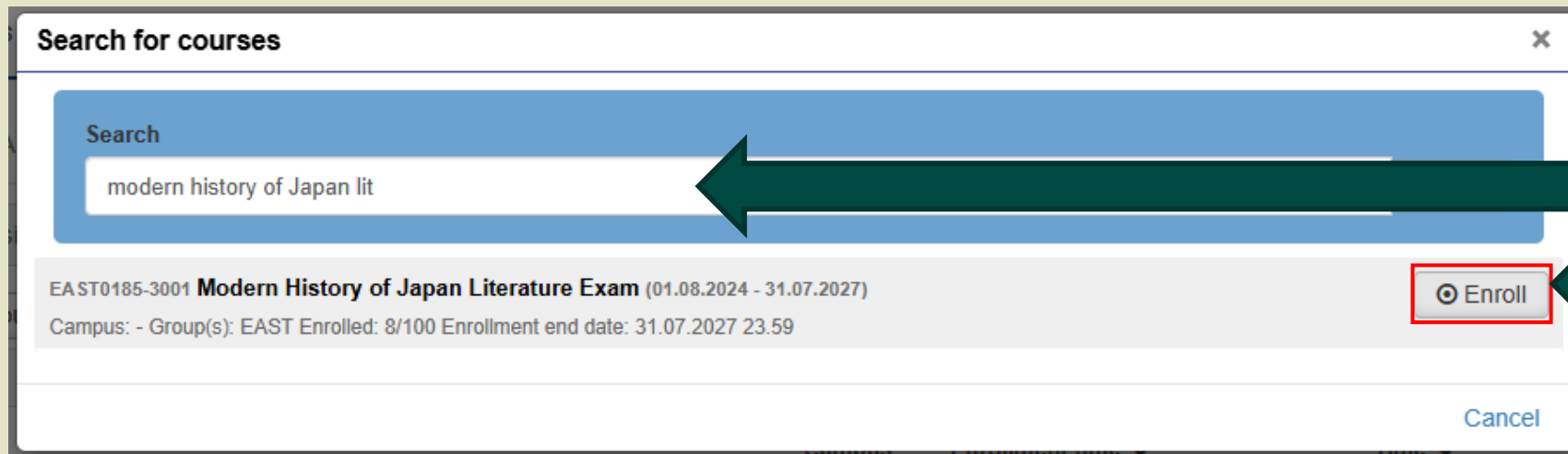
Course registration in Peppi

Before enrollment remember to check from the [study guide](#), when the course enrollment of the course begins



Ignore this

This is only for the Master's Degree students



3. Name of the course

4.



Finding your way to studies

- The Study Guide should have all the essential information!
- Course enrollment...
 - is most often in Peppi or Moodle (lecturer provides a Moodle key)
 - may only require an email to the teacher (e.g. sometimes self-study courses)

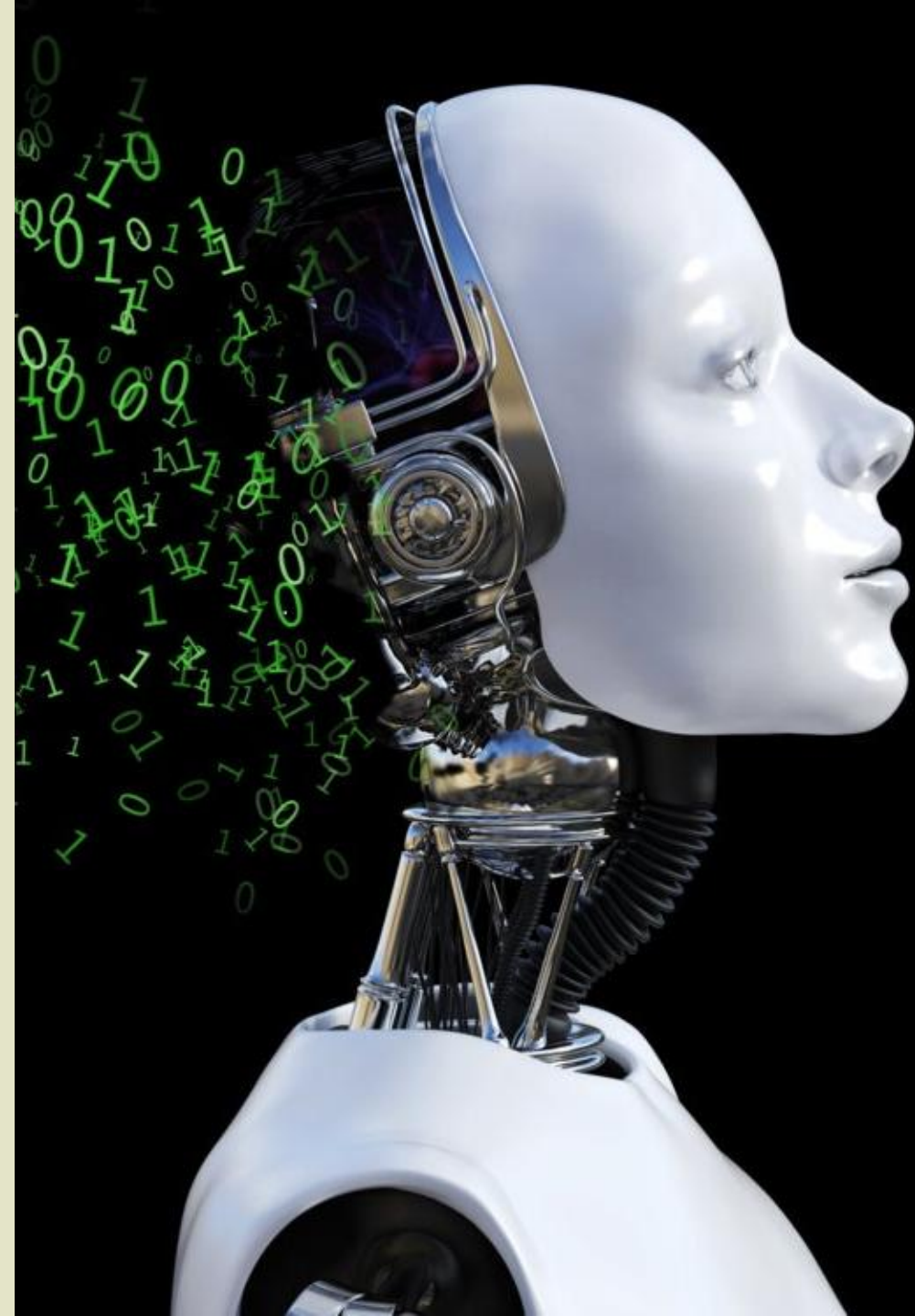


Most common modes of study

- **Lecture courses** can last for a semester, one period, or just part of a period.
 - Exams and special courses can be arranged outside the teaching periods.
- **Book exams** = you read material determined by the teacher and take an exam based on it.
- **Essays/papers** and other written works are usually based on a certain set of source literature.
 - **Using A.I.** – check from the teacher, if it is ok
- **Lecture or learning diaries** are written self-reflecting diaries based on lectures or seminars.
- Also: Clinical rotations, lab work, seminars, group work...

Using AI in your studies

- If you would like to use **artificial intelligence (AI)** tools in your studies:
- First, please **check always with the teacher** of the course if using AI systems is allowed at the course.
- If it is allowed to use AI in your coursework, you **must disclose** the way in which AI has been used.
- Using AI is forbidden if you aim to give a false impression of your own competence.
- Coursework and exams are checked by **Turnitin-system** for preventing plagiarism and misuse of AI. Please remember that misuse of artificial intelligence systems is considered as a form of cheating and violations of ethical guidelines in studies. **If a student conducts purposeful fraudulent action, they will in principle be suspended from the exchange.**
- Please familiarise yourself with UTU AI Guidelines!
 - [Guidelines for using AI](#)
 - [AI in studying](#)
 - <https://utuguides.fi/artificialintelligence>



Exams

- Exams are generally held at the end of each course unless other evaluation methods are used.
- You can take an exam **3 times**.
- Exam registration is usually done online in Peppi or exam.utu.fi (for E-Exams) or as stated by the teacher.
- Exam results in Peppi (in 3 weeks' time)



Exam behaviour

- Be on time!
- **E-exams** in the e-exam room on campus are most common
 - You may **not** bring anything with you into the exam room.
 - [General info about the e-exams](#)
- Occasional lecture hall exams (nowadays seldom)
 - Written in paper
 - Take only a pencil and an ID with you when you sit down
 - You get the questions and blank paper from the supervisor.
- Your teacher will instruct you what the type of exam is!

Electronic exams (E-exam)



- Exams taken in an e-exam room on a computer.
- Also possible during the evenings and weekends.
- Exam rooms in Agora, Aurum, Educarium, Teutori, Turku School of Economics, Publicum (for special arrangements).
- Reserve a time and a computer for the exam well in advance.
- Activate your printing tag (first time only) to access the e-exam room.
- List of possible exams that can be taken and more information can be found on exam.utu.fi
- [More info about e-exam rooms](#)
- [Instructions on taking the e-exam in Exam -system](#)
- NB! There is **video surveillance** in the e-exam rooms. **All video tapes will be checked** – don't try your luck

Zero tolerance for any foul play

- Students at UTU are held to a high moral standard and gifted with great academic freedom – make sure your actions reflect that
- Please don't copy paste your answers. Every exam and essay is checked by Turnitin-system for preventing plagiarism
- Cheating and copy pasting is strictly forbidden and all cheating attempts are reported to your home university.
- Please familiarise yourself with [UTU Guidelines for using AI!](#)

Cheating and plagiarism will lead to an immediate termination of your exchange – *You will be sent back home!*

Credits

- 1 credit (cr) = 1 opintopiste (op) = 1 ECTS
 - 1 ECTS = 27 hours of work
(including lectures, seminars, reading, writing, and independent work)
 - The recommended workload for a semester is 30 ECTS credits and for an academic year 60 ECTS credits
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- *How many credits can I take?*
 - *How many credits do I need to take?*

Grading

UTU		ECTS
0	Fail	F
1	Sufficient	E
2	Satisfactory	D
3	Good	C
4	Very good	B
5	Excellent	A

or PASS/FAIL (**NB!** cannot be converted to a **numeric** evaluation)

Failed courses are shown in the credit list in Peppi but **not** in the Transcript of Records! All the results are given in ECTS, **not in hours!**

Finnish academic culture

Punctuality

- academic quarter
- 12 - 14 = 12.15-13.45
- 12.00 – 13.00 = 12.00 – 13.00

Informal interaction with university staff

- firstname.lastname@utu.fi
- Please contact teachers by email

Independent, active, responsible students

- Freedom to decide on your studies
- Responsibility to progress in your studies

Multi-factor authentication (MFA)

- Multi-factor authentication (MFA) protects your UTU user account and the information available to you, by asking for an additional confirmation at login.
- The programs using MFA:
 - Student register Peppi
 - Webropol etc.
 - More information from [intranet](#) (requires UTU user ID and password)
- Detailed activation instructions: <https://sites.utu.fi/mfa/en/>
- **Activate MFA as soon as possible** if you have not done this already so you can use your UTU account to access all university platforms.

Multi-factor authentication (MFA)

Security key

Windows Hello, macOS, USB, NFC

Security	●●●●●
Ease of use	●●●●●
Compatibility	●●○○○

Passkey

Android, iOS, Samsung

Security	●●●●●
Ease of use	●●●●○
Compatibility	●●●○○

Authenticator applications

Security	●●●●○
Ease of use	●●●○○
Compatibility	●●●●●

Authenticator applications

One-time code

- Device with an authenticator application



Example: Your phone has the Microsoft Authenticator application registered with your UTU account. When you log in to Peppi using a computer, the system asks for a one-time code. Open the authenticator application on your phone and enter the code to the login.



Exchange study paperwork

- **Learning Agreement changes**
- Erasmus +: Please use [OLA](#) when making changes to your study plan or using the software of your home university (MobilityOnline, MoveOn etc.)
- The process will take some time but eventually you'll get the document signed by all parties.
- If your home university doesn't use OLA, you can use the PDF form of your home uni.
- See [intranet](#) for more information!
- The other exchange programmes – please contact incoming@utu.fi or check the link above



Exchange study paperwork

- Transcript of Records
 - lists all your completed studies at UTU
 - will be given to you via e-mail from international@utu.fi upon your departure, when all your courses are registered in Peppi
 - does not list courses that you failed
 - See the [intranet](#) for more information

Confirmation of Study Period (Physical Mobility)
University of Turku - SF TURKU01

Personal Data	
Surname, first name:	
Date of birth:	
E-Mail:	
Home university	
Department/Faculty (EU-Code):	

BEGINNING OF PHYSICAL STUDY PERIOD (Bestätigung des Studienbeginns im Ausland)	
Beginning of studies (exact date):	
Name and status of responsible officer:	
Stamp and signature:	
Date of signature:	

This document should be sent to our office by e-mail immediately after the beginning of studies. The student should keep the original until the end of the study period.

END OF PHYSICAL STUDY PERIOD (Bestätigung des Studienendes im Ausland)	
End of studies (exact date):	
Name and status of responsible officer:	
Stamp and signature:	
Date of signature:	

This document should be sent to our office by post or mail not later than two weeks immediately after the end of studies of the student.

Achten Sie bitte auf das richtige Anfangs- und Enddatum! Es gelten der erste und letzte Tag des studienbedingten Aufenthaltes (inkl. z.B. Orientierungsprogramm; letzte Prüfung). Die *Confirmation of Study Period* darf nicht vordatiert werden. Die Bestätigung des Studienendes darf max. 5 Tage vor Studienende unterschrieben werden. Reichen Sie die Bestätigung unmittelbar nach Ende des Aufenthaltes ein. Beachten Sie die Hinweise im Infopakete.

Please note that the exact dates are important for the calculation of the mobility grant. They indicate the period of studies (including e.g. orientation program, last examination) and may differ from the dates of arrival and departure.

Philipps-Universität Marburg
International Office
Deutschhausstraße 11+13
D-35023 Marburg

E-Mail: erasmus-outgoing@uni-marburg.de
Tel.: +49 6421 28-26236

Arrival certificate and Letter of Confirmation

Arrival certificates

- If you have Arrival certificate, please send it to international@utu.fi to get it signed (unfortunately, we cannot sign it here in the lecture hall)
- Letter of Confirmation
- Will be given to you via e-mail from international@utu.fi at the end of your mobility, listing the exact dates of your exchange period.



Studies at other faculties

- You may combine studies from different faculties provided you meet the prerequisites for the course(s) in question
- The Faculty of **Medicine** and **Turku School of Economics** (exception: Nursing Science, Minor in Neuroscience, Biomedicine and Public Health at Med and Futures Studies at TSE) can only accept exchange students who are majoring in these subjects.
- The Faculties of **Law** and **Education** can only accept exchange students from other faculties in case there are free places on the courses and the students meet the course criteria.



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 study right to each course

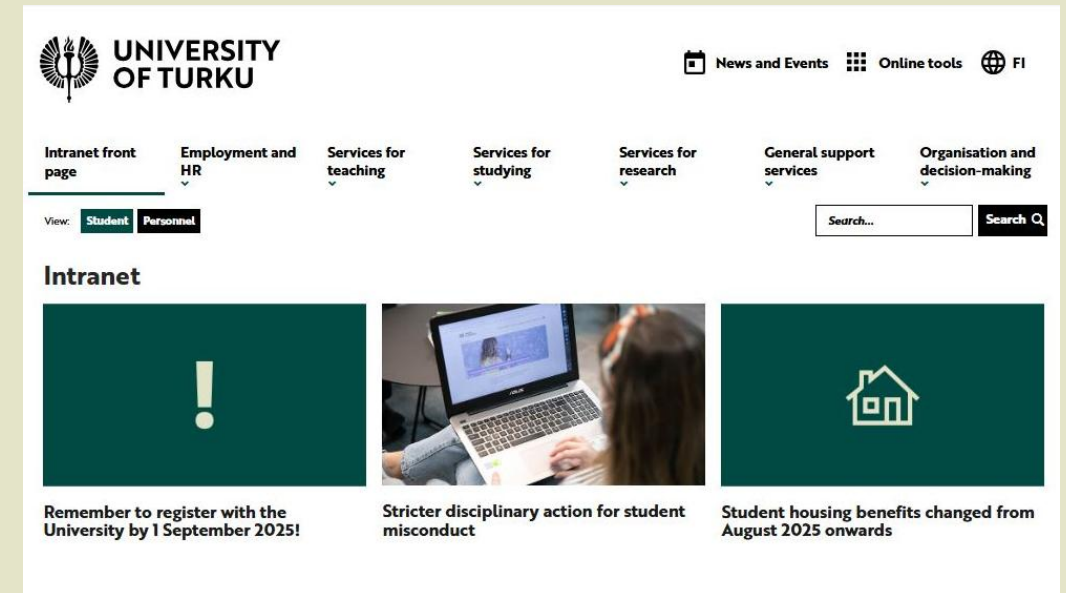
How to apply?

- You will need to submit an electronic **UTUForms application** and your transcript of records from your home university
- It will take some time to process your application(s).
- More information, e.g. application form, available [here!](#)
- Changes might be possible

Intranet

- Check <http://intranet.utu.fi> for more info on studies at UTU!
- Log in with your UTU user ID and password
- Information for exchange students:
 - *Services for studying → Internationality→*
 - *For Exchange Students*

... or use the search option on the front page!



Where to look for help and info?

- Orientation materials online (internet)
 - Orientation lecture slides
 - Faculty information session slides
 - You'll get the link by email too
- Departmental contact persons
- Your tutor
- UTU's website or intranet
- Student Union & student organisations
- Student Centre Disco, the front office
open Mon – Wed 12:00 – 14:00



Need a doctor during your exchange?

- If an exchange student needs medical care during the exchange, the student can [use the health care centres in Turku](#)
- You need your Finnish ID code when you visit a doctor.
- FSHS is not available for exchange students anymore.

EU citizen:

- With the [European Health Insurance Card](#) you'll get the same health care as you would get in a health care centre at your home country. Please notice - the card won't cover the **medical expencies**. A separate insurance is highly recommended.
- Each health care centre visit might cost you something.

Non-EU citizen:

- An insurance is obligatory for the non-EU citizen (required by the residence permit).
- For non-EU ex-students the invoice in a health care centre depends on, what services they use.
- Common to all: Your postal code will tell it to you, which is your health care centre.
- [More information](#)



What to do before going home

- You will get further instructions later during Autumn!
- For now: enjoy the start of your studies! 😊

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Call your mum/dad!!! 😊

Registration of foreigners & Finnish ID Code

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Digital and Population Data Services Agency

- maintains its regional Population Information System
- registers foreigners and issues Finnish ID Codes
- purpose of the Finnish ID Code
 - registering a person in the population information system and as a foreigner
 - university database → compilation of governmental statistics
 - opening a Finnish bank account
 - **NB! Registering to Finland and obtaining an ID Code is obligatory to all students.**



**DIGITAL AND
POPULATION DATA
SERVICES AGENCY**



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Registration PopUp at DVV office in Turku

- **WHEN:**

- September 7 2026 between 9:00 – 15:00 (students family name starting A – G)
- September 9 2026 between 9:00 – 15:00 (students family name starting H – O)
- September 14 2026 between 9:00 – 15:00 (students family name starting P – Ö)

- **WHERE:** [Itsenäisyydenaukio 2](#)

- No appointment needed
- Be prepared to queue outside the building, wear warm clothes, take the umbrella!
- Take your official ID with you!

Registration process for students

- Fill the electronic application form beforehand by Sep 6 2026 or day before the visit at the latest
 - <https://dvv.fi/en/international-student> you'll find the instructions

Do the following

1

Request a personal identity code by filling out the online form

- If you do not have a Finnish personal identity code, you can apply for a personal identity code and municipality of residence using this form. A municipality of residence may be granted if the conditions for this are met.
- You can also request a personal identity code on the same form for your child who is under 18 and moving to Finland at the same time with you. Only one of the child's parents request the personal identity code for the child, so please submit only one request for the child.

Request a personal identity code by filling out the online form

Filling out the form does not require authentication

- Download to the application
 - passport / official ID card. NB! **Driver's license isn't valid as an official ID in Finland**
 - Your study certificate (please download it from Student register Peppi)
- You might get a paper with your Finnish ID code straightaway, please send it to disco@utu.fi
- You'll get detailed information by email

For non-EU citizens

- If you received the Finnish ID code with the residence permit card, you do not need to visit DVV, please send your code to disco@utu.fi
- If you don't have a Finnish ID code in your residence permit card, you have to visit DVV to do the registration to Finland



You'll find the Finnish ID code there in your residence permit card

Digital and Population Data services Agency in Turku

- By appointment only, if you missed the PopUp date in Turku
- In Turku [Itsenäisyydenaukio 2](#)
- <https://dvv.fi/en/international-student> you'll find the registration form
- <https://dvv.fi/en/service-locations> find your town and you'll find the link to the [booking system](#)
- Select Turku – Registration of a foreigner's personal data
- Send your Finnish ID Code from your UTU mail to disco@utu.fi

Residence permits

- EU citizens do **not** need a residence permit – officially you need to register to the Finnish Immigration Service within 3 months but in practice you can leave Finland for a moment and the 3 months will begin again
- Non-EU/EEA students need a residence permit in most cases
- Questions? Please contact migri@migri.fi or visit their office in Raisio ([Nallinkatu 8](#))

What's up later?

TODAY

- Faculty information sessions on campus (check the lecture halls from the programme) & library tours

Tomorrow

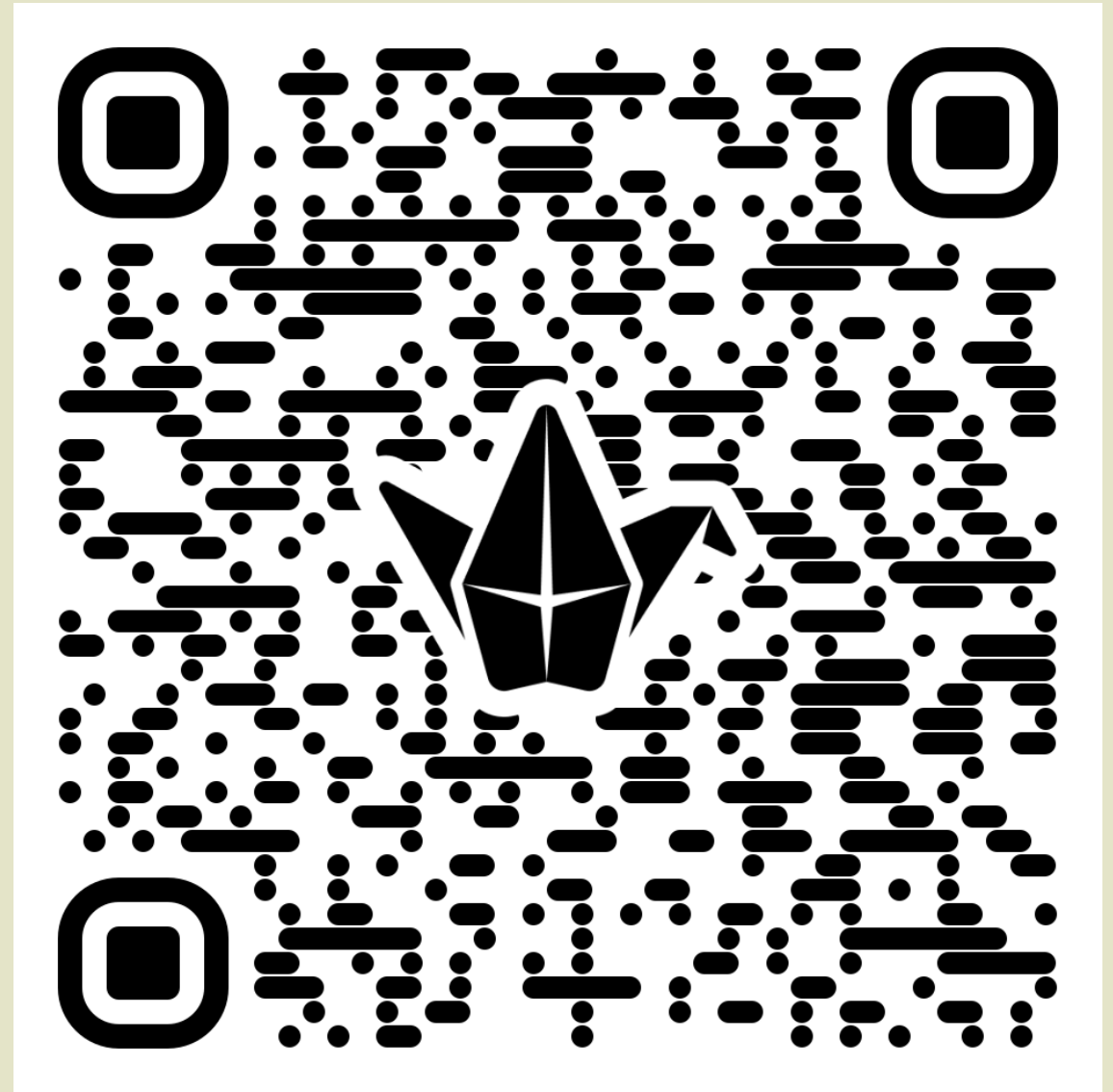
- More lectures, Faculty information sessions & Library tours on campus

On Wednesday

- Lectures
- Welcome Fair
- Bus tour – unfortunately the buses are full

Any questions?

- Post them on Padlet:
 - https://padlet.com/anryzh/utu_orientation_autumn_2026



Welcome to the Student City of Turku

