

Registration with the University and as a foreigner in Finland

+ other official matters

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University registration

- Done by paying the Student Union membership fee (55 € for the whole academic year). **Deadline 31st of August.**
 - New students (admitted in 2023): Registration done in Studyinfo.fi
 - Students who were admitted in 2021 or 2022: Contact the Study Register team in Student Centre Disco for instructions on how to register (disco@utu.fi).
- New students: Once your registration and study right have been entered into the University's register, you will receive a confirmation from disco@utu.fi
 - After you receive the confirmation, you can order the student card and activate your UTU user account. Visit IT helpdesk.
- Further instructions available on the [University's website for registration.](#)

- Student Union membership is compulsory by law in Finland.
 - Student Unions represent students and work together with the University to ensure the best possible studying environment to all.
 - The Student Union of the University of Turku, TYY.
 - www.tyy.fi
 - TYY will also give one of our orientation presentations later today.
- ALSO: remember to pay the compulsory Student Health Care fee to Kela (the Social Insurance Institution of Finland).
 - Deadline 30 September.
 - 36.80 € paid to Kela once per term (spring and autumn), i.e., twice a year.
 - [Students who have social security coverage](#) from another EU/EEA country or from Switzerland or the United Kingdom do not need to pay the health care fee.
 - Entitles you to the services of the [Finnish Student Health Service, FSHS](#).
 - [Instructions on the Kela website](#).
 - See an introduction to FSHS and their services on [the orientation website](#) under **Orientation Material 2023, International Degree Students**

Registering as a foreigner in Finland and Finnish ID code

- Digital and Population Data Services Agency (DVV) maintains its regional Population Information System.
- Registers foreigners and issues Finnish ID Codes
- Purpose of the Finnish ID Code
 - used especially in the activities and information systems of the authorities
 - university database → compilation of governmental statistics.
 - opening a bank account
 - **NB! Obtaining an ID Code is obligatory to all students.**



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Pop-in Open Days at DVV in September

- If you can, **please visit the DVV during their pop-in days.**
- **5-6 September** (Tue-Wed), between **9-12** and **13-15** o'clock.
 - During the pop-in days DVV focuses solely on the registration of new international students.
 - During the pop-in days you do not need to book an appointment beforehand.
 - **If you have already made an appointment with the DVV, but you are able to visit DVV during the pop-in days, please cancel your appointment at the latest after your visit,** so they can be reserved by other people.
 - You might have to queue for a little while, but the queue should move quite swiftly.

DVV registration process for students

- Fill in and submit the [online registration form](#) for students.
 - On the website, **follow the instructions that apply to you**: situations A, B, C or D.
- Take with you
 - passport / official ID card. NB! **driving license isn't valid as an official ID in Finland!**
 - residence permit card (non-EU/EEA students) OR certificate which proves the Finnish Immigration Service has registered your right of residence (EU/EEA students)
 - UTU study certificate (if you have already uploaded this on the online registration form, you do not have to take this with you to DVV)
 - [pre-filled registration form](#) (situation D, **only if you are not able to submit the online form**)
- For non-EU/EEA citizens:
If you got the ID code with the residence permit **you have to do all this anyway.**

Digital and Population Data services Agency in Turku

- Only if you are unable to visit DVV during the pop-in days, you can also book a separate appointment with them.
- Street address in Turku [Itsenäisyydenaukio 2](#)
- [Please follow the instructions](#), and fill in the registration form before your visit.
- <https://dvv.fi/en/service-locations> find your town and you'll find the link to the booking system
- Under Personal law services → International registrations
 - Send your Finnish ID Code from your UTU e-mail to disco@utu.fi
 - Make sure that DVV assigns you a municipality of residence when you visit them. This will entitle you to municipal services in your home municipality.

Bank accounts

- There are many banks operating in Finland who offer services in the Turku area, please ask other students or your tutors for information, or simply Google them.
- In order to open a bank account in Finland, you will usually need:
 - Finnish ID (from the Police)
 - DVV registration & your Finnish ID code.
 - Proof of housing/accommodation.
 - A bank account statement from your previous bank.
- Banks have a right to choose their customers, thus their requirements also vary.
 - Read through the banks' websites and contact their customer service for detailed information.
- It is also possible to use some online bank account services in Finland (such as Revolut, Wise).

Föli — Public Transportation in Turku

- [Föli](#) is the company operating public transportation in the Turku region.
 - This includes public busses, a ferry service to the Ruissalo island, and city bicycles — all of these can be used with a travel card for students.
- If you don't have a travel card yet, or you have misplaced it, you can also pay for the ticket with:
 - Your credit card using contactless payment
 - Cash (the driver may not be able to accept large bills)
 - The Föli app
- When using the public busses in Finland, remember that the bus does not automatically stop at every stop.
 - When you want to get on the bus, you must wave at the bus while you are standing at the bus stop.
 - When you want to get off the bus, you must press the small stop-button inside the bus to get the bus to stop at the next stop.

Student Discount on Föli Busses

- The travel card for students costs 38 € per 30 days. The card must be re-charged after every 30-day period.
 - You must also pay 5 € for the actual physical travel card.
- You are able to receive the student discount for public transportation by presenting the Föli discount form at the Föli office.
 - You can get the form from [Student Centre Disco by visiting them during their opening hours](#). This week, Disco is open daily 12-14.
- You can also get the student discount with an active student card, which you must present at the Föli office.
- Take with you an official ID (your passport etc.) when you visit Föli.
- Just in case, also take with you your lease or change of address notification, so you can further prove that your address is in Turku or other municipality within Föli's services.

Provide your original degree documents

- Remember to provide your educational documents to the University by 18 September.
 - Follow the country specific requirements.
 - [Instructions for providing degree documents for verification.](#)
- If you need to bring the originals to the University, visit Student Centre Disco during its opening hours and hand your documents over to the person working the desk.
 - Opening hours you can [check on the Disco website.](#)
 - If you cannot visit during Disco's opening hours, please contact admissions@utu.fi and set up an appointment.
 - You can receive all the documents back that you have provided us. If the student never retrieves their documents, we will officially keep them for 2 years, after which they can be disposed of.

Checklist for the First Days in Turku

- If you haven't already, now is the time to carefully read through our [Information for Admitted Students](#) website.
- The website also includes a useful list about official matters you should take care of: [Checklist for Incoming International Students](#)

Questions?

Kiitos!

Contact: admissions@utu.fi