

Jakelun mukaan

**Turun yliopiston vieraskielisten tutkinto-ohjelmien lukuvuosimaksujen palautuskäytännöt 1.1.2026 alkaen**

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## Annex 1

**Tuition fee refund policy of the University of Turku**

This tuition fee refund policy of the University of Turku is applicable to tuition fees paid for studies starting or continuing in autumn 2026 and onwards.

According to the Universities Act ([558/2009](#)) a student must pay the tuition fee in order to be allowed to register as attending. If the student has registered as an attending student, the student is allowed to start studies and the tuition fee has been used for the semester in question. If a student has registered as attending and therefore has started their studies they can no longer receive a refund.

**Payment of the tuition fee**

Tuition fees are charged from citizens of a country outside the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. The amount of the tuition fee depends on the [degree programme](#).

The tuition fee of the University of Turku must be paid before a student may register to the university as an attending student. Students register as attending by paying the Student Union fee. The annual sum of the Student Union fee is determined by the Student Union of the University of Turku. First year students must pay the full tuition fee of the academic year before they are allowed to register as attending. First year students are allowed to register as non-attending for [legislative reasons](#) only.

The [registration](#) period for autumn semester and the whole academic year is annually 1 June – 31 August. The spring semester registration period is 1 December – 15 January. If a student has registered as attending they can still change the status to non-attending during the registration period of the semester in question, but only if they have not completed any studies.

Continuing students may pay the tuition fee in one or two instalments per academic year, for one semester or two semesters at a time, but they must pay at least the fee for one semester before they register as attending. If a student has received a scholarship from the University of Turku that does not cover the full tuition fee the partial tuition fee must be paid before the student can register as attending.

The tuition fee is paid on the [Flywire portal](#).

The university recommends that the tuition fee is only paid once the student knows they are able to arrive to Finland and start their studies. Students should also register as attending only when they know they are able to start their studies.

**Refunding the tuition fee**

The tuition fee can be refunded if certain conditions are met, but all possible refunding of the fee is always decided on a case-by-case basis. The tuition fee cannot be refunded



partially, the refunds are always for the full academic year or for one semester depending on the reason and schedule of the refund request. The tuition fee cannot be refunded retrospectively. E.g. if a student applies for a refund during the autumn semester after they have started their studies only the spring semester can be refunded.

The tuition fee can be refunded in the following cases.

- If the student has paid for a full academic year and graduates before the start of the spring semester (by 31 December) they can receive a refund for the spring semester.
- If the student has paid for a full academic year, but registers as non-attending for one semester (autumn or spring), they can receive a refund for the semester they are registered as non-attending. If they wish to change their attendance status later to attending, they must first pay the tuition fee for the semester(s). A first year student can only register as non-attending for [legislative reasons](#).
- The tuition fee can be refunded if a student is unable to arrive to Turku and start studies in their respective degree programme due to reasons outside the control of the student. Such reasons can be that a student cannot begin studies due to being incapacitated by personal illness or injury or a student is not granted a residence permit to study in Finland. The process of the refund and the deadlines are stated later in this document.
- The tuition fee can be refunded if a student falls seriously ill or is injured so that they must drop out of studies, but refunds can only be done for semesters during which the student has not been an attending student. E.g. a student falls seriously ill during the autumn semester and must drop out of studies they can get a refund of the spring semester tuition fee.
- If the residence permit of the student changes and the student is no longer required to pay tuition fees the student can receive a refund for the next full semester after they have informed the university and provided a new permit card for verification.

## **Refunding process and deadlines**

The refunding process is initiated by the student. The student must provide the university documentation that provides sufficient information on the specific reason(s) for not being able to begin or continue studies at the University of Turku.

If a student has registered as attending they must apply for the refund before the end of the registration period for the semester in question (31 August for autumn semester and 15 January for spring semester). If they apply for a refund after the end of the registration period they can get a refund for the second semester (spring), but not for the first semester regardless of the reason for the refund. The Student Union fee paid during registration can be refunded only if the request for the refund is sent by the student to



the Student Union by 30 September for the autumn semester or full year fee and 28 February for the spring semester fee. Late requests will not be considered.

If a student has not registered or has registered as non-attending they can apply for a refund until the end of September for the full year or autumn semester and before the end of January for the spring semester.

The sum refunded to the student is the sum received by the University of Turku. An administrative fee of 100€ will be deducted from the refund. The possible bank fees connected to the payment and refund will be deducted from the sum paid to the student. The refund will be done using the same payment method originally used by the student when paying the tuition fee and will be refunded to the same account or credit card that was originally used for the payment.

If a student has requested a refund of their tuition fee for one or more semesters they can continue their studies at a later date if they wish. They must then pay the tuition fee for the semesters they are planning to study. A student who has a valid study right at the University of Turku can continue their studies also in cases where they have not registered during the first study year. If they have study time left and have paid the required fees they are allowed to register as attending. The fees payable by the student include the tuition fee, Student Union fee and the re-registration fee.

The refund is requested by sending an e-mail to the Admission Services at [admissions@utu.fi](mailto:admissions@utu.fi) and including all the relevant documentation regarding the reason for the refund.