

## Exchange Programme Fact Sheet



**City centre and Kauppi campuses**  
Spring semester 2020

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### University merger

University of Tampere and Tampere University of Technology merged in January 2019, changing their name to Tampere University. Tampere Universities (in plural) consists of Tampere University and Tampere University of Applied Sciences, forming a new multidisciplinary community with competitive edges in technology, health and society.

This fact sheet applies to Tampere University's city centre and Kauppi campuses (the former University of Tampere). Tampere University's Hervanta campus has a separate fact sheet and application procedures.

## Nomination deadline: 30 September

The applicants must be [officially nominated](#) by their home university or student exchange programme. Email your nominations to [mobility.tau@tuni.fi](mailto:mobility.tau@tuni.fi).

## Application period: 16 September – 15 October

The online application form link will be sent to the nominated students by email.

- Application, preliminary study plan [and other required documents](#) are processed *online only*.
- The acceptance decisions are made approximately one month after the application period has ended (by the end of November).
- Acceptance of exchange students is made by the host faculty. The successful applicants will receive an electronic Letter of Acceptance.

## Registration with the University

All new students are required to attend the [Welcome Week](#).

To complete their registration with the University during the Welcome Week, the students are required to present the documents listed in the Letter of Acceptance at the Student Affairs Office.

After that, they can activate their TUNI user account and register for the courses.

## Language requirements

The required level of knowledge of English is **B2** on [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages \(CEFR\)](#), or **C1** for the Degree Programme in English Language, Literature and Translation. [Read more](#)

We accept the following certificates:

- TOEFL, IELTS Academic, PTE Academic
- Certificate of knowledge of English written by university staff, preferably your English teacher



## Academic calendar 2019–2020

The academic year is divided into two semesters consisting of two periods each.

Autumn semester 2019 (19 Aug – 31 Dec)  
Spring semester 2020 (2 Jan – 31 May)

- [Welcome Week](#) 2 Jan – 3 Jan
- Period III 7 Jan – 1 Mar
- Period IV 2 Mar – 31 May

## Courses for exchange students

We offer [a wide selection of courses taught in English](#). Exchange students can take courses from all faculties at **the city centre and Kauppi campuses** (with the exception of medical studies in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Technology).

We recommend choosing the majority of courses from the hosting *degree programme*, and clearly stating the reasons for applying to the said programme. Acceptance to courses of other degree programmes and faculties cannot be guaranteed.

Despite the university merger in January 2019, the course selection still follows the former distinction of having three separate universities. There are also courses open to students from all campuses on the [Cross-campus study service](#). Courses in Finnish language from beginner to advanced level are also available. [Read more](#)

Students are responsible themselves for the prerequisites of the courses. Thesis or a project work requires a special arrangement.

## Student housing

Student housing is mainly administrated by the [Tampere Student Housing Foundation \(TOAS\)](#). TOAS tenancy agreements are always fixed-term (August–December and/or January–May) and cannot be terminated mid-semester.

The rent in a student apartment varies between 250–400 € per month. These are usually two or three-bedroom apartments with a single study-bedroom for each student and a shared kitchen and bathroom. The laundry facilities are located in the basement of each building.

Student apartments are equipped only with basic furniture including a bed with a mattress, a desk and a chair, a shelf and a kitchen table with chairs. Internet is included in the rent.

## Cost of living

Cost of living is comparable to the rest of Northern Europe. In addition to the rent, approximately 300–500 € per month covers food, transportation, personal and leisure expenses. Meals at student restaurants are varied and inexpensive (2.60 €).

## Student Union of Tampere University (TREY)

Students are encouraged to join the student union [TREY](#) (57 € for one semester, or 114 € for the academic year). Members are entitled to the student health care services and receive an official student card (preparation cost 10 €) which entitles them to various other services and discounts. Doctoral exchange students' membership fee is lower (30/15 €) as they are not entitled to health care services or travel discounts.

## Tampere Summer School [www.tuni.fi/summerschool](http://www.tuni.fi/summerschool)

- Inspiring courses covering various academic fields and up-to-date topics – gain up to 10 ECTS credits
- Enjoy the comfortable Finnish summer and meet other students from all over the world
- Organised 3–14 August 2020, free for new exchange students arriving for autumn semester – application period in late spring

## Tampere and Finland welcome you!

We trust your students are going to love studying in Tampere – a vibrant student city with plenty of attractions, activities and fun.

## Facilities and Services

- Welcome Week in the beginning of semester
- Trained and helpful international student tutors
- Library services and computer classrooms
- Excellent on-campus sports facilities
- Activities and trips arranged by a multitude of student organisations, including ESN FINT

## Tampere

[www.visit tampere.fi](http://www.visit tampere.fi)

- 235,000 inhabitants, the third largest city in Finland and the largest inland city in the Nordic countries
- A true student city: every sixth resident is a student
- A vibrant atmosphere: 8,000 events and festivals each year
- Home of the world's only Moomin museum
- The [Sauna Capital of the World](#) with over 20 public saunas!
- Frequently voted the best Finnish city in terms of quality of life

## Finland

[www.visit finland.com](http://www.visit finland.com)

- Happiest country in the world (UN World Happiness Report 2019)
- Safest country in the world (World Economic Forum 2017)
- Amazing natural environment: 188,000 lakes and 37 national parks
- Over 2 million saunas
- The place to see aurora borealis (northern lights)
- The home of Santa Claus
- The land of crazy sports like swamp soccer, ice swimming, wife-carrying and many more

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