



INFORMATION SHEET
FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

TAMPERE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
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USEFUL WEB PAGES:

University homepage	http://www.tut.fi/en > Studies
Semester dates	http://www.tut.fi/en > Studies > Academic Calendar
Application procedure	http://www.tut.fi/en > Studies > ERASMUS Students and Exchange Students
Course catalogue	http://www.tut.fi/en > Studies > Courses

COURSES:

- All courses listed in the Course Catalogue (<http://www.tut.fi/en> > Studies > Courses) are available for international students and are lectured in English.

A wide course offering in English in the following fields:

- Information Technology
- Industrial Engineering and Management
- Biomedical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering and Biotechnology
- Machine Automation
- Radio Frequency Electronics
- Materials Science
- Architecture (courses for Architecture major students only, portfolio required when applying)

- Majority of courses lectured in English are of advanced level and may require previous studies in the field concerned (possible course specific prerequisites are mentioned in the course descriptions).

- To prepare the proposed study plan students are advised to browse the course offerings listed under the different institutes of TUT. Clicking the name of the course opens the detailed course description.

DURATION OF THE EXCHANGE STUDY PERIOD AND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The autumn semester begins late August and ends at the end of December. The spring semester starts early January and ends late May.

There are three options for an exchange study period at TUT:

1. The student can choose to study for the whole academic year (teaching periods 1-4).
2. The student can choose to study during the autumn semester (teaching periods 1 and 2).
3. The student can choose to study during the spring semester (teaching periods 3 and 4).

Application periods: ► Autumn arrivals: 15.3 – 15.5. ► Spring arrivals: 15.8. - 15.10.

Applications are to be delivered on-line only. The link to the on-line system is sent at the end of February to the coordinators selecting outgoing exchange students in our partner universities. You can find more information about the application procedure at <http://www.tut.fi/english> > Studies > Erasmus students and exchange students.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME:

Orientation week in the autumn takes place a week before the start of the autumn semester (late August). In the spring the orientation is organized in the beginning of January. Taking part in the orientation is part of the exchange period and strongly recommended.

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Trained and helpful student tutors.

Finnish language courses, free of charge, are available during the academic year.

Three campus restaurants offering quality food at affordable student prices.

University library services and computer class rooms (access 24 hrs) .

Sports facilities at campus are excellent.

Free basic medical treatment from the National Student Health Service (YTHS).

Student activities arranged by a multitude of clubs; trips and excursions organized by International Student's Club and student tutors at affordable prices (in Finland and in neighboring countries).

Tampere has an excellent public transportation system.

ACCOMODATION:

Student housing in the Tampere area is mainly administrated by the Tampere Student Housing Foundation (TOAS), which maintains and rents out student accommodation. Many of the exchange students coming to TUT will be designated accommodation in dormitories in Hervanta region at a walking distance from TUT. The deadline for making TOAS housing reservation for students commencing studies in autumn is 30th June and for students commencing studies in spring 30th November. Please note that TOAS makes only fixed-term tenancy agreements (from August to December and from January to May) and agreements cannot be terminated in the middle of the semester.

TOAS web page (<http://www.toas.fi>) gives more detailed information about the application procedure (application form, amount of reservation fee, TOAS account number, etc.), rules and regulations.

TOAS Student Housing Office

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The rent in a student apartment varies between 200-400 euros/month. Student apartments are usually two-or three-bedroom apartments, where every student has a single study-bedroom and shares a kitchen and a bathroom with the other students in the apartment. 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. Towels, bedclothes, desk lamps and kitchenware are not included.

VISA, RESIDENCE PERMIT AND HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Schengen countries have agreed on what countries are free of visa requirements and what countries are under visa obligations.

Students coming from outside of EU/EEA countries also need to apply for a residence permit. The residence permit must be applied for at the nearest Finnish embassy or consulate well in advance before leaving for Finland. The reason for entry must be stated clearly (studies) in the residence permit application form. A student needs to present a proof of funds of about 500 euros a month or 6 000 euros for one academic year in order to apply for a residence permit.

For more information on visas and residence permits, please visit the web pages of Finnish Immigration Service: <http://www.migri.fi> > English > Students.

Students need an appropriate health insurance when applying for residence permit. Health insurance should be valid for the whole duration of student's stay in Finland.

Students from EU/EEA and Switzerland: Obtain a European Health Insurance Card from your home country before your departure to Finland.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Food / meals	300 euros/month. Lunch at the university restaurant costs approximately 2,5 euros/meal.
Local transportation	35 euros/month
Academic expenses (e.g. books, stationery)	There is at least one copy of each course book available in the university library. Course books can be purchased in the university book shop for approximately 20-50 euros a book.
Personal Expenses	Approximately 150 euros/month
Other administrative fees	<p>Student Union membership is compulsory for all students (student union membership fee is (2012-2013) 96,60 euros per academic year, 48,30 euros for a semester), except for post-graduates (post-MSc) to whom the Student Union membership is optional.</p> <p>All members of the Student Union will get a Student Card. By showing the Student Card, the student will get various services and benefits, such as discounts at the student restaurants, free basic medical treatment from the National Student Health Service (YTHS) and 50% discount on train and coach tickets. In addition, the student will get discounts on pharmacies, museums, theatres, concerts and several shops.</p>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2012-2013

Autumn 2012	
Main registration day	20.08.2012
Orientation for autumn semester arrivals	20.08. – 24.08.2012
I Period	27.08.2012 - 14.10.2012 Examination week: 15.10.2012 - 21.10.2012
II Period	22.10.2012 - 09.12.2012 Examination week: 10.12.2012 - 23.12.2012
Christmas break	24.12.2012 - 06.01.2013
Spring 2013	
Main registration day	02.01.2013
Orientation for spring semester arrivals	02. – 04.01.2013
III Period	07.01.2013 - 03.03.2013 Examination week: 04.03.2013 - 10.03.2013
IV Period	11.03.2013 - 12.05.2013 Examination weeks: 13.05.2013 - 26.05.2013 Easter break: 28.03.2013 - 03.04.2013

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