

Exchange Programme Fact Sheet

Hervanta campus, academic year 2020-2021

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University merger

University of Tampere and Tampere University of Technology merged in January 2019. Thus, the name also changed to Tampere University.

Application and nomination deadlines

Autumn semester 2020

Nominations by 15 April
Application deadline: 30 April

Spring semester 2021

Nominations by 30 September
Application deadline: 15 October

Nominations

The applicants must be officially nominated by their home university or student exchange programme. Email your nominations to mobility.tau@tuni.fi.

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

Application procedure

- Application, preliminary study plan [and other required documents](#) are processed **online only**.
- The acceptance decisions are made approximately six weeks after the application period has ended.
- The successful applicants will receive an electronic Letter of Acceptance.

Academic calendar

The academic year at Tampere University is divided into two semesters consisting of two teaching periods each.

Autumn semester 2020 (1 Aug – 22 Dec)

- Welcome Week 17 Aug–22 Aug
- Period I 24 Aug–11 Oct
- Period II 19 Oct–22 Dec
- Christmas break 23 Dec–31 Dec

Spring semester 2021 (1 Jan – 31 May)

- Welcome Week 4 Jan–8 Jan
- Period III 11 Jan–28 May
- Period IV 8 Mar–31 May

Tampere Summer School 3-14 August 2020

[Tampere Summer School](#) offers a great selection of inspiring courses covering various academic fields and up-to-date topics. Courses are free of charge for all new exchange students of Tampere University. All courses are taught in English. Application period is 1 April -15 May 2020. Contact us: summerschool@tuni.fi

Courses

Tampere University offers a wide selection of courses taught in English. Exchange students can take courses from all faculties **on Hervanta campus** (except for the School of Architecture).

There is also a selection of courses open to students from all campuses on the. Courses in the Finnish language from beginner to advanced level are also available.

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

Required certificate of knowledge of English

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.

We accept the following certificates:

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

University registration and Welcome Week

All new exchange students are required to register with the university, and the registration has to be done in person. Students can register for courses after they have registered with the university.

Tampere University organises a Welcome Week for new exchange students at the beginning of each semester. All new international students are required to attend the Welcome Week.

Detailed information about registration with the university and the Welcome Week will be sent to the accepted students by email.

Student housing

Student housing is mainly administrated by the Tampere Student Housing Foundation ([TOAS](#)). The rent in a student apartment varies between 250–400 € per month. These are usually two or three-bedroom apartments where the student has a single study-bedroom and shares the kitchen and the bathroom with other students. 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. A free internet is included in the rent.

Cost of living

Cost of living in Finland 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.

Student Union of Tampere University (TREY)

Exchange students are encouraged to join the student union TREY (membership fee 58,50 € for autumn semester 2020). 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.