



Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in studying at Tampere University of Technology (TUT). Below please find some useful information about studying at TUT and how to apply for an exchange study period at TUT.

Duration of the exchange study period

The autumn semester begins late August/early September and ends at the end of December. The spring semester starts early January and ends late May. The third period starts during the autumn semester and ends late January/early February which means that the students wishing to study at TUT during the first three periods would be studying not only for the autumn semester but also for a part of the spring semester.

Unfortunately there is not a possibility for students to start their exchange study period at the beginning of the actual spring semester (early January) because the third period starts during the autumn semester and is already halfway at the beginning of January. This is why the students wishing study at TUT in the spring start their studies at the beginning of the fourth period. There is an orientation for the new arrivals before the start of the first period and before the start of the fourth period.

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

1. The student can choose to study for **the whole academic year (periods 1-5)**. The academic year begins late August/early September and ends late May.
2. The student can choose to study during **the first two periods**. The second period ends early December thus the students would finish their exchange study period at that time. In this case the students would need to choose courses that are lectured during those two periods. Unfortunately it is not possible for students to attend the courses that start in the third period if they leave Finland before Christmas.
3. The student can choose to study during **the first three periods**. The third period starts during the autumn semester (early December) and continues in the spring semester (the period ends late January/early February).
4. The student can choose to study during **the fourth and fifth period**. The fourth period starts early February and the students would finish their exchange study period at the end of the fifth period (end of May). In this case the students would need to choose courses that are lectured during the fourth and fifth period.

How to apply

The deadline of applications for the autumn semester is 15th May and for the spring semester 30th October. The application form can be downloaded on our webpage (<http://www.tut.fi/en> > Studies > Erasmus students and Exchange students). Supporting documents required to be submitted with the exchange application are the official transcript of university records and their English translations, Curriculum Vitae and portfolio (for architecture students only).

Please note that due to summer vacations of the International Office staff, our services are limited between late June and late July. To contact us during the vacation period, please use the following e-mail address only: interoff@tut.fi

Courses at TUT

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

One TUT credit equals to one ECTS credit. STUDY CREDIT TRANSFER: TUT uses ECTS (European Credit Transfer System), and courses successfully taken here can be transferred to your home university.

**Student Accommodation**

Student housing in the Tampere area is administrated by the Tampere District Student Housing Foundation (TOAS), which maintains and rents out student accommodation. Most 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. It is recommendable for autumn semester arrivals to reserve their accommodation from TOAS from 1 August onwards and for spring semester arrivals from 1 January onwards. TOAS tenancy agreements always start on the first day of the month. **Please visit the TOAS web page (<http://www.toas.fi> > in English) for detailed information about the application procedure (application form, amount of reservation fee, TOAS account number, etc.), rules and regulations.**

Estimated Expenses

Student accommodation	180-300 euros/month.
Food / meals	250 euros/month, lunch at the university restaurant costs approximately 2 euros/meal.
Local transportation	35 euros/month
Academic expenses (eg 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	There are no tuition fees in higher education in Finland. However, the Student Union membership is compulsory for all students (student union membership is approximately 76 euros per academic year), except for post-graduates to whom the Student Union membership is optional. 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 local buses, pharmacies, museums, theatres, concerts and several shops.

Useful Websites

University Homepage	http://www.tut.fi/en > Studies
Semester Dates	http://www.tut.fi/en > Academic Calendar
Exchange Program Homepage	http://www.tut.fi/en > Studies > Erasmus Students and Exchange Students
Course descriptions	http://www.tut.fi/en > Studies > Courses
City of Tampere	http://www.tampere.fi > English

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at interoff@tut.fi.

We are looking forward to receiving your application!

Best regards,

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