



**INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-2008**

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**Useful Websites**

University Homepage	<a href="http://www.tut.fi/en">http://www.tut.fi/en</a> > Studies
Semester Dates	<a href="http://www.tut.fi/en">http://www.tut.fi/en</a> > Studies > Academic Calendar
Application procedure	<a href="http://www.tut.fi/en">http://www.tut.fi/en</a> > Studies > Erasmus Students and Exchange Students
Course descriptions	<a href="http://www.tut.fi/en">http://www.tut.fi/en</a> > Studies > Courses

### Courses available for International Students at TUT

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)

- 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.

### 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.

**Application deadlines:** ► Autumn semester: May 15 ► Spring semester: October 30

### Arrival/Orientation Programme

There is a pick-up service available for exchange students. Student Union will send someone to meet you at the Tampere-Pirkkala Airport or at the Tampere Coach/Railway Station. Please note that unfortunately the pick-up service is not available for the spring semester arrivals.

Orientation week in the autumn takes place a week before the start of the autumn semester (late August). In the spring there is an orientation of four days which is organised in January before the start of the 4th period.

### Services available to exchange students

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

Other benefits provided for students include three campus restaurants offering quality food at affordable prices; university library services and computer class rooms (access 24 hrs); sports facilities.

Student activities arranged by a multitude of clubs; trips organized by student tutors to countries such as Sweden and Russia at affordable prices; as well as excursions in Finland.

In addition, Tampere has an excellent public transportation system; costs of transport to students are significantly reduced.

### Accommodation

Student housing in the Tampere area is administrated by the Tampere 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.

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 180 – 300 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 Requirement/Student's Pass Application

Students coming from outside of EU/EEA countries 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 application form. A student needs to present a proof of funds of about 6 000 € for one academic year in order to apply for a residence permit. For more information on residence permits, please visit the Directorate of Immigration webpage: <http://www.uvi.fi/> > English > Students

### Estimated expenses (in local currency)

Food / meals	250 euros/month. Lunch at the university restaurant costs approximately 2 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	Student Union membership is compulsory for all students (student union membership fee is approximately 76 euros per academic year), except for post-graduates (post-MSc) 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.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2007-2008

	Autumn semester	Spring semester
Registration for autumn semester arrivals	<b>Main registration day 20.08.07</b>	
Orientation for autumn semester arrivals	<b>21.08.-24.08.07</b>	
<b>I Period</b>	<b>27.08.-05.10.07</b> (Examination week: 08.10.-13.10.07)	
<b>II Period</b>	<b>15.10.-23.11.07</b> (Examination week: 26.11.-01.12.07)	
<b>III Period</b>	<b>03.12.- 21.12.2007</b> Christmas break 22.12.07-05.01.08	<b>Third period continues</b> <b>07.01.-25.01.08</b> (Examination week: 28.01.-02.02.08)
Registration for spring semester arrivals		<b>Main registration day 21.01.08</b>
Orientation for spring semester arrivals		<b>22.01.-24.01.08</b>
<b>IV Period</b>		<b>04.02.-14.03.08</b> (Examination week: 17.03.-19.03.08)
<b>V Period</b>		<b>31.03.-09.05.08</b> (Examination weeks: 12.05.-24.05.08)

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