

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	University of Helsinki https://www.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies
B. Country	Finland
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange. You can check with the SEP Coordinator in the Dean's Office of your home faculty.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	<p>Autumn Semester/Semester 1: End August to End December Spring Semester/Semester 2: Mid January to End May</p> <p>https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/academic-year-and-teaching-periods</p> <p>Exchange students do not take part in the intensive period in the beginning of the semester.</p>
iii) Exchange Duration	Helsinki recommends semester 2 exchange as there is less competition for courses and university accommodation.
iv) Examination	There is no overlapping of academic calendar and therefore NUS students are expected to <u>complete Helsinki's examination in Helsinki</u> before returning to NUS.
v) Curriculum Structure	<p>There are two basic kinds of courses at the University of Helsinki: lecture courses and reading courses. Students taking a lecture course must pass a final examination after attending the course, while those taking a reading course must pass a faculty examination. A Finnish specialty, faculty examinations (set book examinations), are arranged usually once a month.</p> <p>Students should aim to complete 30 ECTS credits in a semester. 1 ECTS credit = 27 hours of work, including lectures and homework. Course description may use terms "cr" or "ECTS cr" or "op". They all refer to ECTS credits.</p>
vi) Entry Requirements	<p>(a) registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS</p> <p>(b) have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;</p>

	<p>(c) not eligible for exchange in the graduating year</p> <p>(d) a student of good standing at NUS with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a minimum upper division second class honours or; b. a minimum B average grade or ; c. a CAP of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students
<p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p>	<p>Exchange students can participate in courses taught in English. No knowledge of Finnish or Swedish is required.</p> <p>The languages of instruction are Finnish and Swedish. In addition to courses taught in Finnish and Swedish, the university offers many courses taught in English.</p> <p>There are Finnish courses available for exchange students who want to learn Finnish. These courses includes 4 hours of teaching each week. These are not compulsory for exchange students. For more information, please see http://www.helsinki.fi/fus/studying/finnishforinternationalstudents.html and http://www.helsinki.fi/kksc/english/languagecourses.html</p>
<p>viii) Modules Compatibility</p>	<p>English course catalogue for exchange students: https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/course-selection</p> <p>On the website, courses are classified according to the faculty, then the department, and finally the semester. Please follow the links to each faculty's courses in English.</p> <p>When choosing courses, please pay attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • language of teaching • when does the course take place: select courses so that they are not all organized during the same teaching period. Study year is divided into four periods. Autumn semester consists of 1st and 2nd period, spring semester consists of 3rd and 4th period. • restrictions: read more on https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/course-selection <p>Do note the following terminology used to see if the courses are suitable to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic studies (or “perusopinnot” in Finnish): Bachelor’s level courses, do not usually require prior knowledge from the student • Subject studies or Intermediate studies (or “aineopinnot” in Finnish): Bachelor’s level courses, intermediate level, require some level of knowledge of subject from the student. Mainly for 2nd or 3rd year students of that subject.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced studies (or “syventävät opinnot” in Finnish): Master’s level courses, for students who have completed a Bachelor’s degree or similar 																
ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Module restrictions at Helsinki are non-negotiable.</p> <p>University level bilateral exchange students are required to choose the majority of their courses from one faculty, closest to their educational background. Exchange students need to have sufficient prior academic background in the disciplines taught at the receiving Faculty. Within one faculty, they can choose courses from several study programmes. One of the study programmes will be chosen as the host study programme for the student. Students are welcome to choose some courses from other faculties, as well, if they meet the requirements for the courses. Please note that some faculties/study programmes offer courses in English mainly on Master’s level (suitable for advanced Bachelor students as well): Agriculture and Forestry, Pharmacy, Biological and Environmental Sciences, Geography, Translational Medicine. Fields not offered at the University of Helsinki: business and engineering.</p> <p>Within one faculty, students can choose courses from several disciplines. One of the disciplines will be chosen as the host discipline for the student, so it is recommended that student choose the majority of their courses from one discipline.</p> <p>Students can choose some courses from other faculties/disciplines if they have sufficient prior academic background in the disciplines taught. Helsinki has the right to reject students who do not meet the pre-requisites for the course.</p> <p>If there are mandatory courses which NUS students need to take in order to graduate, it is highly advisable to take them at NUS. It is highly advisable for NUS students to be flexible with their course selection.</p> <p>Restrictions: Courses from the following degree programmes are only available to the degree programme’s own exchange students, who are majoring in the same academic field at their home university:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 1751 1449 2098"> <thead> <tr> <th>Degree programme</th> <th>Faculty</th> <th>Course codes</th> <th>Please note</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Study track of English at the Bachelor’s Programme in Languages</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>KIK-EN</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Master’s Programme in English Studies</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>ENG-</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other foreign languages at the Bachelor’s and Master’s Programme in Languages</td> <td>Arts</td> <td></td> <td>Also possible for minor students, considered case by case</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Degree programme	Faculty	Course codes	Please note	Study track of English at the Bachelor’s Programme in Languages	Arts	KIK-EN		Master’s Programme in English Studies	Arts	ENG-		Other foreign languages at the Bachelor’s and Master’s Programme in Languages	Arts		Also possible for minor students, considered case by case
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Politics, Media and Communication and Global Political Communication	Social Sciences	PVK, PVM, GPC	
Economics	Soc. Sci.	ECOM	
Law, International Business Law	Law	OIK, IBL	
Psychology	Medicine	PSYK, PSYM	Social Psychology is taught at the Faculty of Social Sciences (Study programme for Social Research).
The following degree programmes accept only one or two exchange students each semester:			
Medicine	Medicine		A set international schedule for each semester
Dentistry	Medicine		No courses in English
Translational Medicine	Medicine	TMED	
Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Medicine		A clinical practice period from February to May on advanced level
Urban Studies and Planning	Science	USP	

English courses offered by the Language Centre are not open to exchange students.

There are Finnish courses available for those exchange students wanting to learn Finnish. The course includes 4 hours of teaching each week. For more, please see <https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/finnish-international-students> Students are not required to participate in Finnish courses, but may do so if they wish.

Helsinki is experiencing a high demand for some courses, especially at the Faculty of Educational Sciences and at the Faculty of Social Sciences. This means that it may be difficult to find vacancy for these courses.

Priority is usually given to those exchange students that are enrolled at the University of Helsinki in the degree programme offering the course.

Detailed information concerning the rights of exchange students to participate in courses is best obtained from the degree programme's staff in Helsinki. However, before checking with Helsinki, it would be advisable for NUS students to check with relevant NUS academics to plan their preliminary Study Plan. Academic counselling is done at a NUS student's home faculty at NUS.

Psychology majors should check which of the following is more suitable considering their study background: Social Psychology courses (Faculty of Social Sciences) or Psychology courses (Faculty of Behavioural Sciences)

	<p>English Philology only accepts students majoring in English. Other foreign languages: students should be a major or minor in the language at the home university. These studies are considered on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Economics and the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry only offer courses in English at the Master's level.</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please check with your faculty for its internal application deadlines.</p> <p>After you have been selected by and accepted your faculty's internal offer, your faculty would give you the application instructions of the partner university. An online application to the partner university is needed. Details on University of Helsinki's application procedure can be found here: https://www.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies</p> <p>Required documents needed from host university:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Official nomination from the home university b) Application form c) A Motivation Letter d) An approved Learning Agreement (A study plan) e) Transcript of records f) Language Certificate <p>Details can be found here: https://www.helsinki.fi/en/the-application-for-student-exchange#section-1317</p> <p>Click here to find instructions on how to apply for exchange at the University of Helsinki: https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/how-apply-exchange-student</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Deadline for NUS students to submit application to host university:</p>

	<p>Semester 1: 15 April Semester 2: 30 September</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in the exchange being forfeited even if the students have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodation</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>For the students who want to live in a student dormitory, University of Helsinki has agreed with providers, including HOAS (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region), on a number of rooms for incoming exchange students. Apartments are located around Helsinki. Students should choose their housing option based on their budget and preferences.</p> <p>Exchange students must submit their housing application as part of their exchange application. Their information will be forwarded to the housing providers. Each exchange student will receive one housing offer.</p> <p>There is a mandatory room deposit of €500 (subject to change) to be paid to the housing provider prior to arrival. Students should be prepared to pay the deposit when they receive instructions from the housing provider. This can be several months prior to arrival.</p> <p>Information about various other housing options are available at: https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/housing</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> <p>Some visa application process could take up to 2 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>Students who are non-EU nationals need to apply for a Residence Permit according to the instructions provided by Finnish Immigration Service: http://www.migri.fi/studying_in_finland</p> <p>Information regarding application for a Residence Permit is also available at the Finnish Embassy.</p> <p>University of Helsinki recommends that students submit their application electronically, because it makes the application process faster. Students are advised to apply immediately after receiving their Acceptance Letter from the University of Helsinki.</p>

	<p>Even if the student has submitted the Residence permit application electronically, he/she needs to visit the Finnish consulate in person to verify his/her identity and to present the original copies of any supplements needed for the application. Because of the above, students should apply for a Residence permit immediately after receiving acceptance information from the Univ. of Helsinki.</p> <p>Please note that cost for the online residence permit is 300 euros (subject to change)</p>
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G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All students on exchange in Finland are supposed to be covered by medical and health insurance. Please find more information here: https://migri.fi/en/insurance</p> <p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance-schemes/undergraduate-scheme.html.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</p> <p>If the international insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>Tel : +358 2941 22939</p>

H. Cost of Living

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