



**INFORMATION SHEET
FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011**

**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 descriptions	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**.
3. The student can choose to study during **the spring semester**.

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

Applications are to be delivered on-line only, you can find more information about the application procedure at www.tut.fi/en > Studies > Erasmus students and exchange students. Moreover, students applying to School of Architecture need to send a portfolio by post to International Office.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME:

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 organized in January at the beginning of the third period. 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 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 student tutors at affordable prices (in Finland and in neighboring countries).

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

ACCOMODATION:

Student housing in the Tampere area is 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.

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 200-420 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 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 webpages 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 (2009-2010) 89 euros per academic year, 44,50 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 local buses, pharmacies, museums, theatres, concerts and several shops.</p>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2010-2011

Autumn 2010	
Main registration day	23.8.2010
Orientation for autumn semester arrivals	24.8. – 27.8.2010
I Period	30.8.2010 - 17.10.2010 Examination week: 18.10.2010 - 24.10.2010
II Period	25.10.2010 - 12.12.2010 Examination week: 13.12.2010 - 19.12.2010
Christmas break	20.12.2010 - 2.1.2011
Spring 2011	
Main registration day	3.1.2011
Orientation for spring semester arrivals	4. – 7.1.2011
III Period	3.1.2011 - 27.2.2011 Examination week: 28.2.2011 - 6.3.2011
IV Period	7.3.2011 - 8.5.2011 Examination weeks: 9.5.2011 - 22.5.2011 Easter break: 21.4.2011 - 27.4.2011

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