

# Fact Sheet

## for Students

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020



"Because the quality of the University is very high and the experience as a whole is incredibly unique"

(Quote from exchange students)

INCOMING TEAM WELCOMES YOU HERE  
to study and enjoy the Arctic!



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### The application periods are:

1 April - 15 May	for autumn semester or full academic year
1 September - 15 October	for spring semester

### 2019 AUTUMN SEMESTER

August 17 or August 20	Recommended arrival days
August 21-24	Orientation programme for international students
September 2	Opening ceremonies of the University
December 6	Independence day, public holiday
December 20	Courses end

### 2020 SPRING SEMESTER

January 7	Recommended arrival days
January 8-10	Orientation programme for international students
March 2-6	Skiing holiday
April 10-13	Easter holiday
May 1	Labour day, public holiday
May 21	Ascension day, public holiday
June 13	Courses end

There are no fixed examination periods.

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

1. Apply for an exchange at your home university.
2. After a nomination from your university, we create a profile for you in SoleMOVE system.
3. You will receive an e-mail from SoleMOVE with instructions on how to apply to Ulapland.
4. Create your application in SoleMOVE. Enclose a proof of your English language proficiency, a Transcript of Records, a Learning Agreement and a motivation letter. Remember to send the application in the system.
5. You receive an e-mail with admission decision.

More info on applications at [www.ulapland.fi/admissions](http://www.ulapland.fi/admissions) -> exchange studies.

In your application please use one of the following EU

### Subject Area Codes:

EDUCATION	0110	Education
	0113	Teacher training without subject specialization
	0114	Teacher training with subject specialization

ART AND DESIGN	0210	Art Education, Audiovisual Media Culture, Fine Art
	0212	Design (Graphic, Industrial, Interior and Textile)
SOCIAL SCIENCES	0310	Social sciences
	0411	Accounting
	0313	Psychology
	0413	Management and Administration
	0414	Marketing and Advertising
	0312	Political Sciences
	0923	Social Work
	0314	Sociology and Cultural Studies
	1015	Tourism Research
LAW	0421	Law
	0319	Arctic Studies Programme
	0230	Languages

## STUDYING IN ENGLISH AT ULAPLAND

Each faculty offers a wide selection courses taught in English See the current course offer from: [www.ulapland.fi/EN/Admissions/Exchange-studies/Plan-your-exchange-studies](http://www.ulapland.fi/EN/Admissions/Exchange-studies/Plan-your-exchange-studies).

Exchange students are free to follow their passions and choose courses from all four faculties., only restriction being e.g. limited number of participants in case of some art and design courses.

### Ulapland offers four international Masters' degree programmes (with English as the language of instruction):

- Media Education (MEDU)
- Arctic Art and Design (AAD)
- Northern Tourism
- Tourism, Culture and International Management (TourCIM)

### On the top of that, there are several non-degree programmes in English:

- Arctic Studies Programme (30 ECTS)
- China: Global and Arctic Trajectories (30 ECTS)
- Gender Studies (25 ECTS)
- Global Education (25 ECTS)
- Intercultural Communication (25 ECTS)
- Media Education (25 ECTS)

As an exchange student you can attend individual courses from these programmes and as a degree student you can complete one or more of them. Please note that currently there is no Bachelor's degree programme offered in English, only individual courses.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The required level of English language proficiency:

- B2/ IELTS 6 / TOEFL iBT 80 for the Faculties of Education, Law and Social Sciences
- B1 / IELTS 5 / TOEFL 75 for the Faculty of Art and Design.

You need to prove your English language skills with either your transcript of records, a letter from your home university or with an official language test (such as TOEFL iBT or IELTS Academic).

## What awaits me in Lapland after my arrival?

Where will I stay? And how will I get there?  
How will I find my way around the University?

### STUDENT TUTOR

You will be assigned a fellow student, so-called tutor, who will help you with your first steps. Your tutor will contact you by email before you arrive in Rovaniemi and together you will arrange a meeting that will take place shortly or immediately after your arrival.

#### He or she will:

- ✓ help you to find your flat and explain to you the basics of living at local student dormitories
- ✓ tell you how you can get from your flat to the university
- ✓ show you where the nearest grocery store is
- ✓ answer your questions about the University and student life in Rovaniemi
- ✓ and will represent, in the course of your studies at ULapland a person you can turn to if you e.g. run into some kind of problems and need advice from a local.

Therefore worry none, you won't find yourself the Arctic Circle all alone! :)

### ACCOMMODATION

If you are an upcoming student of ULapland, a place at DAS is guaranteed for you – you just need to fill in and submit an online application. Check out more:

**[www.das.fi/en#](http://www.das.fi/en#) -> Apply -> Information for Exchange Students.**

The local student housing foundation, Domus Arctica (DAS), offers an off-campus accommodation to both Finnish and international students. There are shared apartments, studios, and family apartments. The monthly rents vary depending on the size, condition, and level of the furnishings of the room.

After being offered an apartment, you need to pay a refundable deposit in order to confirm the accommodation and to be able to receive the key to your apartment after you arrive.

#### Tenancy agreements are always periodic:

- Autumn semester: August 1st – December 31st
- Spring semester: January 1st – May 31st

Find out more about DAS at **[www.das.fi](http://www.das.fi)**.

Regarding all housing issues, please contact DAS Office:

e-mail: **[dasaspa@das.fi](mailto:dasaspa@das.fi)**

### ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Each semester starts with an Orientation Week for new international students. Our Orientation Week was voted n°1 worldwide in 2017 – come here and check out why! ;) Definitely do participate, it will make your start here way easier and even fun!

## How do people in Finland study?

Should I prepare myself for a big shock?  
(SPOILER: No, you'll be just fine.)

### SYSTEM OF STUDY

The main difference between the Finnish system of study and study systems of other European countries is that individual courses vary in length and start and end at various times in the course of the whole semester. Therefore, there is no fixed exam period at the end of the semester and exams are simply held after the course ends.

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### WEBOODI – STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

In WebOodi ([weboodi.ulapland.fi/lay](http://weboodi.ulapland.fi/lay)) you can:

1. view the course offer and read course descriptions,
2. register for courses and exams,
3. check the grades and numbers of credits you earned,
4. give feedback on courses,
5. and order an unofficial transcript of records to your e-mail (for the official one you need to go to the International Office).

**“As a student at ULapland you are much more than just a ‘student number’. Never before did I enjoy my studies so much, teachers encouraged us to actively participate and made it clear that everyone’s input is valued and appreciated”**

(Quote from exchange students)

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## How about my budget?

Am I subject to any fees? If so, which ones?

And how much will I pay to keep myself warm and well-fed?

### TUITION FEES

EU citizens: No tuition fees, regardless of whether you are an exchange student or a degree student.

Citizens of non-EU/non-EAA countries: Masters' degree students who start(ed) their studies in autumn 2017 or later are required to pay tuition fees. However, if you are an exchange or a doctoral student, you do not have to pay any tuition fees either.

### STUDENT UNION MEMBERSHIP FEE

Apart from tuition fees that apply to certain degree students, there are some compulsory fees closely tied to studies. Before registering, all degree students, both from EU and non-EU/non-EAA countries, must pay the annual Student Union membership fee (EUR 105 in 2018–2019 for the whole year). For exchange students the Student Union membership is voluntary as well as for doctoral students, but it contains many valuable discounts: You are entitled to subsidized meals in campus restaurants, to use Student Health Care Service (YTHS), to the possibility of obtaining Student Sport Pass, to discounts on train and longdistance bus tickets, at youth hostels, in museums and theaters, at concerts, swimming pools, ski resorts, some restaurants, etc.

Please note that doctoral students who are members of the Student Union are NOT entitled to these benefits, but can use counseling services and services provided by Student Union.

### LIVING COSTS

Check the living costs from: [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com).

Estimated living expenses:

Undergraduates (BA, MA): EUR 560–930/month

Doctoral students: EUR 1200–1500/month (they are not entitled to the same benefits as BA and MA students)

#### Estimated undergraduate's monthly budget:

##### Rent

DAS Housing	
shared room in a shared flat appr.	EUR 140
single room in a shared flat appr.	EUR 190–320
studio (own apartment) appr.	EUR 250–480

##### Private Market

studio appr.	EUR 500
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##### Other expenses

Food	EUR 250
Transportation	EUR 50
Leisure, other expenses	EUR 130

**Total** **EUR 560–930**

Please note that part-time job opportunities in Lapland and (Quote from exchange students) in Finland in general are scarce, except for the high tourist season around Christmas when several safari companies hire students as guides.

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## How do I enter Finland?

What things do I need to organize prior to / after my arrival?

### THE RESIDENCE PERMIT, REGISTERING THE RESIDENCE AND PERSONAL IDENTITY CODE

Please see detailed information and links in the welcoming letter and in the Study in Lapland guidebook!

#### Residence permit

- **If you come from a non-EU/non-EAA country**, you have to apply for a residence permit prior to your arrival in Finland. For detailed and up-to-date information please see Finnish Immigration Internet Service: [www.migri.fi/studying\\_in\\_finland](http://www.migri.fi/studying_in_finland).
- **If you come from a EU/EAA country**, you do not need a residence permit. Every student needs to obtain a Finnish Personal Identity Code:
- **If you come from a EU/EAA country and stay longer than three months non-stop**, you need to register your right to reside in Finland at the MIGRI and you can apply for the Finnish Personal Identity Code with their registration application.
- **If you come from a EU/EAA country and stay less than three months non-stop**, you need to apply for it at the Local Register Office (Maistraatti). This service is free of charge.
- **If you come from a non-EU/non-EAA country**, then please, when filling in the residence permit application, tick the box for acquiring Population Registration and Finnish Personal Identity Code. In case you forgot to do so, you can apply for it after your arrival at the Local Register Office (Maistraatti).

Once you have your Personal Identity Code, you show it at the Student Services (this is to be done in person) and it will be uploaded into the University Student Register.

### MANDATORY INSURANCE

- All international students need insurance that is valid throughout their stay at the University. Insurance must cover medical care and personal injury, and should also contain liability coverage for loss or damage. Proof of a valid insurance coverage is required upon registration at the University of Lapland.
- If you come from a EU/EAA country, you are entitled to necessary medical services from the public healthcare system and from the Finnish Social Insurance Institution (KELA). You only need to obtain a European Health Insurance Card from the local authorities before leaving your home country and to have it with you at all times. Please note, however, that this card covers only emergency treatment and that obtaining an additional insurance coverage is strongly recommended.

**"I was lucky to spend a semester in Lapland – it is the best. I really liked the style of teaching at ULapland, met many new friends, improved my English skills and even started to study Finnish!"**

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