

Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2015-2016

Institutional Information

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Academic Information

Official dates of the academic year 2015-2016: 1 August 2015 – 31 July 2016

Tuition and exams during the academic year:

Autumn semester: 31 August 2015 – 19 December 2015	Spring semester: 11 January 2016 – 28 May 2016
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Arrival dates:

Autumn semester: 19 – 20 August 2015	Spring semester: 5 January 2016
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Orientation days (compulsory):

Autumn semester: 24 – 28 August 2015	Spring semester: 7 – 8 January 2016
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Deadlines for exchange student applications:

Autumn semester / full year: 31 May 2015	Spring semester: 31 October 2015
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Information about the application process for exchange students (including language requirements):

uva.fi/en/for/prospective/exchange/
uva.fi/en/for/prospective/exchange/applying/

Information about studies offered for exchange students:

uva.fi/en/education/exchange/

Language of instruction in courses available for exchange students: English. Some courses available also in German, French and Swedish (working knowledge in the language required).



Is preparatory language course offered: A Survival Language Course in Finnish (2 ECTS) is available for exchange students during the semesters. (Survival Language Course in Russian in spring semester).

Are ECTS credits in use: Yes

Is ECTS Grading Scale in use: No. explanation on the grading scale will be printed on the transcript of records. Explanation on the grading scale is also available online at: uva.fi/en/for/student/living/ects/

Practical Information

Is pick-up service available upon arrival: Yes, during the official arrival days.

Is accommodation offered: The students are responsible for arranging the accommodation. Accommodation can be applied for example for from the local student housing foundation VOAS. Students arriving in autumn semester are strongly advised to reserve the apartment from 1 August.

Contact for accommodation: VOAS (Student Housing Foundation). Application form and information available online at voas.fi.

Cost of accommodation per month (approximately): 190 – 300 euros (may vary, depending on the type and location of the apartment).

Cost of living per month (approximately):

Food: 250 euros

Transportation: 30 euros

Personal costs depending on the student

Are there any required fees for the exchange students: No. The Student Union Fee is voluntary. Student Union Fee: 142 euros / academic year, 76 euros / semester (bachelor / master level students). Fee for doctoral level students 46 euros / academic year. More information about the Student Union available online at: vyy.fi/

Insurance: Exchange students are personally responsible for the insurances for themselves and their personal belongings. The insurance should be obtained before arrival to Finland, and it should cover costs resulting from illness or an accident (doctor and hospital charges, including medical treatment and hospitalization, medication, and costs resulting from interruption of exchange. Exchange students should also obtain an insurance for personal belongings and third party liability.

Permits (for exchange studies lasting min. 3 months):

Citizens of the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland: No residence permit needed for Finland for the exchange studies. Registration at the local police station required.

Other nationalities: Residence permit needed.

Information on permit matters available at: poliisi.fi (Police) and migri.fi (The Finnish Immigration Service)

More practical information about living and studying in Finland and in Vaasa available online at uva.fi/en/for/student/living/