

INFORMATION SHEET**KARELIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES	For Spring Semester 2026 * Non-EU/EEA students: Nominations by 15 September 2025, applications by 30 September 2025 * EU/EEA students: Nominations by 15 October 2025, applications by 31 October 2025. For the Academic year 2026–2027, Autumn 2026 * Nominations by 15 April 2025, applications by 30 April 2025 The nomination of your students is done via our application system, Solemove. To nominate your students, you will need a local personal account. You can ask for the creation of your nomination account at mobility@karelia.fi. After nomination, the students will receive an email with their login information to the application system.	
HOW TO APPLY	https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/	Further information: mobility@karelia.fi
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	Spring Semester 2026 Orientation days for exchange students: 7 – 8 January 2026 * courses begin: 7 January 2026 * courses end by 31 May 2026 Exams / assessment take place at the end of each course Autumn Semester 2026 (exact dates will be confirmed later) Orientation days for exchange students: 13 –14 August 2026 * courses begin: 17 August 2026 * courses end by 18 December 2026	
Language of instruction	Finnish / English. B2 or higher level in English is recommended	
Grading scale	1 – 5 passed /failed	5 = excellent 4 = good 3 = good 2 = satisfactory 1 = satisfactory 0 = failed H = passed X = grading not complete

Courses for exchange students	Courses for exchange students are available at the bachelor level only. Degree programs instructed fully in English: • International Business • Industrial Management • Information and Communication Technology All courses and opportunities for exchange students: https://www.karelia.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/	
Insurance	Incoming students must have valid personal travel insurance. https://migri.fi/en/insurance EU students must carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).	
Accommodation Housing Company Joensuun Ellin Kodit Oy PL 242, 80101 Joensuu, Finland	https://joensuunelli.fi/ tel. +358 13 223300 asiakaspalvelu@ellinkodit.fi	Cost of accommodation (Room in a shared flat): 230 – 320€ /month + furniture fee 19€ /month + Internet connection about 20€ per month (several options)
Living costs	Minimum: approximately 800€ per month, including accommodation	
Student tutoring for exchange students	Student Union POKA coordinates student tutoring at Karelia and trains student tutors (buddies) to support incoming exchange students.	
Immigration (non-EU students)	*Studying in Finland for less than 3 months -> Visa *Studying in Finland for more than 3 months -> Residence permit for studies More information: https://migri.fi/en/studying-in-finland and the Finnish Embassies. https://um.fi/entering-finland	
Useful links	https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/ https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/ https://www.visitjoensuu.fi/en-FI http://www.visitfinland.com	