

INFORMATION SHEET

KARELIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

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Departmental coordinators

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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES	<p>For the Academic year 2026–2027, Autumn 2026</p> <p>* Nominations by 15 April 2025, applications by 30 April 2025</p> <p>For Spring Semester 2027</p> <p>* Non-EU/EEA students: Nominations by 15 September 2026, applications by 30 September 2026</p> <p>* EU/EEA students: Nominations by 15 October 2026, applications by 31 October 2026.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>After nomination, the students will receive an email with their login information to the application system.</p>	
HOW TO APPLY	https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/	
Further information: mobility@karelia.fi		
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	<p>Autumn Semester 2026</p> <p>Orientation days for exchange students: 13 –14 August 2026 (tbc)</p> <p>* courses begin: 17 August 2026</p> <p>* courses end by 18 December 2026</p> <p>Spring Semester 2027</p> <p>Orientation days for exchange students: 7 – 8 January (tbc)</p> <p>* courses begin: 11 January 2027 (tbc)</p> <p>* courses end by 31 May 2027</p> <p>Exams/assessments take place at the end of each course</p>	
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	<p>Courses for exchange students are available at the bachelor's level only.</p> <p>Degree programs instructed fully in English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Business • Industrial Management • Information and Communication Technology <p>All courses and opportunities for exchange students:</p> <p>https://www.karelia.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/</p>	
Insurance	<p>Incoming students must have valid personal travel insurance.</p> <p>https://migri.fi/en/insurance</p> <p>EU students must carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).</p>	
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 – 350€ /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	<p>Student Union POKA coordinates student tutoring at Karelia and trains student tutors (buddies) to support incoming exchange students.</p>	
Immigration (non-EU students)	<p>*Studying in Finland for less than 3 months → Visa</p> <p>*Studying in Finland for more than 3 months → Residence permit for studies</p> <p>More information:</p> <p>https://migri.fi/en/studying-in-finland and the Finnish Embassies.</p> <p>https://um.fi/entering-finland</p>	
Useful links	<p>https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/</p> <p>https://www.karelia.fi/en/internationality/</p> <p>https://www.visitjoensuu.fi/en-FI</p> <p>http://www.visitfinland.com</p>	