

**INFORMATION SHEET****KARELIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

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## Departmental coordinators

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<b>NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINES</b>	<p><b>For the Academic year 2026–2027, Autumn 2026</b></p> <p>* Nominations by 15 April 2025, applications by 30 April 2025</p> <p><b>For Spring Semester 2027</b></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 <a href="mailto:mobility@karelia.fi">mobility@karelia.fi</a>.</p> <p>After nomination, the students will receive an email with their login information to the application system.</p>	
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<a href="https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/">https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/</a>	Further information: <a href="mailto:mobility@karelia.fi">mobility@karelia.fi</a>
<b>ACADEMIC CALENDAR</b>	<p><b>Autumn Semester 2026</b></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><b>Spring Semester 2027</b></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>	
<b>Language of instruction</b>	Finnish / English. B2 or higher level in English is recommended	
<b>Grading scale</b>	1 – 5  passed /failed	5 = excellent 4 = good 3 = good 2 = satisfactory 1 = satisfactory 0 = failed H = passed      X = grading not complete

<b>Courses for exchange students</b>	<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"> <li>• International Business</li> <li>• Industrial Management</li> <li>• Information and Communication Technology</li> </ul> <p>All courses and opportunities for exchange students:  <a href="https://www.karelia.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/">https://www.karelia.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/</a> </p>	
<b>Insurance</b>	<p>Incoming students must have valid personal travel insurance.  <a href="https://migri.fi/en/insurance">https://migri.fi/en/insurance</a> </p> <p>EU students must carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).</p>	
<b>Accommodation</b> Housing Company Joensuun Ellin Kodit Oy PL 242, 80101 Joensuu, Finland	<a href="https://joensuunelli.fi/">https://joensuunelli.fi/</a> tel. +358 13 223300 <a href="mailto:asiakaspalvelu@ellinkodit.fi">asiakaspalvelu@ellinkodit.fi</a>	<b>Cost of accommodation</b> (Room in a shared flat): 230 – 350€ /month + furniture fee 19€ /month + Internet connection about 20€ per month (several options)
<b>Living costs</b>	Minimum: approximately 800€ per month, including accommodation	
<b>Student tutoring for exchange students</b>	<b>Student Union POKA coordinates student tutoring</b> at Karelia and trains student tutors (buddies) to support incoming exchange students.	
<b>Immigration (non-EU students)</b>	<p>*Studying in Finland for less than 3 months -&gt; Visa</p> <p>*Studying in Finland for more than 3 months -&gt; Residence permit for studies</p> <p>More information:  <a href="https://migri.fi/en/studying-in-finland">https://migri.fi/en/studying-in-finland</a> and the Finnish Embassies.  <a href="https://um.fi/entering-finland">https://um.fi/entering-finland</a> </p>	
<b>Useful links</b>	<p> <a href="https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/">https://www.karelia.fi/en/new-students/exchange-students/</a>  <a href="https://www.karelia.fi/en/internationality/">https://www.karelia.fi/en/internationality/</a>  <a href="https://www.visitjoensuu.fi/en-FI">https://www.visitjoensuu.fi/en-FI</a>  <a href="http://www.visitfinland.com">http://www.visitfinland.com</a> </p>	