

Fact Sheet
Academic Year 2023-2024

Institutional Information

Name of the Institution	Vaasan yliopisto / University of Vaasa
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Mobility Services

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Academic Information

Official dates of the academic year 2023-2024: 01 August 2023 – 31 July 2024

Tuition and exams during the academic year:

Autumn semester: 04 September 2023 – 20 December 2023	Spring semester: 8 January 2024 – 31 May 2024
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Arrival dates:

Autumn semester: 28 August 2023	Spring semester: 3 January 2024
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Orientation days (compulsory):

Autumn semester: 29 & 30 August 2023	Spring semester: 4 & 5 January 2024
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Deadlines for exchange student applications:

Autumn semester / full year: 31 May 2023	Spring semester: 31 October 2023
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Information about the application process for exchange students (including language requirements):

<https://www.uwasa.fi/en/education/exchange/applying>

Language of instruction in courses available for exchange students: English.

Information about studies offered for exchange students:

<https://opas.peppi.uwasa.fi/en/courses-for-exchange-students/4243?period=2023-2024>

Is preparatory language course offered: A Finnish language course is available for exchange students during autumn and spring semesters.

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:

<https://www.uwasa.fi/en/education/studying-and-living-finland/studying-vaasa>

Practical Information

Pick-up service is available upon arrival for exchange students only, during the official arrival days.

Accommodation: The University of Vaasa does not offer student accommodation. The students themselves must arrange for accommodation e.g. from the local student housing foundation VOAS (Student Housing Foundation). Application form and information available online at <https://www.voas.fi/?setlang=13>. Students arriving in the autumn semester are strongly advised to reserve the apartment from 1 August.

Information on accommodation in Vaasa on our website:

<https://www.uvasa.fi/en/education/studying-and-living-finland/accommodation>

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

There are no required university fees for exchange students. The Student Union Fee is voluntary for exchange students. More information about the Student Union available online at: <https://vyy.fi/en>

Note: The Student Union fee is mandatory for degree and double degree students. More information about the Student Union membership available online at: <https://vyy.fi/en/for-students/membership>

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 hospitalisation, 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 exchange studies. Registration of an EU citizen's right of residence at a local service point of Digital and Population Data Services Agency (DVV) within 3 months.
- Other nationalities:* Residence permit needed.

Information on permit matters available at: <https://migri.fi/en/home> (The Finnish Immigration Service)

Force Majeure

The exchange period can be postponed or cancelled by the decisions of the authorities in Finland or by the University of Vaasa due to a case of force majeure, and in particular in case of strikes, natural disasters, epidemics such as the COVID 19 -pandemic, fires, floods, storms, malicious acts or war. In these cases, the exchange student and the university will both be responsible for their own costs and expenses related to the postponing or cancelling the exchange period.