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Dear Reader

Please find below information on the exchange studies in Arts Academy at Turku University of Applied Sciences, in order to make the student mobility preparations easier and smoother.

1 Application time and needed documents

A student can apply for exchange student mobility twice a year:

Application deadline for spring semester is the

1.10 (applicants applying from outside of Europe)

15.10 (Europe)

Application deadline for autumn semester and for complete academic year is **1.5 (all)**

This will allow a student to apply for housing well in advance; before the start of semester.

NB! Students applying for Film, Media and Journalism can apply only for spring semester (=1.1.-31.5)

2 Compulsory Application Documents

A student needs to include following documents:

1. Updated student's study register in ECTS credits

2. The CV

3. Portfolio or related

4. ERASMUS/ General application form. **Fill in the electrical application form at our webpage** (www.tuas.fi – Applying and studying – Incoming exchange students – How to apply). **DO NOT upload electrically the portfolio!**

Print out the application by pressing "Print application". Ask your departmental coordinator to sign the application.

5. LLP Learning Agreement. When completing the Learning Agreement when applying, please complete only Table B: Set of components to be replaced at sending institution

When a student has been approved the course proposal will be completed by Arts Academy and delivered to the student. Final course plan will be completed after student has arrived and had tutorial with the teacher in Arts Academy.

6. Motivation Letter

Print the documents and airmail us the application form with all the above mentioned documents by the deadline. **Or you can send them via email.**

3 Where to return student applications?

Kindly send the above mentioned documents to the Arts Academy's International Coordinator Ms. Antonella Storti (address: Arts Academy at Turku University of Applied Sciences (=TUAS) Linnankatu 54, FIN- 20100 Turku).

Or email them: antonella.storti (at)turkuamk.fi

NB! Mailing address for the applications which is different from the address at our www.tuas.fi pages and in electrical Mobility Online guidelines!

An applicant will be approved by the teachers of the department/ specialisation. Approval process will require 4-6 weeks. An approved student is requested to confirm the offered exchange place via email.

4 How to apply housing?

Student Village Foundation is the student housing office and it serves all students coming to study to Turku. We kindly ask you to inform your students to apply well in advance for housing (at least 8 weeks prior to arrival).

When we have accepted the exchange student we will contact the student and ask the student to confirm the postal address where TUAS International Office will mail the information package included the housing application. The package can be found in our webpage also www.tuas.fi/informationpackage (www.tuas.fi – Applying and studying – Incoming exchange students – Before arrival).

The housing application should be sent **directly to the Student Village Foundation**. Central office of Turku University of Applied Sciences will help you with any questions concerning accommodation in general. You can also visit the Student Village Foundation website: www.tys.fi

All other housing option can be found from website: www.tuas.fi/accommodation

5 General Information

Information about Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS) and city of Turku
Information about the whole TUAS can be obtained at the following website: www.tuas.fi.
This website will also give you access to the electronic ECTS study handbook. From the same website you will find the International Study Guide which offers practical information for exchange students.

When looking the website of Turku: www.turku.fi, you will find plenty of practical information concerning our city.

6 Academic Calendar

Autumn semester: 01.09.- week 51, (in general: onwards first work day of September to the Christmas)
On week 42 there's independent study week

Spring semester: week 2 - 31.5. On week 8 there's independent study week.

The summer holiday is from the beginning of June to the mid of August, during which time the staff have their summer break.

7 TUAS Summer School

Please note that TUAS organizes also a Summer School in August.
More information about the TUAS Summer School on our website: www.tuas.fi.

8 Departments

Fine Arts (fine arts, photography)
Film and Media (animation and film, advertising and journalism)
Performing Arts (circus, dance, puppetry and theatre) and Music (music pedagogue).

9 Studying in Arts Academy...

Can be slightly different compared to home university. In Arts Academy workshop based studies are the central feature in the learning process. Often a student will learn theory and practice through the projects and workshops. Therefore we seldom have theory based lectures. Concentration to the project based studies allow us to have international students, since a teacher can give guidance and teaching in both languages (English and Finnish). Students are also supposed to conduct studies independently; seeking information related to certain topic, rehearsing, writing etc.

Further on when a department has option to specialize, each option is rather independent and therefore does not always allow students to pot-luck their studies: in other words, for instance within Performing Arts to choose some courses from dance, some from puppetry, some from circus and so on. Since in general the courses will take place in each department approximately at the same time or they go beyond each other. The same problem exists also if a student wishes to take course beyond the departments (i.e. some courses from Film and media and some from Performing Arts). Therefore we ask applicants to specify already when they apply what s/he would like to study. In other words one should have a kind of "main subject" where to concentrate. In addition occasionally there could be projects where to join. Most of the projects / products are real and realised together for example with a theatre, hospital, museum... due to the nature of these projects they're unpredictable and could not be named in advance.

NB! When applying to the departments of Film and Media and Performing Arts, check in advance what year courses are currently studying!

10 Information about the courses for exchange students

COURSES:

Arts Academy:

The ECTS study plan is available at year level, not semester level. Subject specific courses with implementation plan are available when exchange student has arrived and had tutorial with teacher tutor. The courses can be monitored from ECTS study guide: www.tuas.fi

Students coming for Fine Arts, journalism, media and film are requested to have a project of their own (width min. 5 ECTS) which can be approved by home university. Student will have guidance and tutoring to the project from our staff.

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- For all the students who are interested

Course name	ECTS
Finnish for Exchange Students	3
Get Finternational	3

Finnish for Exchange Students, 3 ECTS

The student understands the basic structures of the Finnish language and is able to cope in everyday situations. Basic grammar; Everyday situations; Finnish culture

Get Finternational, 3 ECTS

For both Finnish and international students. The aim for the international students: gaining a wider perspective into the Finnish society, taking part in it more actively, learning how to analyse the adaptation to a foreign culture, learning how to interact with the representatives of different cultures.

<http://getfinternational.tuas.fi>

NOTE!

The language of instruction in degree programme courses usually Finnish. The common courses available for exchange students are in English but Finnish language is also used. Major part of the studies is based on individual projects.

Note! It is possible that there might still be some changes to the courses before the beginning of the semester or there might be overlapping with the course schedules.

The final course plan will be made after the arrival in Finland.

The actual starting and finishing date for both semesters may vary depending on each project/ course.

For the autumn semester, the students are expected to join the orientation day during **the first week of September**. And for the spring semester during the **second week of January**.

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