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STUDY IN ENGLISH ON THE WEST COAST OF FINLAND

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Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (in Finnish Satakunnan ammattikorkeakoulu, SAMK) is located on the West coast of Finland, in the Satakunta region. There are about 6500 students in total, and more than two hundred international students studying in our campuses every year. Are you ready to join us?

SAMK is a multidisciplinary higher education institution that offers both bachelor's and master's degrees in the faculties of Business and Culture, Social Services and Health Care

and Technology and Maritime Management. We have campuses in the biggest cities in the Satakunta region. Pori, Rauma, Kankaanpää and Huittinen offer spacious and safe living conditions, a lot of green nature and excellent opportunities for leisure activities.

The cities are big enough to offer all the necessary services but also small enough to have a cozy and friendly atmosphere.

Pori Jazz festival and the Midsummer rock festival gather tens of thousands of music

lovers in Pori every summer. Rauma is most famous for its UNESCO world heritage site Old Rauma and numerous cultural events, such as the Lace week, Rauma Blues and Blue Sea Film Festival. An important part of the culture in the region is ice hockey; when the teams of Pori and Rauma meet, the atmosphere in the stadium is indescribable!

The students of SAMK appreciate our modern campuses of which most provide 24/7 access to a gym and computer rooms with free internet connection. All our campuses

also have excellent library services. SAMK is also known for the quality of education: our students have ranked us to be among the five best universities of applied sciences in Finland and majority of the students find a permanent job right after graduating from SAMK. Last but not least, there are no tuition fees.

Read more about the programmes and courses offered and get ready to join us – for a shorter period or for doing your whole degree!



HIGHER EDUCATION IN FINLAND

The Finnish system of higher education comprises universities and universities of applied sciences. The universities of applied sciences offer education tailored to the practical needs of working life – an appropriate mix of theory and practice. In addition to instruction, their tasks include applied research and development as well as regional development. The universities of applied sciences award both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. It takes 3.5 to 4.5 years to complete a Bachelor's

degree. After three years' work experience, a student may commence studies leading to a Master's degree.

The students' workload is measured by ECTS credits based on the European Credit Transfer System; an annual workload of 1,600 hours is worth 60 ECTS credits. The extent of a Bachelor's degree is 210–270 ECTS credits, depending on the field of study.

“MANY CHINESE PEOPLE STUDY IN THE USA OR IN ENGLAND, BUT I HAVE DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENT!”



AN ASSET FOR THE FUTURE

Liu Yun, Lisa, is a 20-year old second-year student in the International Business Marketing and Logistics programme in Rauma. Like many Chinese people, she had planned to do her bachelor's degree in China and then go abroad for the master's degree.

“I decided to study in Finland when a friend of my mother, a professor in a Finnish University, told me and my parents about the good quality of Finnish education”, she explains. “I knew almost nothing about Finland”, she admits, “only Nokia and that Finland is a safe Nordic country, maybe the safest country in the world. I knew I was interested in logistics, so I looked at the possibilities and chose SAMK”.

IBML HAS BEEN A GOOD CHOICE

After living in Rauma for almost two years, Lisa is happy that she chose to study abroad. There are students from Europe, Asia, Africa and Russia in her class, and also tens of international exchange students every year.

“I like the studies”, Lisa says. “We do a lot of teamwork, which is a very efficient way of studying. We hardly ever just sit and listen in the classes. We all have our accents and English is

a foreign language to us all, so sometimes you really need to struggle to understand others and to have people understand you”, she laughs.

INTERNATIONAL PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Lisa has somewhat clear plans for the future. She wants to continue her studies and living abroad but would like to eventually move back to China to work.

“I don't know if I will stay in Finland after graduating”, she says. “I would prefer to stay abroad but I think it would be hard to find a job in Finland, especially since I don't speak Finnish. I have taken some courses and the language is not too difficult”, she laughs. “It is just that people in Rauma and in Finland in general speak such good English that you survive perfectly here without speaking the local language”.

Whether she stays in Finland or not, she is sure a degree from SAMK will be an asset to her in the future. “I have learned professional skills, improved my English, learned how to live in a foreign country and how to work on an international team - all that while getting a bachelor's degree”, she concludes.



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ATTITUDE?

Satakunta invites you to enjoy your studies and time off

WELCOME TO SATAKUNTA

The Satakunta region is located on the west coast of Finland. The total population of the region is about 240,000 people. The largest cities of the region are Pori, which has more than 76,000 inhabitants and Rauma which has about 40,000 inhabitants.

The Satakunta region is one of the oldest inhabited areas in Finland; the earliest residents arrived in the Stone Age and urban culture goes back to the Middle Ages. Besides the sea and lakes, the landscapes of the Satakunta region are characterized by the river Kokemäenjoki, which is the fifth longest river in

Finland and flows into the Gulf of Bothnia. The region offers many nature experiences and excellent opportunities for sports and hiking.

Pori and Rauma are harbour towns as well as cultural towns. Both coastal towns are also rapidly developing centres of education and culture; Pori is well known for its international Pori Jazz Festival during the summer and Old Rauma is included in the UNESCO's World Heritage List.

READ MORE ABOUT FINLAND, SATAKUNTA AND THE CITIES:

www.finland.fi: Virtual Finland, your window on Finland

finland.cimo.fi: Discover Finland, Information on study opportunities in Finland

www.visitfinland.fi, Visit Finland, Finnish Tourist Board

www.satakunta.fi

www.maisa.fi, Maisa, Pori Regional Tourist Agency

www.visitrauma.fi, Information about Rauma Region



We are happy to welcome the students of our partner institutions to join us for a semester or two!

STUDY ABROAD PERIOD AT SAMK

As an exchange student you are able to construct your own study programme according to your needs and wishes. You have a possibility to combine studies from different campuses and fields of study. When selecting the courses, however, take the distance between the towns into consideration, since SAMK operates in five different towns. Besides the three bachelor's degree programmes in English (see page 8), SAMK offers part of the instruction in English also in the following fields:

- International Business (Rauma)
- Business Administration (Pori)
- Business Logistics (Rauma)
- Business Information Systems (Pori)
- Tourism (Pori)

- Fine Arts (Kankaanpää)
- Health Care (Pori and Rauma)
- Information Technology (Pori)
- Chemical Engineering (Pori)
- Maritime Management (Rauma)
- Total Quality Management (Pori)

For a complete list of courses offered, please see www.samk.fi/ects

The application time is twice a year; in April-May for those coming for the autumn semester or whole academic year, and in October for those coming for the spring semester. Please remember, that you have to first apply for the study abroad period at your own university.

DEGREE STUDIES AT SAMK

Bachelor's Degree programmes lead to a Finnish "Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto" which is similar to the first degree in the European Union three cycle system. The application time is once a year, in January-February. SAMK offers three Bachelor's Degree Programmes totally in English:

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND MARKETING LOGISTICS

The Degree Programme in IBML will prepare our students to work on a broad scale of tasks in the international business environment. The learning environment is based on the principles of Problem Based Learning. It provides our students an inspiring and challenging way to learn by doing. The students will work in teams with their fellow Finnish and foreign students on real-life cases to develop their problem-solving skills.

Campus: Faculty of Business and Culture Rauma Tradenomi, Bachelor of Business Administration 210 ECTS or www.samk.fi/ibml

INNOVATIVE BUSINESS SERVICES

In the Degree Programme in Innovative Business Services you will learn to operate and work in the changing environment of business services. The IBS programme is an excellent opportunity for you, who are interested in combining the fields of business administration, communication and information technology and media – and maybe starting up your own business. Specialists

of different business areas are coaching you along the studies to reach understanding and develop practical views of new business perspectives. You will study in an international student group and gain valuable skills needed when working in multinational and multicultural business environments.

Campus: Faculty of Business and Culture Pori Tradenomi, Bachelor of Business Administration 210 ECTS or www.samk.fi/ibs

PHYSIOTHERAPY

The Degree Programme in Physiotherapy opens opportunities to work within the field of rehabilitation. Studies are grounded on ten modules and practical studies are integrated with theoretical studies. Clinical practice can take place both in Finland and abroad and is tutored by qualified instructors. Students' professional growth is supported by the production of a thesis, planned in collaboration with the producers of physiotherapy services.

Campus: Faculty of Social Services and Health Care Pori Fysioterapeutti (AMK), Bachelor of Health Care 210 ECTS or www.samk.fi/physiotherapy

BACHELOR OR MASTER?

For a full list of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees offered at SAMK (tuition in Finnish), please see www.samk.fi/apply

Currently SAMK offers one master level, second cycle degree programme totally in English. The application time for the Master's degree is in April.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

SAMK offers a Master's Degree Programme in Business Management and Entrepreneurship (BME), fully in English, without tuition fees, in Rauma. The key issues in BME are change management, new business concepts, excellent networking and cross-cultural communication skills.

BME is a university of applied sciences post-graduate degree for graduates with a BBA or

an applicable Bachelor's Degree. Applicants must also have at least three years' work experience within the field of study. The extent of studies required for a master's level degree after the bachelor's degree is 60 - 90 credits. The degree can be completed as part-time multiform studies together with a normal day job, if necessary.

Campus: Faculty of Business and Culture Rauma
Master of Business Administration
90 ECTS credits
www.samk.fi/bme



STUDYING AT SAMK

ACADEMIC MATTERS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year at SAMK is divided into five periods, each lasts approximately 8 weeks. The academic year normally starts around August 25 and lasts until June 19. However, the last period is reserved for work placements, meaning that there is normally no tuition in June.

ASSESSMENT

The forms of assessment are essays, reports, homework, virtual tasks, presentations, and tests. There are no separate examination periods, but the examinations are agreed upon between the students and the instructors. If a student fails an assessment, there is a chance to re-sit during the semester.

ACADEMIC CULTURE

The relationship between students and teachers can be described as informal. Students do not use the teachers' title but the first name. They are also encouraged to ask questions inside and outside the classroom as well as comment on things they disagree with.

TEACHING METHODS

Teaching methods used usually take the form of lectures, group work, group discussion, and individual study. Most of the time, lectures are given to a class of 15 – 25 students. Attendance in the lectures is highly recommended and a minimum attendance percentage is often required to have the right to take examination.

SCHOOL SERVICES

COMPUTER FACILITIES

There are computer rooms at all campuses for the students' use during the daily study time. On many campuses the students even have a 24/7 access to the computer rooms. All computers have Internet-connections. Every registered student will get a personal access code for the computers as well as a minimum of 25MB of free secured hard disk space. A free personal e-mail address will be provided, too.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The buildings in which SAMK operates are mostly two/three-storied. They are quite easily accessible to persons having physical, visual or hearing impairments. There is, for example, a lift in all the school premises with the exception of the Faculty of Technology and Maritime Management on the Pori campus. Corridors and doorways are usually sufficiently spacious, and passages are accessible or relatively accessible for wheelchair users. For more information, please see www.samk.fi/students/student_services

LIBRARY

The library has service centres in all campuses, providing library and information services to students, personnel, and researchers. The library gives you the opportunity to borrow books and magazines, but also offers information retrieval services, computer terminals for database browsing and other online information searches. Borrowing materials is free, but do not forget to return the books by the due day or you will have to pay a fine.

STUDENT RESTAURANTS

There is a student cafeteria on all campuses serving subsidized meals for students during the weekdays. The price of a meal depends on what you have, ranging from 1,90 € – 3,50 €. You can also buy things like coffee, tea, buns, sandwiches, candies and ice cream. Most student restaurants are open from 8 am until early afternoon. There are no restaurants or canteens in the student residences.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

		ECTS GRADE	SAMK GRADE
5	A	Excellent	Outstanding performance with only minor errors
4	B	Very good	Above the average standard but with some errors
3	C	Good	Generally sound work with a number of notable errors
2	D	Satisfactory	Fair but with significant shortcomings
1	E	Sufficient	Performance meets the minimum criteria
0	F	Fail	Considerable further work required

“THE SCHEDULES HERE ARE VERY WELL ORGANIZED AND YOU KNOW THE DATES OF THE EXAMS EARLY ENOUGH. IT IS ALSO VERY GOOD THAT YOU CAN COMBINE COURSES FROM DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES.”

MALGORZATA, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, POLAND



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

We help all incoming international students in finding accommodation in the student residences in Pori, Rauma and Kankaanpää. The rents vary from 200 € to 400 € depending on whether it is a single flat or a shared room in the dormitory.

Most of the exchange students live in the dormitories. International degree students often rent an apartment of their own.

INTERNATIONAL TUTORS

Each international student at Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) is introduced to a student tutor right in the beginning of the studies. Student tutor is a fellow student, who has volunteered to help new students with practical matters concerning their studies, and also help them in general with living in the new country and city. In most cases the incoming international students get a message from their tutor student before arriving to Satakunta.

STUDENT UNION

SAMMAKKO (in Finnish Satakunnan ammattikorkeakoulun opiskelijakunta) is the student union for all students enrolled at SAMK. SAMMAKKO is a member of the Union of Students in Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences (SAMOK). The purpose of the student union is to help students with matters related to studying and student life.

By becoming a member, you will get a SAMOK student card which offers you many services and special student benefits. After paying the membership fee, you will receive your student card. This card will give you many discounts and benefits in shops, restaurants, museums, theatres, public indoor swimming pools and public transportation. Please note that the ISIC card is not valid on Finnish Railways.



LIVING IN SATAKUNTA

LIVING COSTS PER MONTH

On average, the living costs in Finland are similar to the rest of Europe. Of course the monthly expenses depend on where you live and how much you spend on your leisure time activities, food, social life, books, and travelling in Finland or to neighbouring countries. You are advised to have 150 € monthly for leisure time activities, because there are always unforeseen expenses.

Food	200 €
Accommodation	150 – 300 €
Hobbies & leisure time	150 €
Total	500 – 750 €

The budget above is an estimate, to cover one month's expenses.

Please be prepared for first expenses upon your arrival:

Deposit rent	150 – 300 €
Bike	40 – 100 €
Registration	40 €

MONEY & BANKS

The currency in Finland is Euro. Value Added Tax (8 – 22 %) is included in everything varying from clothing to hotels and restaurants.

Credit cards (Visa, Euro card, MasterCard, American Express) and debit cards (Maestro, Visa Electron) can be used for cash withdrawal from automatic dispensers (ATM). You can also use credit cards for payments in the trains and buses. Credit cards can be used in all the shops and restaurants, but debit cards are not accepted everywhere - it depends on the store and restaurant. You can ask your student tutor for help in opening a bank account.

Cash dispensers are open 24 hours a day. They are called Otto and can be recognized by the orange colour. Banks are usually open from Monday until Friday, from 10.00 until 16.30. On Saturdays and Sundays they are closed. The rates of exchange are the same

in all Finnish banks and it is advisable to change large amounts of money at a time to avoid service charges.

You can also open a Finnish bank account for free. When you open your bank account, please remember to bring your passport with you. A Finnish bank account might be needed if, for example, you want to pay Finnish bills or receive a salary. You can also include online services in your account if you wish to pay bills and make transactions using the Web bank.

TELEPHONE

Mobile phones (kännykkä) are very common in Finland. There are several mobile phone operators in Finland and the prices are relatively low. Most popular operators are Sonera, Radiolinja, DNA, Elisa and Saunalahti. If you want to buy prepaid cards, you can buy them in the operator's shop or in the R-Kioski shops.

POST OFFICE

Post offices are generally open Monday to Friday from 8.00 until 18.00. However, open-


ing hours may vary depending on the office. Stamps are available at post offices and almost every shop, kiosk and store. You'll find orange mail boxes all over the town where you can drop your stamped mail. International phone service is also available in the main post offices.

SHOPPING HOURS

Most stores are open from 9.00 to 17.00 on weekdays and until 14.00 or 16.00 on Saturdays. Bigger supermarkets are normally open until 21.00 on weekdays and until 18.00 on Saturdays. On Sundays the shops are closed except for the summertime and a few weeks before Christmas.

HEALTH CARE

The level of health care in Finland is very high and there are public health centres as well as hospitals, throughout the whole country. If you have any kind of medical problem, you can always go to the nurse of the school. Consultation with the nurse is free of charge and she can advise you about further medical examinations and help you with booking of appointments.



“MY PRACTICAL TRAINING PERIOD AT SAMK IS A GOOD WAY OF GAINING EXPERIENCE. EVERYTHING IS REAL: THE PATIENT, THE PROBLEM, AND YOUR DECISIONS ON HOW TO HELP THEM.”

BERNADETTE, PHYSIOTHERAPY, HUNGARY

TIPS TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE FINNISH WAY OF LIVING

ANSWERING THE TELEPHONE

Finnish people usually don't use any greeting picking up the phone, but answer directly with their name.

BE ON TIME!

Älä myöhästy! Be on time, at work as well as in social life, because Finns are very punctual.

GREETING

When greeting, especially for the first time, Finns usually shake hands and make eye contact.

AGE LIMITS

Reaching the age of 18 is very important for young people. In Finland, you have to be 18 years old before you can get your driving license, buy cigarettes, beer, wine or alcoholic drinks (under 22 % of alcohol). At the age of 20 you are able to buy spirits from the liquor store. Around the age of 20, men have to do

military or alternative service. For women, the military service is a voluntary option.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol is very expensive. The sale of alcohol in Finland is a monopoly which means that most alcoholic beverages (over 4.7 % of alcohol) have to be purchased from the State Alcohol Company ALKO.

COFFEE

On average, Finns drink 9 cups of coffee (kahvi) each day. If you visit a Finnish home, you will probably be offered some coffee. If you happen to dislike coffee, it will not be considered impolite if you decline it.

FOOD

Potatoes, meatballs, and pea-soup are typical Finnish dishes. Vegetables and bread are usually offered with every meal. Finns also drink a lot of milk.

NO SMOKING

Finland has one of the world's strictest regulations against smoking, and smoking is not allowed in public buildings. Therefore, always remember to check if there is a "No smoking" sign (Tupakointi kielletty) before you light a cigarette. Normally people do not smoke indoors.

PRIVACY

Finnish people mind their own business and respect other people's privacy. It has been said that Finns may be difficult to get to know, but once you do, you have made a friend for life. The Finns also tend to require a personal space in a sense of intimacy.

So if you try to get physically too close to a Finn during your conversation, he or she will feel uncomfortable and will try to back away. For example, do not be surprised if no one sits next to you on the bus. Finns also prefer not to show their feelings in public.

SAUNA

The sauna is an important part of the Finnish way of life. It was invented here and today there are about 1.9 million saunas in the country. You will certainly be invited to several sauna evenings during your stay in Finland.

Many flats have their own saunas and student associations often organize sauna parties for their members. Swimming in an ice hole in a lake/the sea during winter is becoming increasingly popular in Finland.

There are also a number of places in the Satakunta region where you can go for a refreshing swim after bathing in a sauna. It is not common for men and women to share the sauna together, unless they are members of the same family or close friends. In public saunas, men and women go to the sauna separately and swimsuits are generally prohibited but you can wear a towel.

COTTAGE

A cottage (mökki) is a summer house often located near water, by a lake or the sea. In summertime, when Finns have their holiday, they like to go to their cottages to relax and spend time with their families.

SEX EQUALITY

There is a high degree of equality between the sexes in Finland. This can be seen in the relatively high number of women holding advanced positions in politics and other professions. President Tarja Halonen was one of the first women to become president of a country in Europe.

QUEUING

In Finland, people stand in line and wait for their turn in banks, offices, night clubs, at the cash desk in shops, and so on. So please wait your turn and do not jump the queue.

TIPPING

In Finland the price paid already includes the service charge, so tipping is not really common.

**“THE TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS VERY HELPFUL,
AND THEY TEACH WELL”**



GO FOR IT!

Alexander Oldenburg, 19, studies Small Business and Retail Management at Saxion University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands. This spring semester of 2009 is a little different, for he is doing an exchange period at SAMK, at the Faculty of Technology and Maritime Management Pori.

“I wanted a new challenge by doing something completely different so I applied for a study period abroad. I chose SAMK because I just loved the idea of coming to Finland, and by studying here I am able to add courses in technology to my degree”, he explains.

LIVING WITH A GROUP

Alexander has enjoyed his stay in Pori. You can find everything you need in Pori and there are enough things to do. He lives in a student residence, which is where most of Pori’s international students live.

“I never lived alone before, so this is a nice experience in that sense as well. Sure, it is sometimes hard not seeing your friends and family for such a long time but here you are not alone either”, Alexander says. “We exchange students spend a lot of time together and my

best experience here so far has been a trip to Lapland that we students organised. At the beginning of the semester, we also had a nice get-together with all the international students at SAMK.

GOOD QUALITY OF TEACHING

The style of studying at SAMK suits Alexander well. He says the relationship between students and teachers is relaxed and the students know they can ask the teachers for more information, any time.

“I’d say the quality of teaching at SAMK is very good. The teachers are always very helpful, and they teach well; they are for example very good at explaining things if you don’t know something and their English is very good and easy to understand”, he confirms.

For anyone thinking of doing an exchange semester in SAMK, Alexander would say: go for it! He says that it’s great fun meeting a lot of people from other countries, the teaching is good and furthermore, you can choose courses quite freely.

“My experience up till now is definitely positive!”



HAVE FUN!

STUDENT LIFE

SPORTS

Sports (urheilu) are very important to Finns. Watching or taking part in sports is an aspect of daily life. Every town and even the very smallest villages have their own sports field, sports hall, swimming pool, etc. Common sports are Nordic walking, floorball and skiing. Ice hockey is the most important and popular sport in Finland in the winter. In summertime, many Finns play Finnish baseball (pesäpallo) or football. Pesäpallo is the national game of Finland and it is played by men and women.

NIGHTLIFE

The Satakunta region offers a great nightlife for students. Wednesday night is student night. Friday and Saturday are also popular

nights for young people to go out. If you go to the night clubs to spend your evening, please be prepared to show your identification card. The age limit varies from club to club, but you need to be at least 18 years old and in some clubs even 22 years old.

At the nightclubs, there is normally a cloakroom where you have to leave your jacket. The cloakroom charge is usually 2 €. The price of a beer is between 4 € and 5 €. Most nightclubs have special band nights and on these nights the ticket prices are more expensive. On a normal night you will need to pay 4 € – 7 € and other times the entrance fee might be 8 € – 10 €.

STUDENT EVENTS

There are a lot of different events for students to have fun and meet local and international students. For example May Day, known in Finnish as “Vappu” is a spring time holiday celebrated all over Finland, especially by students. On this day all the streets and parks are packed with singing, dancing and shouting Finns.

Many of the cultural events take place during summer, but SAMK, the student tutors and the Student Union arrange several events for the students each semester.

Get together in Ulvila, Massin Maja

Meet all the exchange students from each SAMK faculty. Outdoor activities like cross-country skiing and sledging and other games, sauna and campfire.

The International Student Gathering (ISG)

All international students from Satakunta, Tampere, Pirkanmaa, Häme and Seinäjoki Universities of Applied Sciences, University of Tampere and Tampere University of Technology come together for 2 or 3 days, full of activities and parties. ISG is organized by the student unions.

Loveboat Trip

Student cruise from Turku to Stockholm. Leave in the evening and come back the next day. Party all night with 2,000 students from SAMK and Turku Universities of Applied Sciences.

Beer Rally

Beer Rally is a playful competition organized by the students. It includes different games in many pubs around the city.

TRIPS

All year long, there are holidays which are perfect occasions to visit other places within Finland or countries nearby

Trip to Lapland

A trip to Lapland is an unforgettable experience, especially in winter, when you can go skiing and snowmobiling. Maybe you will even observe Aurora Borealis if you are lucky! Renting a cottage is really popular among the students and the cottages are usually fully equipped.

Trip to Stockholm

Leave Turku in the evening and arrive in Stockholm early in the morning. You will have the whole day to explore the city, visit sights and do some shopping. You can return in the evening using a different ferry.

Trip to Estonia

A cruise from Helsinki to Tallinn is in itself a great excursion. The trip can be made in 2 hours with the fastest ship, so you can leave Helsinki in the morning, spend half a day in town and return in the evening!

Trip to Latvia

A short trip for a weekend or a couple of days to Riga is highly recommended. Riga has a pretty city centre with beautiful architecture. It is the perfect city for a student because of the cheap prices for drinks and food.

More information

- www.laplandfinland.com
- www.tallinksilja.com
- www.vikingline.fi
- www.ryanair.com

Finnish is different - and fun!

SURVIVAL FINNISH

Finnish is not more difficult than the other languages, it is just different. The Finnish language is a member of Finno-Ugric language family. Almost all other European languages belong to the Indo-European family.

That's why the grammatical structure and vocabulary in Finnish is different. The closest relatives of Finnish language are Karelian, Vepsian, Ingrian, Estonian, Votian and Livonian.

Hungarian is the best-known Finno-Ugric language. There are about 25 million speakers of Finno-Ugric languages in the world.

SAMK offers an introductory course of Finnish to all international students. Before attending that, you can start learning the language via the internet: www.uuno.tamk.fi/uuno2/index.html - elementary Finnish for international students, or www.yle.fi/opinportti/supisuomea.

BASIC DICTIONARY

COMMON PHRASES

Hello
Goodbye
What is your name?
My name is...

Good morning
Good afternoon
Good evening
Good night

How are you?
Fine, thank you
Excuse me/I'm sorry
Here you are

Thank you
Thank you very much
You're welcome

Nice to meet you.
What's the time?
I don't speak Finnish.
Do you speak English?

I don't understand
I understand
Please, speak slowly
Yes
No

How much does this cost?
What is this?
I'll buy it.
I would like to buy...

Do you have...
Open
Closed
Train
Bus
Train station
Bus station
Airport

Hei/Terve/Moi
Näkemiin/Hei
Mikä sinun nimesi on?
Minun nimeni on...

Hyvää huomenta
Hyvää päivää
Hyvää iltaa
Hyvää yötä

Mitä kuuluu?
Kiitos hyvää
Anteeksi
Ole hyvä

Kiitos
Kiitos oikein paljon
Ei kestä

Mukava tavata sinut.
Mitä kello on?
Minä en puhu suomea.
Puhutko englantia?

Minä en ymmärrä.
Minä ymmärrän.
Ole hyvä, puhu hitaasti.
Kyllä
Ei

Paljonko tämä maksaa?
Mikä tämä on?
Minä ostan sen.
Haluaisin ostaa...

Onko sinulla...
Avoinna
Suljettu
Juna
Linja-auto/bussi
Rautatieasema
Linja-autoasema
Lentokenttä

Map
Tourist Information
Post office

Museum
Bank
Police station
Hospital

Pharmacy
Store, Shop
Restaurant
Church

School
Course
Grade
Teacher
Lecturer

Kartta
Matkailuneuvonta
Posti

Museo
Pankki
Poliisiasema
Sairaala

Apteekki
Kauppa
Ravintola
Kirkko

Koulu
Kursseja
Arvosana
Opettaja
Luennoitsija

NUMBERS

one
two
three
four
five
six
seven
eight
nine
ten

yksi
kaksi
kolme
neljä
viisi
kuusi
seitsemän
kahdeksan
yhdeksän
kymmenen

WEEKDAYS

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
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SAMK – SHARP TOP OF FINNISH EDUCATION

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Faculties: 3
- Campuses: 10
- Cities and towns: Pori, Rauma, Huittinen, Kankaanpää, Harjavalta
- Maintained by the City of Pori
- Staff members: over 500
- Degree Programmes: 25 in Finnish | 4 in English
- Total number of students: 6,500
- Annual Intake of students: 1,100
- Degrees awarded yearly: 900-1,000

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Centre of Excellence in Education, 2005-2006 (Enterprise Accelerator)
- Centre of Excellence in Education, 2002-2003 (Degree Programme in International Business and Marketing Logistics)
- Centre of Excellence in Regional Development, 2001-2002 (Prizes are awarded by the Ministry of Education in Finland)
- SAMK passed the quality system audit by the Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council in 2009.

INTERNATIONAL SAMK

- Tens of international degree students in Pori and Rauma
- Annually about 150 incoming exchange students in the campuses in Rauma, Pori and Kankaanpää
- Tens of international teachers in the campuses every academic year
- Tens of SAMK teachers participate in teacher exchanges to keep up with the current trends in their field and to improve their skills to teach in a foreign language