

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences
Admissions Criteria, Spring 2024

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SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH SPRING 2024

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Application period

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) has Bachelor's degree programmes in one separate application period of SAMK: SAMK Admission, Spring 2024, 3 - 17 January, 2024 (the application period ends on 17 January, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

In SAMK Admission, Spring 2024, you can apply up to two degree programmes available in the application period. The results of the student selection are given in the schedule given in the descriptions of student selection. Applicant is required to confirm the offered study place at latest on 11 July, 2024, at 3.00 p.m.

If you're offered study places from this separate application or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in Autumn 2024 from a Finnish university or university of applied sciences.

Eligibility for Bachelor's degree programmes

Provisions on eligibility for universities of applied sciences are contained in the Polytechnics Act (932/2014).

You can apply to a Bachelor's degree programme if you have completed:

- the Finnish general upper secondary school syllabus and/or the matriculation examination;
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma;
- a European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma;
- Reifeprüfung (RP) Diploma;
- a Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification with a scope of 120 credit units or 180 credit points, or a comparable previous Finnish vocational qualification with a minimum scope of 80 credit units;
- a Finnish post-secondary or higher vocational level diploma;
- a Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification or a further or specialist vocational qualification as a competence-based qualification, or a comparable previous qualification
- foreign qualification that provides eligibility for higher education studies in the country in question or
- a Finnish or foreign higher education degree

SAMK doesn't have discretionary admission, i.e. the possibility to apply without an eligible background education, to its degree programmes.

Proving eligibility

Applicants must have completed the qualification used in the application procedure in time for a copy of the certificate to reach Satakunta University of Applied Sciences by the deadline specified in advance following the publication of admission results (see the Schedule Appendix).

Applicants with a Finnish matriculation certificate (in Finnish: suomalaisen ylioppilastutkinto) need not submit copies of their certificates, as information about their graduation and grades is electronically available. However, this does not apply to applicants who have taken the Finnish matriculation examination prior to 1990, as they will need to save copies of their certificates to the application form by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix). Applicants with a Finnish vocational qualification need to save copies of their certificates and study transcripts to the application form.

Those applying with an IB, EB or RP/DIA Diploma will need to submit certificate copies by a deadline specified in loan (see the Schedule Appendix).

Applicants with a non-Finnish qualification certificate must save a copy of the certificate used as the basis for application and a copy of the study transcript by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form.

Applicants who complete their qualification during or after the application period (at latest by the deadline given in the Schedule appendix) are required to attach an official document about their graduation and their latest study transcript to the application form.

In addition, each applicant must submit a copy of his or her qualification certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official authorised translator if the original document is in none of these languages. Such translations must be signed and stamped by the translator. The translations must be saved by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form.

A person with refugee status or an asylum seeker may apply and be accepted to study in education just as any other eligible citizen of Finland or any other country.

If the applicant is a refugee, has status comparable to a refugee or is an asylum seeker, and he or she cannot thus verify his or her previous degree with relevant documentation, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences may invite the applicant to take an entrance exam or, if necessary, submit the application for academic assessment. Satakunta University of Applied Sciences will use the report requested from the applicant as basis for making the decision on whether the documentation on the previous degree is sufficient.

The applicant must have a decision by the authorities concerning his or her status (decision on asylum or residence permit on the basis of protection). The applicant must submit a copy of the relevant decision within a previously notified time limit to the admission office of Satakunta University of applied sciences (see appendix with timetables).

In order to declare his or her status, an asylum seeker who has not yet been granted a decision may verify his or her status by presenting an identity card with his or her photograph granted by Migri and, when required by the degree programme, a fee-based (€20) pending application by Migri that states that the applicant is permitted to legally reside in Finland during the time when his or her case is being processed, i.e. until a lawful decision has been made on the case.

Applying through discretionary admission

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences doesn't use discretionary admission for its degree programmes.

Evidence of language proficiency as part of admissions

Finnish language test

SAMK doesn't organise a Finnish language test or require result of any Finnish language test for admission.

English language proficiency

Good skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. In those programmes that use entrance exams, applicant's language skills are measured in the entrance exam.

Adequate results from accepted international English language tests are required in all of the available degree programmes in SAMK. Following results are accepted:

- IELTS Academic and IELTS Academic online : a minimum total score of 6.0
- TOEFL Academic (iBT): a minimum total score of 60
- PTE Academic and PTE Academic online: a minimum total score of 55
- Cambridge C1 Advanced: a minimum total score of 169
- Cambridge C2 Proficiency: a minimum total score of 169

Also following test, exams or degrees are accepted:

- National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI) English: Proficiency level 4 on all the subtests (reading, writing, listening and speaking).
- Higher education degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States
- Upper secondary degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States
- Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification: grading scale 1-5 with a minimum grade of 5, grading scale 1-3 with a minimum grade of 3
- One of the following grade cases in Finnish Matriculation Examination, European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate or Reifeprüfung/DIA:
 - Finnish Matriculation Examination: English on advanced Level with a minimum grade of C
 - International Baccalaureate completed in English
 - International Baccalaureate diploma: grade 4 in higher level English
 - European Baccalaureate: at least grade 6.00 in L2-level English
 - Reifeprüfung/DIA completed diploma: at least grade 7 in advanced English

Applicant must provide a copy of the passed result by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form.

There are no expiration dates, but the language test results must be verifiable from the online verification service of the organizer. The TOEFL test cannot be verified after two years. If the test scores can no longer be verified, the test is not valid. The applicant should make sure that the test results are not too old. If the applicant is unsure and the test results are more than 2 years old, it is advised to retake the test.

Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations

Special arrangements are not available for the student selection of Bachelor's degree programmes.

Bachelor's Degree Programmes in SAMK Admission Spring 2024

The separate application of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences, SAMK Admission Spring 2024, is organized from 3 - 17 January, 2024. The application period ends on 17 January 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time.

SAMK has seven Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English that take part in SAMK Admission, Spring 2024:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	26
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	40
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	40
Degree Programme in Logistics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	40
Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	30
Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	50
Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	50

If the criteria fail to produce a difference between tied applicants, SAMK admits all of the equally ranked applicants. SAMK may cancel admission if an applicant fails to submit qualification certificates by the specified deadline, or if an applicant has provided false information.

Equal score rules

Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care and Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Health Care:

If the criteria fail to produce a difference between tied applicants, SAMK admits all of the equally ranked applicants.

Other Bachelor degree programmes:

If the criteria cannot draw the line between applicants with equal score, SAMK will draw lots for selecting the student/students.

Student selection - Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Pori

Please note:

In SAMK Admission Spring 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

All applicants are invited to the written part of the online entrance examination of Degree Programme in Physiotherapy. The examination cannot be replaced with any other entrance examination or test result, and the examination result doesn't replace any other examination result. The result is valid only in the application round in question.

Online entrance examination includes the following parts:

- Written part (multiple-choice questions and an essay based on material given during the exam), 20 points.
- Online interview (partly based on a short physiotherapy-related article that is attached/linked to the interview invitation), 30 points.

All applicants are invited to take the written part of the online entrance examination. Written part consists of multiple-choice questions and an essay with material given during the exam. The multiple-choice questions will be scored with the maximum score of 20 points. In the essay, the level of applicant's written English skill is graded as pass or fail. The written part will be open for a limited time and the essay's completion time is also limited.

After the written part, 80 applicants with the best score and a passed essay from the written part are invited to take the online interview. If there are less than 80 applicants with an eligible result from the written part, all applicant with an eligible result will be invited to the online interview. Applicant's eligibility i.e. school certificate and English language test result will be checked before sending the interview invitations – only eligible applicants will be invited to take the interview.

In the online interview, applicant will be interviewed through a video negotiation platform with his/her own computer, webcam, headset/microphone and Internet connection. For the online interview, applicant is required to read the material mentioned above. Also applicant's skills of understanding and producing spoken English are measured. Applicant is given a time of 10-15 minutes for the interview by invitation – the applicant cannot change the date and the time of the interview. Applicant is required to get at least 8 points from the online interview to be eligible for student selection.

The maximum score in the online entrance exam is 50 points. Student selection is done in the order of total points of the online entrance examination from those applicants who pass the interview. Student selection from reserve places, if needed, is also done in the order of total points of the entrance examination.

Student selection schedule in spring 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2024) is open 3 - 17 January, 2024. Application period ends on 17 January 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Invitations and instructions for completing the written part of the online entrance examination are sent by Tuesday 30 January 2024.
- Online entrance examination is organized according to the following:
 - Written part is open for completion on Thursday 8 February 2024. Timetable will be given in the invitation.
 - Invitations and instructions for taking the online interview are sent by Thursday 29 February 2024.

- Online interviews are organized with a Webex-based application on Thursday 7 March and on Friday 8 March 2024. Each eligible applicant is given one time and one web address for the interview – the time and the address cannot be changed.
- The results of student selection are given by Thursday 14 March 2024. Student selection ends at latest on Friday 31 May, 2024.

Special requirements for Degree Programme in Physiotherapy

Those applying to study in the field of Health Care and Social Services must have a sufficient good health status and functional capacity to be capable of completing practical assignments and work placement periods as part of the studies. Information about health requirements in this field is available on UAS websites and on the Opintopolku.fi (Studyinfo.fi) service.

Those applying to the field should bear in mind that:

- studying and working in a profession of this field require good mental balance;
- the field is not suitable for illegal drug users or for alcohol or legal drug abusers;
- conditions such as musculoskeletal diseases, chronic skin diseases, allergies and mental health disorders may lead to health issues during studies or later in working life;
- several operational units of social and health care treat patients that are exposed to infections, and work in those units requires that the staff's immunisation is in order.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences may cancel admission for the following reasons:

- an applicant fails to submit certificates by the deadline specified by the university of applied sciences
- an applicant has provided false information about his or her grades
- it is obvious that the student, in terms of his or her health status and functional capacity, does not meet the admissions criteria (Polytechnics Act 932/2014)
- an applicant has concealed the cancellation of his or her prior study entitlement (Polytechnics Act 932/2014).

Student selection – Degree Programme in Nursing, Pori

Please note:

In SAMK Admission Spring 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

The online entrance examination consists of two parts:

1. Written part
2. Online interview

All applicants are invited to take the 1st part, written part, of the online entrance examination. Written part measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. The details of the written part will be given in the invitation mail.

After the written part, 110 applicants with the highest score will be invited to and sent instructions for the online interview. Before sending the invitations to the interview, eligibility i.e. school certificate and English language test result of each applicant whose result in written part would be good enough for an invitation is checked. Only eligible applicants are invited to take the interview.

In the online interview, applicant will be interviewed through a video negotiation platform with his/her own computer, webcam, headset/microphone and Internet connection. Applicant's skills of understanding and producing spoken English are measured. Applicant is given a time of 10 minutes for the interview by invitation – the applicant cannot change the date and the time of the interview. Applicants are required to get at least 50 per cent of the online interview's maximum points.

The final student selection is done in the order of the sum of the written part's and the online interview's points. Only applicants who have passed both the written part and the online interview are available for selection.

There is no Finnish language skill requirement in the student selection. However, Finnish language studies are included in the curriculum and Finnish language is the work language during the practice periods

Student selection schedule in spring 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2024) is open 3 - 17 January, 2024. Application period ends on 17 January 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Invitations and instructions for completing the written part of the online entrance examination are sent by Monday 29 January 2024.
- Online entrance examination is organized according to the following:
 - Written part is open for completion on Tuesday 6 February 2024. Timetable will be given in the invitation.
 - Invitations and instructions for taking the online interview are sent by Tuesday 27 February 2024.
 - Online interviews are organized with a Webex-based application on Tuesday 5 March 2024. Each eligible applicant is given one time and one web address for the interview – the time and the address cannot be changed.
 - The results of student selection are given by Tuesday 12 March 2024. Student selection ends at latest on Friday 31 May, 2024.

Special requirements for Degree Programme in Nursing

Those applying to study in the field of Health Care and Social Services must have a sufficient good health status and functional capacity to be capable of completing practical assignments and work placement periods as part of the studies. Information about health requirements in this field is available on UAS websites and on the Opintopolku.fi (Studyinfo.fi) service.

Those applying to the field should bear in mind that:

- studying and working in a profession of this field require good mental balance;
- the field is not suitable for illegal drug users or for alcohol or legal drug abusers;
- conditions such as musculoskeletal diseases, chronic skin diseases, allergies and mental health disorders may lead to health issues during studies or later in working life;
- several operational units of social and health care treat patients that are exposed to infections, and work in those units requires that the staff's immunisation is in order.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences may cancel admission for the following reasons:

- an applicant fails to submit certificates by the deadline specified by the university of applied sciences
- an applicant has provided false information about his or her grades
- it is obvious that the student, in terms of his or her health status and functional capacity, does not meet the admissions criteria (Polytechnics Act 932/2014)
- an applicant has concealed the cancellation of his or her prior study entitlement (Polytechnics Act 932/2014).

Student selection – Degree Programme in International Business, Rauma

Please note:

In SAMK Admission Spring 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP/DIA COMPLETED IN FINLAND

Applicants with Finnish matriculation certificate will be selected with the points they receive from their grades. Points are given according to this table:

Subject	Grade			
	L/E/M	C	B	A
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, basic	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Finnish/Swedish as 2 nd language	4	3	1	-
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

The points for International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung or Deutsche Internationale Abitur (DIA) completed in Finland are given according the attached Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams (see Scoring Appendix).

Students are selected in the order of total points received from the grades. Maximum of total points is 18 points, and applicant is required to get at least 6 points to be available for student selection.

SELECTION METHOD 2: PAPER SELECTION FOR APPLICANTS WITH FOREIGN CERTIFICATE AND APPLICANTS WITH A FINNISH VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Applicants with a foreign certificate or a Finnish vocational qualification will get a total score from their 2nd year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records and adequate English language test result.

Applicants should attach all upper secondary and higher education certificates and their transcripts to the application form: in cases where there is a high amount of applicants with the best grades from a certain country, applicant may be required to have a higher education certificate to get the highest available score.

Scoring the certificate

The score from the 2nd year certificate or final certificate, higher education degree certificates and transcripts of records will get a score from 0 to 5 according to a subjective evaluation of certificates of all foreign applicants who apply to the degree programme in the application round in question.

In the evaluation the following things will affect the scoring of the certificate/transcript:

- the GPA given in or counted from the grades of the certificate/transcript
- grade/score in English language and
- grade/score in mathematics or studies in the field of physics, chemistry or accounting

Applicants with best GPAs and grades will receive 5 points, and the scores will be given with the smallest difference of 0.1 points. If a certificate is suspected a fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If a certificate is from wrong level, i.e. not from upper secondary school, high school, vocational school or higher education institution, applicant will receive 0 points. Points are given from one certificate only. Applicant is required to get at least 2,5 points to be available for student selection. Applicants are selected as students i.e. offered study places in the order of their final scores.

DESIRED QUOTAS OF SELECTION METHODS

The desired quotas of intake for selection methods are:

SELECTION METHOD 1	SELECTION METHOD 2
30 %	70 %

Student selection schedule in spring 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2024) is open 3 - 17 January, 2024. Application period ends on 17 January 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule for selection method 2 (foreign certificate or Finnish vocational qualification):
 - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is on 24 January, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given at latest on Thursday 14 March, 2024.
 - The deadline for providing final certificates is on Thursday 11 July, 2024 (for those students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).
 - Student selection ends at latest on Friday 31 May, 2024.
- Schedule for selection method 1 (Finnish matriculation exam results):
 - The deadline of marking the results to national database is on Tuesday 14 May, 2024. Applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Friday 7 June, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given by Thursday 23 May, 2024.
 - Student selection ends at latest on Wednesday 31 July, 2024.

Student selection – Degree Programme in Logistics, Rauma

Please note:

In SAMK Admission Spring 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP/DIA COMPLETED IN FINLAND

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English, basic	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Finnish/Swedish as 2 nd language	4	3	1	-
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

The points for International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung or Deutsche Internationale Abitur (DIA) completed in Finland are given according the attached Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams (see Scoring Appendix).

Students are selected in the order of total points received from the grades. Maximum of total points is 18 points, and applicant is required to get at least 6 points to be available for student selection.

SELECTION METHOD 2: PAPER SELECTION FOR APPLICANTS WITH FOREIGN CERTIFICATE AND APPLICANTS WITH A FINNISH VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Applicants with a foreign certificate or a Finnish vocational qualification will get a total score from their 2nd year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records and adequate English language test result.

Applicants should attach all upper secondary and higher education certificates and their transcripts to the application form: in cases where there is a high amount of applicants with the best grades from a certain country, applicant may be required to have a higher education certificate to get the highest available score.

Scoring the certificate

The score from the 2nd year certificate or final certificate, higher education degree certificates and transcripts of records will get a score from 0 to 5 according to a subjective evaluation of certificates of all foreign applicants who apply to the degree programme in the application round in question.

In the evaluation the following things will affect the scoring of the certificate/transcript:

- the GPA given in or counted from the grades of the certificate/transcript
- grade/score in English language and
- grade/score in mathematics or studies in the field of physics, chemistry or accounting

Applicants with best GPAs and grades will receive 5 points, and the scores will be given with the smallest difference of 0.1 points. If a certificate is suspected a fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If a certificate is from wrong level, i.e. not from upper secondary school, high school, vocational school or higher education institution, applicant will receive 0 points. Points are given from one certificate only. Applicant is required to get at least 2,5 points to be available for student selection. Applicants are selected as students i.e. offered study places in the order of their final scores.

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Student selection schedule in spring 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2024) is open 3 - 17 January, 2024. Application period ends on 17 January 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule for selection method 2 (foreign certificate or Finnish vocational qualification):
 - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is on 24 January, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given at latest on Thursday 14 March, 2024.
 - The deadline for providing final certificates is on Thursday 11 July, 2024 (for those students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).
 - Student selection ends at latest on Friday 31 May, 2024.
- Schedule for selection method 1 (Finnish matriculation exam results):
 - The deadline of marking the results to national database is on Tuesday 14 May, 2024. Applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Friday 7 June, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given by Thursday 23 May, 2024.
 - Student selection ends at latest on Wednesday 31 July, 2024.

Student selection – Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Pori

Please note:

In SAMK Admission Spring 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP/DIA COMPLETED IN FINLAND

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Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

The points for International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung or Deutsche Internationale Abitur (DIA) completed in Finland are given according the attached Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams (see Scoring Appendix).

Students are selected in the order of total points received from the grades. Maximum of total points is 18 points, and applicant is required to get at least 6 points to be available for student selection.

SELECTION METHOD 2: PAPER SELECTION FOR APPLICANTS WITH FOREIGN CERTIFICATE AND APPLICANTS WITH A FINNISH VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Applicants with a foreign certificate or a Finnish vocational qualification will get a total score from their 2nd year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records and adequate English language test result.

Applicants should attach all upper secondary and higher education certificates and their transcripts to the application form: in cases where there is a high amount of applicants with the best grades from a certain country, applicant may be required to have a higher education certificate to get the highest available score.

Scoring the certificate

The score from the 2nd year certificate or final certificate, higher education degree certificates and transcripts of records will get a score from 0 to 5 according to a subjective evaluation of certificates of all foreign applicants who apply to the degree programme in the application round in question.

In the evaluation the following things will affect the scoring of the certificate/transcript:

- the GPA given in or counted from the grades of the certificate/transcript
- grade/score in English language and
- grade/score in mathematics or studies in the field of physics, chemistry or accounting

Applicants with best GPAs and grades will receive 5 points, and the scores will be given with the smallest difference of 0.1 points. If a certificate is suspected a fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If a certificate is from wrong level, i.e. not from upper secondary school, high school, vocational school or higher education institution, applicant will receive 0 points. Points are given from one certificate only. Applicant is required to get at least 2,5 points to be available for student selection. Applicants are selected as students i.e. offered study places in the order of their final scores.

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The desired quotas of intake for selection methods are:

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30 %	70 %

Student selection schedule in spring 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2024) is open 3 - 17 January, 2024. Application period ends on 17 January 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule for selection method 2 (foreign certificate or Finnish vocational qualification):
 - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is on 24 January, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given at latest on Thursday 14 March, 2024.
 - The deadline for providing final certificates is on Thursday 11 July, 2024 (for those students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).
 - Student selection ends at latest on Friday 31 May, 2024.
- Schedule for selection method 1 (Finnish matriculation exam results):
 - The deadline of marking the results to national database is on Tuesday 14 May, 2024. Applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Friday 7 June, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given by Thursday 23 May, 2024.
 - Student selection ends at latest on Wednesday 31 July, 2024.

Student selection – Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence, Pori

Please note:

In SAMK Admission Spring 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP/DIA COMPLETED IN FINLAND

Applicants with Finnish matriculation certificate will be selected with the points they receive from their grades. Points are given according to this table:

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	L/E/M	C	B	A
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Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Finnish/Swedish as 2 nd language	4	3	1	-
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

The points for International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung or Deutsche Internationale Abitur (DIA) completed in Finland are given according the attached Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams (see Scoring Appendix).

Students are selected in the order of total points received from the grades. Maximum of total points is 18 points, and applicant is required to get at least 6 points to be available for student selection.

SELECTION METHOD 2: PAPER SELECTION FOR APPLICANTS WITH FOREIGN CERTIFICATE AND APPLICANTS WITH A FINNISH VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Applicants with a foreign certificate or a Finnish vocational qualification will get a total score from their 2nd year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records and adequate English language test result.

Applicants should attach all upper secondary and higher education certificates and their transcripts to the application form: in cases where there is a high amount of applicants with the best grades from a certain country, applicant may be required to have a higher education certificate to get the highest available score.

Scoring the certificate

The score from the 2nd year certificate or final certificate, higher education degree certificates and transcripts of records will get a score from 0 to 5 according to a subjective evaluation of certificates of all foreign applicants who apply to the degree programme in the application round in question.

In the evaluation the following things will affect the scoring of the certificate/transcript:

- the GPA given in or counted from the grades of the certificate/transcript
- grade/score in English language and
- grade/score in mathematics or studies in the field of physics, chemistry or accounting

Applicants with best GPAs and grades will receive 5 points, and the scores will be given with the smallest difference of 0.1 points. If a certificate is suspected a fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If a certificate is from wrong level, i.e. not from upper secondary school, high school, vocational school or higher education institution, applicant will receive 0 points. Points are given from one certificate only. Applicant is required to get at least 2,5 points to be available for student selection. Applicants are selected as students i.e. offered study places in the order of their final scores.

DESIRED QUOTAS OF SELECTION METHODS

The desired quotas of intake for selection methods are:

SELECTION METHOD 1	SELECTION METHOD 2
30 %	70 %

Student selection schedule in spring 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2024) is open 3 - 17 January, 2024. Application period ends on 17 January 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule for selection method 2 (foreign certificate or Finnish vocational qualification):
 - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is on 24 January, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given at latest on Thursday 14 March, 2024.
 - The deadline for providing final certificates is on Thursday 11 July, 2024 (for those students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).
 - Student selection ends at latest on Friday 31 May, 2024.
- Schedule for selection method 1 (Finnish matriculation exam results):
 - The deadline of marking the results to national database is on Tuesday 14 May, 2024. Applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Friday 7 June, 2024.
 - The results of student selection are given by Thursday 23 May, 2024.
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Student selection – Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Pori

Please note:

In SAMK Admission Spring 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP/DIA COMPLETED IN FINLAND

Applicants with Finnish matriculation certificate will be selected with the points they receive from their grades. Points are given according to this table:

Subject	Grade			
	L/E/M	C	B	A
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, basic	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Finnish/Swedish as 2 nd language	4	3	1	-
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

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Applicants with a foreign certificate or a Finnish vocational qualification will get a total score from their 2nd year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records and adequate English language test result.

Applicants should attach all upper secondary and higher education certificates and their transcripts to the application form: in cases where there is a high amount of applicants with the best grades from a certain country, applicant may be required to have a higher education certificate to get the highest available score.

Scoring the certificate

The score from the 2nd year certificate or final certificate, higher education degree certificates and transcripts of records will get a score from 0 to 5 according to a subjective evaluation of certificates of all foreign applicants who apply to the degree programme in the application round in question.

In the evaluation the following things will affect the scoring of the certificate/transcript:

- the GPA given in or counted from the grades of the certificate/transcript
- grade/score in English language and
- grade/score in mathematics or studies in the field of physics, chemistry or accounting

Applicants with best GPAs and grades will receive 5 points, and the scores will be given with the smallest difference of 0.1 points. If a certificate is suspected a fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If a certificate is from wrong level, i.e. not from upper secondary school, high school, vocational school or higher education institution, applicant will receive 0 points. Points are given from one certificate only. Applicant is required to get at least 2,5 points to be available for student selection. Applicants are selected as students i.e. offered study places in the order of their final scores.

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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has one Master's degree programme tuitioned in English available in SAMK Admission, Spring 2024:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Master's Degree Programme in Sustainable Business Management, Master of Business Administration (90 ECTS), part-time/online studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024	40

Application periods

The application period in spring 2024 is SAMK Admission, Spring 2024, 3 - 17 January, 2024 (the application period ends on 17 January, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

If you're offered study places from this or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in Autumn 2024 from a Finnish university or university of applied sciences.

Eligibility for Master's degree programmes

Eligibility for a UAS Master's degree programme is conferred by an appropriate UAS Bachelor's degree or another appropriate higher education degree and at least two years of subsequent work experience in a relevant field. As a relevant field is regarded both the field being applied to and the field of the previous higher education degree.

Educational requirements

Required higher education degrees for the eligibility are:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	ELIGIBLE DEGREES
Master's Degree Programme in Sustainable Business Management, Master of Business Administration (90 ECTS), part-time/online studies	Rauma	Finnish or non-Finnish, Bachelor-level higher education degree

Applicants are required to complete the degree used in the application procedure by the end of the application period*. The scanned copy (PDF file) of the degree certificate should be attached to the application form. If a certificate is issued in a language other than Finnish, Swedish or English, the applicant must submit a copy of the certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official (authorised) translator as an attachment of the application form.

*Applicant with a Finnish post-secondary or higher vocational level diploma are required to provide a copy of that diploma by the end of the application period and a copy of an eligible higher education degree certificate by 31 July, 2024.

If an applicant is a refugee or in a refugee-like situation and is unable to submit documentary evidence of his or her qualification, SAMK can invite the applicant to sit an entrance examination or take any advance assignment submitted by the specified deadline into account. The applicant must have an official decision attesting to his or her refugee status (a decision to grant asylum or a residence permit issued based on the need for protection). The applicant must submit a copy of this decision to the admissions office (admissions@samk.fi) during the application period.

Work experience requirements

In order to be eligible, applicants must have 24 months (two years) of work experience in a relevant field from the date of award of the final degree certificate and obtained by 31 July, 2024. SAMK also accepts work experience obtained after completion of a Finnish post-secondary or higher vocational level (in any field of education) but prior to graduating for the higher education degree. In such cases, too, at least two years of work experience obtained in a relevant field is required.

Work experience is given in full months. When converting part-time work (work under 35 hours per week) into its full-time equivalent, 150 hours or 20 working days lasting at least 7 hours per day correspond to one month of work. Work experience does not have to be continuous or obtained with the same employer. The amount of work experience for simultaneous employment relationships may not exceed the amount awarded for full-time employment.

In the field of maritime management, work experience is usually counted from work certificates. In the case of temporary work and short-term contracts, the work experience is counted from the record of seagoing service so that per each day in seagoing service there is one day off seagoing service, e.g. 30 days of seagoing service give the applicant 60 days of work experience.

Work certificates should be scanned and attached as PDF files to the application form.

English language proficiency

Excellent skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. The applicants' language proficiency is assessed in the entrance examination.

Submitting degree and work certificates

Copies of the degree and work certificates should be attached to the application form and they are checked before the applicant is accepted to the degree programme. Original certificates are checked when the student starts his/her studies. If any of the certificates is found false or if the applicant has given false information about his/her degree, SAMK may cancel the admission.

Work experience must be verified with an employment certificate provided by the employer. An employment certificate must indicate details such as the exact start and end dates of employment, the employer's contact information, work duties, as well as working hours for part-time work. If the employment continues, the applicant should request a temporary employment certificate from the employer.

If an original employment certificate is in a language other than Finnish, Swedish or English, the applicant must attach a scanned copy of the certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official (authorised) translator, bearing the translator's name, signature and stamp, along with the scanned copy of the original certificate as a PDF file to the application form.

Accessible student admission – special arrangements for student selection

Special arrangements are not available for the student selection of Master's degree programmes.

Student selection – Master's Degree Programmes, part-time/online studies

Part-time/online Master's Degree Programmes in Sustainable Business Management has an entrance examination course. The degree programme does not accept any other entrance examination results, and the result of the entrance examination course of these degree programmes is not accepted in any other degree programme in Satakunta University of Applied Sciences or in any other university.

Applicant can get up to 100 points from the entrance examination course, and applicant is required to get at least 35 points to be available for selection. In addition, each task given within the course has to be returned by the given deadline. If applicant gets less than 35 points or if he/she doesn't return all given tasks, he/she will be considered to have failed the course and cannot be accepted to the degree programme.

The entrance examination course is an online course of 3–5 ECTS credits belonging to the curricula of the degree programme. The subject of the course is given to those who enroll for it. Applicants who are selected to the degree programme and who confirm their study place will have the course included to their degree studies. Other applicants who complete the course acceptably will receive a certificate of completed open university studies.

The entrance examination course is organized on the e-learning environment provided by SAMK. The instructions for registering to the e-learning environment and logging into the entrance examination course are sent to the e-mail address given during the course enrolment.

Student selection schedule in spring 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2024) is open 3 - 17 January, 2024. Application period ends on 17 January, 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule of the course enrolment:
 - The instructions for enrolling to the entrance exam course will be sent to the applicants of the programme to the email address given in the application form after the application period, at latest on Friday 16 February, 2024. It's recommended to enroll for the course before the course starts on Wednesday 28 February, 2024, at 9.00 a.m.
 - The enrolment period for the entrance examination course ends on Wednesday 6 March, 2024, at 3:00 p.m Finnish time.
 - Applicant is required to log in to the entrance examination course platform by Wednesday 20 March, 2024, at 10.00 p.m.
- Schedule of the entrance examination course:
 - The entrance examination course starts on Wednesday 28 February, 2024, at 9.00 a.m.
 - The tasks of the entrance examination course have to be returned by Friday 12 April, 2024, at 10.00 p.m.
- The results of the student selection are given at latest on Wednesday 15 May, 2024. Student selection ends at latest on Wednesday 31 July, 2024.

SCHEDULE APPENDIX

Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in spring 2024

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSION, SPRING 2024

The required documents are recommended to be saved in the application form. Alternatively, the scanned documents can be sent by e-mail to admissions@samk.fi.

Document	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024: 3 - 17 January, 2024
<p>Finnish qualification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Vocational diploma and higher education certificates and their transcripts of those who have received their certificate before the end of the application period 2) 2nd year study certificates and latest transcripts of records of those who graduate from vocational and higher education institutions in spring 2024 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office) 3) Matriculation examination grades of those who have received their matriculation certificates in or after 1990 4) Matriculation examination certificates of those who have received their matriculation certificates prior to 1990 5) Original qualification certificates to be checked 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024 2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024 (by 3 p.m. on Thursday 11 July, 2024) 3) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board 4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024 5) at the beginning of studies
<p>International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Copies of diplomas and their official translations to be submitted to the admissions office (* = those graduating during the application period to submit a Predicted Grades or equivalent) 2) Copy of the final certificate of applicants who complete an RP or EB diploma during the application period (Transcript of Grades for those completing an IB diploma) must be delivered 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024 * by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 3 April, 2024 2) by 3 p.m. on Friday 11 July, 2024

3) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	3) at the beginning of studies
Qualifications taken outside Finland:	
1) Qualification certificates of those who have graduated by the end of the application period	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024
2) Temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution and transcripts of records of those who graduate during spring 2024 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)	2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024 (by 3 p.m. on Friday 11 July, 2024)
3) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	3) at the beginning of studies
Decisions to grant asylum or residence permits issued based on a need for protection of refugees or applicants in a refugee-like situation to be submitted to the admissions office:	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024
Language test result uploaded as an attachment of the application from	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024
Results of the student selection are published	at latest on Thursday 14 March 2024
Confirmation of an offered study place	by 3 p.m. on Thursday 11 July, 2024 (or after that within 7 working days after student selection)
Student selection from reserve places ends at latest	on 31 May, 2024 (applicants with a Finnish matriculation certificate may be selected until 31 July, 2024).

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSION, SPRING 2024

The required documents are recommended to be saved in the application form. Alternatively, the scanned documents can be sent by e-mail to admissions@samk.fi.

Document	SAMK Admission, Spring 2024: 3 – 17 January, 2024
Finnish qualification: 1) Degree must be completed and a copy of the final degree certificate must be delivered 2) Original qualification certificates to be checked	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024 2) at the beginning of studies
Qualifications taken outside Finland: 1) Degree completed and a copy of the final degree certificate, together with an official translation saved in the application form 2) original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024 2) at the beginning of studies
Employment certificates: 1) work experience to be obtained 2) copies of employment certificates to be attached to the application form or submitted to the admissions office 3) original certificates to be checked	1) by 31 July, 2024 3) by 3 p.m. Wednesday 24 January, 2024 3) at the beginning of studies
Decisions to grant asylum or residence permits issued based on a need for protection of refugees or applicants in a refugee-like situation to be submitted to the admissions office:	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024
Any changes to work experience information affecting eligibility to be saved in the application form.	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24 January, 2024
Results of the student selection are published	at latest on Wednesday 15 May, 2024
Confirmation of an offered study place	by 3 p.m. on Thursday 11 July, 2024 (or after that within 7 working days after student selection)
Student selection from reserve places ends at latest	on Wednesday 31 July, 2024.

SCORING APPENDIX

Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams

European Baccalaureate (EB)

Subject	Grade			
	7,00–10	6,00–6,99	5,00–5,99	4,00–4,99
English, L2	6	5	3	1
English, L3-L5	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Subject	Grade			
	5 – 7	4	3	2
English, Language A	6	5	3	1
English, Language B	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Language A, Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Further Mathematics, HL/SL, Theoretical Mathematics HL/SL, Applied Mathematics HL	6	5	3	1
Applied Mathematics SL	4	3	1	-

Reifeprüfung (RP)/Deutsche International Abitur (DIA)

Subject	Grade			
	8 - 15	7	5 – 6	4
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, B1-B3	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/German)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics	6	5	3	1