

**Satakunta University of Applied Sciences**  
**Admissions Criteria, Spring 2026**

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# SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH 2026

General information related to the First Joint Application for Higher Education of Spring 2026 and SAMK's Separate Application, SAMK Admission Spring 2026

Later in this document you will find more specific information of each application.

All the schedules, times and dates in this admission criteria are announced in Finnish time.

### Application period

In spring 2026 Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) takes part in joint application for higher education and has a separate application of their own. Both the Joint Application, Spring 2026 and SAMK's separate application SAMK Admission, Spring 2026, will take place on 7 – 21 January 2026 (the application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time). The joint application and SAMK's separate application have separate application forms.

If you are offered study places from the joint application, the separate application of SAMK or any other application of a Finnish higher education institution, you are allowed to confirm one study place only, for studies starting in Autumn 2026 in a Finnish university or university of applied sciences.

SAMK may cancel admission if an applicant fails to submit qualification certificates by the specified deadline, or if an applicant has provided false information.

### Eligibility for Bachelor's degree programmes in joint application and SAMK's separate application

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 studies required for graduating from the Finnish upper secondary school or a Matriculation Examination;
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) degree and/or graduated from IB high school (IB Diploma Results/IB Certificate);
- a European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma;
- Reifeprüfung (RP) or Deutsches Internationales Abitur (DIA) degree;
- a Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification covering 120 credits or 180 competence points or a corresponding earlier Finnish vocational degree covering at least 80 credits;
- 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;
- a foreign qualification that provides eligibility for higher education studies in the country in question or
- a Finnish or foreign higher education degree

Applicants must submit proof of their education according to the deadlines given in the application form.

## 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 need to attach a copy of the certificate/the final graduation diploma on their application by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) if they have completed any of the following education:

- Finnish Vocational upper secondary qualification completed before year 2017
- Finnish Further or Specialist Qualification completed before year 2018
- Finnish Matriculation examination completed before year 1990
- Finnish upper secondary school syllabus
- Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification completed in Åland
- International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma, European Baccalaureate (EB) diploma or Reiferprüfung (RP)/ Deutsches Internationales Abitur (DIA) diploma
- Higher secondary school certificate completed outside Finland (e.g. high school diploma)
- Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, postgraduate licentiate and doctoral degrees completed outside Finland

In addition, each applicant must submit a copy of their qualification certificate(s) 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 to the application form by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix).

If you are a refugee or in refugee like situation and cannot submit documentary evidence of your qualification, you can submit a copy of the decision on asylum or a residence permit granted on the basis of a need for protection. Document must be delivered to the Admission Services of your first choice by 28 January 2026.

## Graduating during or after the application period

Those applying to a Bachelor's degree programme, 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 expected graduation on the application form.

If you are completing your upper secondary education OR a bachelor's, master's, postgraduate licentiate or doctoral degree outside Finland in spring 2026, attach a transcript of study records or other certificate provided by the learning institution that states the degree/qualification you are completing to your application latest by Wednesday 28 January 2026 3 p.m. Finnish time. It should also state the scope of the degree and estimated date of graduation. The certificate should be provided with the official stamp of the educational institution and must be signed and clarified by an educational institution representative including a representative's title.

If you are completing any of the following International Matriculation examination in spring 2026:

If you are completing your IB Diploma/EB Diploma education in the spring 2026, attach a transcript of study records (Predicted Grades) or other certificate provided by the learning institution that states the

degree/qualification you are completing to your application at latest by the deadline given in the Schedule appendix. It should also state the scope of the degree and estimated date of graduation. The certificate should be provided with the official stamp of the educational institution and must be signed and clarified by an educational institution representative including a representative's title.

If you are completing a DIA degree in the spring 2026, attach a copy of the final graduation certificate which states the final grades to your application at latest by the deadline given in the Schedule appendix.

Note! If you are accepted as a student and completed any of the following education in spring 2026 you need to submit the certificate/final graduation diploma to your application by 9 July 2026 by 15.00 (UTC/GMT +3)

- Finnish general upper secondary school syllabus: The final graduation certificate
- Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification completed in Åland
- EB diploma
- IB Diploma Programme (DP) Results
- DIA diploma
- Higher secondary education outside Finland: The final graduation certificate and its official translation
- Bachelor's, Master's, postgraduate licentiate or doctoral degree completed outside Finland - The final graduation certificate and its official translation

### Applying through discretionary admission

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

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN JOINT APPLICATION, SPRING 2026

### Bachelor's Degree Programmes in Joint Application, Spring 2026

The separate application of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences SAMK Admission, Spring 2026, is organized from 7 to 21 January 2026. The application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time.

SAMK has six Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English that take part in Joint Application for higher education, Spring 2026:

| DEGREE PROGRAMME  | CAMPUS | APPLICATION PERIOD          | STARTING PLACES |
|---|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies          | Rauma  | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 30              |
| Degree Programme in Logistics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies                                   | Rauma  | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 30              |
| Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies | Pori   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 50              |
| Degree Programme in Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies                      | Pori   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 30              |
| Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence (Data Engineering), Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies  | Pori   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 60              |
| Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies                                | Pori   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 60              |

### Application period

In the Joint Application, Spring 2026, you can apply up to six (6) degree programmes available in the application period with a single application form. The programmes do not have to be listed in any order of priority. SAMK will offer selected Bachelor's degree programmes in the joint application for higher education. The results of the student selection are announced according to the schedule given in the descriptions of student selection. Applicant is required to confirm the offered study place at latest on 9 July 2026, at 3.00 p.m.

### 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.

**Proof of English proficiency is required in all the available degree programmes in SAMK.**

The applicants must demonstrate their English language skills by means of a language test or previous studies, in order to be invited to the International UAS Exam and to be selected through the International UAS Exam. More detailed information on language requirements is available on the [UASinfo.fi](https://uasinfo.fi) website.

### **Demonstration of language skills in the certificate-based selection for study programmes conducted in English:**

As of the first joint application in spring 2025, applicants who have completed the Finnish matriculation examination or international matriculation examination must demonstrate their knowledge of the English language by means of a separately defined previous qualification, part of a qualification or a separate language test. More detailed information on language requirements is available on the [UASinfo.fi website](https://uasinfo.fi).

### **Identification of the applicant**

The applicant needs a valid, acceptable identification document. The following documents are accepted as proof of identity:

- a passport, the passport can be either biometric or non-biometric
- a biometric identity card from an EU/EEA country
  - if you do not have a passport but you have a biometric identity card from an EU/EEA country, it is accepted as proof of identity
  - note: the EU/EEA identity card must have a biometric symbol

No other forms of identification documents are accepted. For example, residence permit cards, identity cards from non-EU/EEA countries or non-biometric EU/EEA identity cards will not be accepted. Use the same identification document through the whole application period.

You must be identifiable from the photo on your passport or identity card. Note this especially if it has been a long time since the passport or identity card was issued.

The passport/biometric identity card from an EU/EEA country must be valid until 13 March 2026.

### **Accessible student admission – individual arrangements for entrance examinations**

If, due to disability, disease, dyslexia or some other specific reason, you need individual arrangements during the entrance exam of the first joint application in spring 2026 (e.g. additional time, tasks without pictures for applicants using a screen reader), you have to fill in a written request for individual arrangements. Please attach a medical certificate or other equivalent attestation on the nature of your disability or disease. The statement should clearly state why you need individual arrangements and explicitly detail the type of individual arrangements recommended for you. The applicants' situations are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The request for individual arrangements, with the necessary attachments, must be submitted by **28 January 2026 at 15:00 Finnish time (UTC/GMT+3)** to the Admissions Services of the university of applied sciences using the International UAS Exam that is highest on your application form.

If SAMK is the highest choice on your joint application's application form, submit an electronic form for individual arrangements here: <https://elomake.samk.fi/lomakkeet/16220/lomakkeet.html>

More information about individual arrangements can be found here: <https://www.uasinfo.fi/international-uas-exam/#individualarrangements>



Student selection – Degree Programme in International Business, Rauma; Degree Programme in Logistics, Rauma; Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Pori; Degree Programme in Mechanical Engineering, Pori; Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence (Data Engineering), Pori; Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Pori

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

Applicants applying with a matriculation examination (Finnish or international completed in Finland) have their own quota of study places which varies between study programmes available for application.

All universities of applied sciences comply with the scoring models and principles of certificate-based selection.

The universities of applied sciences may determine, in the certificate-based selection, a minimum score and/or other threshold criteria for their study programme available for application.

#### **Finnish matriculation examination:**

In certificate-based selection, five subjects are scored. All scored subjects are taken into account only once. The best combination of scored subjects to the applicant is taken into account. Maximum score is 198 points.

The scoring model of the Finnish matriculation examination is available on the UASinfo.fi website.

#### ***Equal score rules***

If two or more applicants share the same total score, the rank order of applicants is resolved according to the following equal score rules:

1. Order of preferred study programmes
2. Matriculation examination grades:
  - I. Native language
  - II. Mathematics
  - III. Foreign language/second national language

If, for example, two applicants have received 100 points each and they both have the same order of preferred study programmes, the applicant with the better grade in native language will be selected. If both applicants have the same grade in native language, the second subject on the list is taken into consideration.

3. Overfilling/underfilling/drawing lots

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.

#### ***Minimum score***

The study programme available for application may have a set minimum score, meaning the minimum total score of the sum of scored subjects that the applicant has to reach in order to be selected.

### ***Threshold criteria***

To be selected in the certificate-based selection, applicants must have completed English advanced syllabus with the minimum grade C in their matriculation examination.

### **International matriculation examination**

European Baccalaureate diploma (EB), International Baccalaureate diploma (IB) and Reifeprüfung (RP) diploma or Deutsche Internationale Abitur (DIA) diploma completed in Finland are scored similarly to the Finnish matriculation examination in certificate-based selection. Maximum score is 198 points.

The scoring model of the International matriculation examination is available on the UASinfo.fi website.

### ***Equal score rules***

If two or more applicants share the same total score, the rank order of applicants is resolved according to the following equal score rules:

1. Order of preferred study programmes
2. Matriculation examination grades:
  - I. Native language
  - II. Native language
  - III. Foreign language/second national language

If, for example, two applicants have received 100 points each and they both have the same order of preferred study programmes, the applicant with the better grade in native language will be selected. If both applicants have the same grade in native language, the second subject on the list is taken into consideration.

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## SELECTION METHOD 2: UAS EXAM

The International UAS Exam is a written, joint digital entrance exam of Finnish universities of applied sciences (UAS), which is completed remotely with the applicant's own laptop. The International UAS Exam is used for selecting students to study programmes leading to a degree and conducted in English. The applicant takes the International UAS Exam only once, regardless of the number of study programmes targeted.

The International UAS Exam assesses the applicant's readiness for university of applied sciences studies. It does not include any pre-reading material or pre-assignments. The exam is conducted in the English language.

**Language requirements:** The applicants must demonstrate their English language skills by means of a language test or previous studies, in order to be invited to the International UAS Exam and selected through the International UAS Exam. Accepted tests, exams and degrees for proving English language skills are available on the UASinfo.fi website.

**Identification & monitoring:** The applicants have to identify themselves to the International UAS Exam and they are subject to real-time exam monitoring. Pre-identification has to be completed during a given time period. Only applicants who have successfully completed the pre-identification are invited to the exam. On the exam day, the applicants identify themselves while logging in to the exam. The applicants' activities during the exam will be monitored in the exam system.

**Contents, duration and scoring of the UAS Exam:** The International UAS Exam consists of different sections. The sections and the duration of the exam depend on the applicant's targeted study programme(s). For the International UAS Exam, a minimum pass score per section may be set. To be selected, the applicant must pass all the sections of the targeted study programme. The final selection of students is based on the applicants' results of the International UAS Exam.

Common sections to all study fields:

- Reasoning skills
- English language skills

In addition to the common section, the entrance exam may include the following study field-specific sections:

- Mathematical skills
- Advanced mathematical skills
- Ethical skills
- Emotional intelligence skills

More information on the International UAS Exam and more specific applicant instructions will be released during each joint application period on the UASinfo.fi website.

Please note that your exam scores will remain valid only for the application round in question.

The questions and the right answers of the exam will not be published. The International UAS Exam is deemed a secret official document based on the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, Section 24(22)

### SELECTION METHOD 3: APPLYING WITH SAT TEST RESULTS

SAMK has a quota for applicants applying with SAT results. The SAT sections used in the admission are the following:

1. Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
  - Reading Test
  - Writing and Language Test
2. Math

The lowest score limit the applicant must reach in order to be qualified for the selection process is 400 per section, the minimum total score being 800. Only the new version of SAT test (completed after March 2016) is accepted. The SAT test selection only takes into account the sections performed during a single session.

Applicants must submit the SAT score to SAMK by 30 March 2026. The SAT score must arrive to SAMK Admissions directly from the College Board. Reports printed or submitted by the applicants themselves cannot be taken into account.

Applicants applying based on SAT must also demonstrate their eligibility to apply with their educational certificates.

## DESIRED QUOTAS OF SELECTION METHODS

The desired quotas of intake for selection methods are:

| Study programme   | SELECTION METHOD 1 | SELECTION METHOD 2 | SELECTION METHOD 3 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies          | 10 %               | 80 %               | 10 %               |
| Degree Programme in Logistics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies                                   | 10 %               | 80 %               | 10 %               |
| Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies | 10 %               | 80 %               | 10 %               |
| Degree Programme in Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies                      | 10 %               | 80 %               | 10 %               |
| Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence (Data Engineering), Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies  | 10 %               | 80 %               | 10 %               |
| Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies                                | 10 %               | 80 %               | 10 %               |

## Student selection schedule in spring 2026

- Application period (Joint Application, Spring 2026) is open 7 – 21 January 2026. The application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule for selection method 1 (Certificate-based selection, Finnish Matriculation Certificate and IB, EB & RP/DIA completed in Finland):
  - The deadline for submitting IB/EB predicted grades is Tuesday 31 March 2026, 3.00 p.m. Finnish time.
  - The deadline for submitting DIA final grades is 29 April 2026, 3.00 p.m. Finnish time.
  - The deadline for marking the results to national database is Tuesday 12 May 2026. The applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Thursday 9 July 2026.
  - The results of student selection are given at the latest by Monday 25 May 2026.
  - Student selection ends at the latest on Tuesday 4 August 2026.
- Schedule for selection method 2 (UAS Exam):
  - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is 28 January 2026.
  - The UAS Exam is organized on Tuesday 24 March 2026.
  - The results of student selection are given at the latest on Wednesday 15 April 2026.
  - The deadline for providing final certificates is Tuesday 9 July 2026 (for those applicants/students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).
  - Student selection ends at the latest on Tuesday 4 August 2026 3 p.m. Finnish time.
- Schedule for selection method 3 (application with SAT test results)
  - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is 28 January 2026.
  - The SAT test results must have been delivered to SAMK at the latest by Monday 30 March 2026.
  - The results of student selection are given at the earliest on Friday 24 April 2026.

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN SAMK'S SEPARATE APPLICATION SAMK ADMISSIONS, SPRING 2026

### Bachelor's Degree Programmes in SAMK Admission, Spring 2026

The joint application for higher education, Spring 2026, is organized from 7 to 21 January 2026. The application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time.

SAMK has two Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English that take part in SAMK Admission, Spring 2026:

| DEGREE PROGRAMME  | CAMPUS | APPLICATION PERIOD          | STARTING PLACES |
|---|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies | Pori   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 26              |
| Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies       | Pori   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 30              |

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

### Application period

In SAMK's separate application SAMK Admission, Spring 2026, you can apply to two (2) degree programmes available in the application period. SAMK will offer selected Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in the separate application of SAMK. The results of the student selection are announced according to the schedule given in the descriptions of student selection. Applicant is required to confirm the offered study place at latest on 9 July 2026, at 3.00 p.m.

### Identification of the applicant

Valid and acceptable identification document (passport or EU/EEA identity card) is required in SAMK's separate application for identification of the applicant.

### Accessible student admission – individual arrangements for entrance examinations

Individual arrangements are not available for the student selection of Bachelor's degree programmes in SAMK's separate application SAMK Admission, Spring 2026.

## 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.

**Proof of English proficiency is required in all the available degree programmes in SAMK.** Applicants can prove their English language skills by the following documents:

1. English language test results:
  - IELTS Academic, IELTS Academic online and IELTS Academic UKVI: a minimum total score of 6.0 (Test sections: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking)
  - TOEFL Academic (iBT) and TOEFL iBT Home Edition: a minimum total score of 60 (Test sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing)
  - PTE Academic, PTE Academic online and PTE Academic UKVI: a minimum total score of 55 (Test sections: Speaking and Writing, Reading and Listening)
  - Cambridge English Scale Score: a minimum total score of 169 (Test sections: Reading and Use of English, Writing, Listening and Speaking)
  - TELC (The European Language Certificate) English B2-C1 university qualification, completed on or after 1 October 2021: minimum of B2 level (Test sections: Listening/Reading/Language Elements, Writing and Speaking)
  - Oxford ELLT (English Language Level Test), completed on or after 1 July 2023: a minimum total score of 6.0 (Test sections: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking)
2. National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI) English, intermediate level, arranged by the Finnish National Agency for Education: Grade 4 or higher on all the subtests (speaking, listening comprehension, writing and reading comprehension).
3. Higher education degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States, or a doctoral thesis completed in English in any country. Please note that your degree must be taught and assessed entirely in English.
4. Upper secondary degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States. Please note that your degree must be taught and assessed entirely in English.
5. One of the following grades in the Finnish Matriculation Examination, European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate or Reifeprüfung/DIA completed in Finland:
  - Finnish Matriculation Examination: English advanced syllabus with a minimum grade C
  - International Baccalaureate diploma completed in English
  - DP Course Results or IB certificate completed in English (at least six subject groups)
  - International Baccalaureate final examination: English A HL/SL or English B HL/SL with a minimum grade 4
  - European Baccalaureate: at least grade 6.00 in L2-level English
  - Reifeprüfung/DIA diploma: at least grade 7 in advanced English
6. Applicants graduating in spring 2026:
  - If an applicant graduates in spring 2026 and it is not possible to obtain a required proof of English language skills (mentioned in point five or Finnish vocational basic qualification conducted in English) during the application period, they can still be invited to the entrance exam. The final required proof of English language skills must be submitted by 9 July at 15.00

Finnish time. The possible student selection is conditional until the certificates are verified. If the language requirement is not met, the selection will be revoked. The exception applies to those completing the following degrees and graduating in spring 2026:

- Finnish matriculation examination
- International Baccalaureate
- European Baccalaureate
- Reifeprüfung/DIA completed in Finland
- Finnish vocational basic qualification conducted in English

**Only the tests, degrees and certificates listed above will be accepted. No exceptions will be made.**

**Point 1 above:**

- The expiration dates of the language test results depend on the language test organizer. The TOEFL test cannot be verified after two years and the IELTS test cannot be verified after 3 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.
- The language test must have been taken prior to or within the application period, at the latest by 21 January 2026. If the language test has been taken after the application period, the results cannot be accepted.
- Applicant must provide a copy of the passed result latest by 28 January 2026 to the application form.

**Point 2 above:**

- If applying with the National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI), the unique identifier is not necessary. However, the applicant must attach a scanned/electric copy of the test result to the application for verification purposes.

**Points 3-4 above:**

- The applicant must attach a certificate of their previous degrees. The applicant must also attach a document that shows the language of the degree and the country of studies.
- The degree/programme must be taught and assessed entirely in English. The language of instruction must be clearly indicated on the educational documents. You can for example submit a certificate/letter from your university in addition to your official study documentation, if the needed information is not clearly mentioned in the official study documentation.
- If the applicant's degree includes courses or diploma-level qualifications that have been completed outside of the specified countries/area, or courses conducted in a language other than English, the degree might not meet the requirement.
- If the applicant has completed a doctoral thesis in English, they need to attach the evaluation of the thesis.
- An unfinished degree cannot be accepted as proof of English proficiency, except as stated in point 6.

**Point 5 above:**

- The applicant must attach a certificate of their grades.

**Point 6 above:**

- The applicant must attach a certificate to prove they are studying for one of the mentioned degrees or about to graduate during the spring season from one of the mentioned degrees.



## Student selection - Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Pori

All applicants are invited to 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 2026

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2026) is open on 7 – 21 January 2026. The application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3.00 p.m.
- Invitations and instructions for completing the written part of the online entrance examination are sent by Wednesday 28 January 2026.
- Online entrance examination is organized according to the following schedule:
  - The written part is open for completion on Monday 9 February 2026. The timetable will be given in the invitation.
  - Invitations and instructions for taking the online interview are sent by Wednesday 25 February 2026.
  - Online interviews are organized with a Webex-based application on Wednesday and Thursday 4-5 March 2026. 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 Wednesday 18 March 2026.

**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

The online entrance examination consists of two parts:

1. Written part
2. Online interview

All applicants are invited to take the 1<sup>st</sup> part, written part, of the online entrance examination. Written part measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. The first phase of the entrance exam also includes a video assignment. 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 2026

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2026) is open 7 – 21 January 2026. The application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3.00 p.m.
- Online entrance examination is organized according to the following:
  - Invitations and instructions for completing the written part of the online entrance examination are sent by Tuesday 27 January 2026.
  - The written part is open for completion on Tuesday 3 February 2026. The timetable will be given in the invitation.
  - Invitations and instructions for taking the online interview are sent by Tuesday 24 February 2026.
  - Online interviews are organized with a Webex-based application on Tuesday 3 March 2026. 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 17 March 2026.

### **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).

## MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN SAMK'S SEPARATE APPLICATION SAMK ADMISSIONS, SPRING 2026

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has three Master's degree programmes tuitioned in English available in SAMK Admission, Spring 2026:

| DEGREE PROGRAMME   | CAMPUS | APPLICATION PERIOD          | STARTING PLACES |
|--|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Master's Degree Programme in Sustainable Business Management, Master of Business Administration (90 ECTS), full-time studies | Rauma  | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 30              |
| Master's Degree Programme in Tourism and Business Management, Master of Hospitality Management (90 ECTS), full-time studies  | Pori   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026 | 30              |

### Application periods

The application period in spring 2026 is SAMK Admission, Spring 2026, 7 – 21 January 2026 (the application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

If you are offered study places from the joint application, the separate application of SAMK or any other application of a Finnish higher education institution, you are allowed to confirm one study place only, for studies starting in Autumn 2026 in 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, full-time studies | Rauma  | Finnish or non-Finnish, Bachelor-level higher education degree  |
| Master's Degree Programme in Tourism and Business Management, Master of Hospitality Management, full-time studies  | Pori   | Finnish UAS Degree: Bachelor of Tourism, Bachelor of Hospitality, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor in a related field or a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree |

Applicants are required to have completed the degree used in the application process by 31 July 2024 at the latest, as applicants must have obtained at least two years of work experience by 31 July 2026 from the date of award of their final degree. A 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.

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 2026. 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.

Entrepreneurship is accepted as work experience if there is a certificate showing that the applicant is or has been insured under YEL (Self-employed Persons' Pension Insurance) or MYEL (Farmers', Forest Owners', Fishermen's and Reindeer Herders' Pension Insurance, also covering their family members). Foreign entrepreneurship must be proven with equivalent official documents.

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

#### English language proficiency

Good skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English.

**Proof of English proficiency is required in all the available degree programmes in SAMK.** Applicants can prove their English language skills by the following documents:

1. English language test results:

- IELTS Academic, IELTS Academic online and IELTS Academic UKVI: a minimum total score of 6.0 (Test sections: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking)
- TOEFL Academic (iBT) and TOEFL iBT Home Edition: a minimum total score of 60 (Test sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing)
- PTE Academic, PTE Academic online and PTE Academic UKVI: a minimum total score of 55 (Test sections: Speaking and Writing, Reading and Listening)
- Cambridge English Scale Score: a minimum total score of 169 (Test sections: Reading and Use of English, Writing, Listening and Speaking)

- TELC (The European Language Certificate) English B2-C1 university qualification, completed on or after 1 October 2021: minimum of B2 level (Test sections: Listening/Reading/Language Elements, Writing and Speaking)
  - Oxford ELLT (English Language Level Test), completed on or after 1 July 2023: a minimum total score of 6.0 (Test sections: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking)
2. National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI) English, intermediate level, arranged by the Finnish National Agency for Education: Grade 4 or higher on all the subtests (speaking, listening comprehension, writing and reading comprehension).
  3. Higher education degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States, or a doctoral thesis completed in English in any country. Please note that your degree must be taught and assessed entirely in English.
  4. Upper secondary degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States. Please note that your degree must be taught and assessed entirely in English.
  5. One of the following grades in the Finnish Matriculation Examination, European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate or Reifeprüfung/DIA completed in Finland:
    - Finnish Matriculation Examination: English advanced syllabus with a minimum grade C
    - International Baccalaureate diploma completed in English
    - DP Course Results or IB certificate completed in English (at least six subject groups)
    - International Baccalaureate final examination: English A HL/SL or English B HL/SL with a minimum grade 4
    - European Baccalaureate: at least grade 6.00 in L2-level English
    - Reifeprüfung/DIA diploma: at least grade 7 in advanced English
  6. Finnish vocational basic qualification conducted in English

**Only the tests, degrees and certificates listed above will be accepted. No exceptions will be made.**

**Point 1 above:**

- The expiration dates of the language test results depend on the language test organizer. The TOEFL test cannot be verified after two years and the IELTS test cannot be verified after 3 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.
- The language test must have been taken prior to or within the application period, at the latest by 21 January 2026. If the language test has been taken after the application period, the results cannot be accepted.
- Applicant must provide a copy of the passed result latest by 28 January 2026 to the application form.

**Point 2 above:**

- If applying with the National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI), the unique identifier is not necessary. However, the applicant must attach a scanned/electric copy of the test result to the application for verification purposes.

**Points 3-4 above:**

- The applicant must attach a certificate of their previous degrees. The applicant must also attach a document that shows the language of the degree and the country of studies.
- The degree/programme must be taught and assessed entirely in English. The language of instruction must be clearly indicated on the educational documents. You can for example submit a

certificate/letter from your university in addition to your official study documentation, if the needed information is not clearly mentioned in the official study documentation.

- If the applicant's degree includes courses or diploma-level qualifications that have been completed outside of the specified countries/area, or courses conducted in a language other than English, the degree might not meet the requirement.
- If the applicant has completed a doctoral thesis in English, they need to attach the evaluation of the thesis.
- An unfinished degree cannot be used as proof of English proficiency.

**Point 5 above:**

- The applicant must attach a certificate of their grades.

### Submitting the required certificates

Copies of the degree certificates, proof of English language proficiency and the work certificates should be attached to the application form by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix). 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 – individual arrangements for student selection

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



## Student selection – Master of Business Administration, Sustainable Business Management, full-time studies

Student selection to Master's degree programme Master of Business Administration, Sustainable Business Management, full-time studies, is done based on an entrance examination course. The degree programme does not accept any other entrance examination results, and the result of the entrance examination course of this degree programme 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 an applicant is required to get at least 35 points to be available for selection. In addition, each task given within the course must be returned by the given deadline. If applicant gets less than 35 points or if they don't return all given tasks, they will be considered to have failed the course and cannot be accepted on the degree programme.

Entrance examination course is completed in two phases. Part of the applicants are eliminated from the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase according to the score of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase. Applicant can be eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase only, if he/she has returned answers to all tasks of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase. Only 100 applicants who have the best score and acceptable result from the 1<sup>st</sup> phase are selected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. If there is more than one applicant with the same score to be selected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, all applicants with that score will be selected. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the entrance examination course consists of multiple-choice tasks, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase consists of written task(s) and/or a video assignment.

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 on the degree programme and who confirm their study place will have the course included in 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 in an e-learning environment provided by SAMK. Instructions for registering in the e-learning environment and logging into the entrance examination course will be sent to the e-mail address the applicant has provided on their application. Applicants will not receive any reminders about completing the entrance examination course. Enrolling for the course is not considered to be application or initiating application.

### Student selection schedule in spring 2026

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2026) is open on 7 – 21 January 2026. The application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule of the course enrolment:
  - The instructions for enrolling on the entrance examination course will be sent to the applicants to the email address the applicant has given in the application form. The instructions will be sent after the application period, at the latest on Thursday 5 February 2026.
  - Applicants are required to log in to the entrance examination course platform by Monday 23 February 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
- Schedule of the entrance examination course:
  - The entrance examination course starts on Thursday 5 February 2026, at 9.00 a.m.
  - The tasks for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase have to be returned by Tuesday 3 March 2026, at 10.00 a.m.
  - Applicants are informed about continuation to 2<sup>nd</sup> phase or elimination from 2<sup>nd</sup> phase by Thursday 5 March 2026.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the entrance examination course is completed between Friday 6 March 2026, and Friday 20 March 2026. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase ends on Friday 20 March 2026, at 10.00 p.m.
- The results of the student selection are given at the latest on Thursday 9 April 2026.

## Student selection – Master of Hospitality Management, Tourism and Business Management, full-time studies

Student selection to Master's degree programme Master of Hospitality Management, Tourism and Business Management, full-time studies, is done based on an entrance examination course. The degree programme does not accept any other entrance examination results, and the result of the entrance examination course of this degree programme 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 an applicant is required to get at least 35 points to be available for selection. In addition, each task given within the course must be returned by the given deadline. If applicant gets less than 35 points or if they don't return all given tasks, they will be considered to have failed the course and cannot be accepted on the degree programme.

The entrance examination course is a 5 ECTS online course included as a compulsory part of the degree programme curriculum. The subject of the course is given to those who enroll for it. Applicants who are selected on the degree programme and who confirm their study place will have the course included in 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 in an e-learning environment provided by SAMK. Instructions for registering in the e-learning environment and logging into the entrance examination course will be sent to the e-mail address the applicant has provided on their application. Applicants will not receive any reminders about completing the entrance examination course. Enrolling for the course is not considered to be an application or initiating application.

### Student selection schedule in spring 2026

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2026) is open on 7 – 21 January 2026. The application period ends on 21 January 2026, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule of the course enrolment:
  - The instructions for enrolling on the entrance examination course will be sent to the applicants to the email address the applicant has given in the application form. The instructions will be sent after the application period, at the latest, on Thursday 5 February 2026.
  - Applicants are required to log in to the entrance examination course platform by Monday 23 February 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
- Schedule of the entrance examination course:
  - The entrance examination course starts on Thursday 5 February 2026, at 9.00 a.m.
  - The tasks of the entrance examination course must be returned by Friday 13 March 2026, at 10.00 p.m.
- The results of the student selection are given at the latest on Thursday 9 April 2026.

## SCHEDULE APPENDIX

### Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in spring 2026

#### BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – JOINT APPLICATION, SPRING 2026

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](mailto:admissions@samk.fi).

| Document   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026:<br>7 - 21 January, 2026   |
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| <p>Finnish qualification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Vocational diploma and higher education certificates and their transcripts of those who have received their certificate before the end of the application period</li> <li>2) 2<sup>nd</sup> year study certificates and latest transcripts of records of those who graduate from vocational and higher education institutions in spring 2026 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)</li> <li>3) Matriculation examination grades of those who have received their matriculation certificates in or after 1990</li> <li>4) Matriculation examination certificates of those who have received their matriculation certificates prior to 1990</li> <li>5) Original qualification certificates to be checked</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br/>(by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026)</li> <li>3) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board</li> <li>4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026</li> <li>5) at the beginning of studies</li> </ol> |
| <p>International matriculation examination (IB, EB):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>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</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br/>* by 3 p.m. on Tuesday 31 March, 2026</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026</li> </ol>  |

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| 3) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked  | 3) at the beginning of studies  |
| International matriculation examination (DIA/RP) :   |   |
| 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)   | 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br>* by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 29 April, 2026       |
| 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  | 2) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026   |
| 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 28 January, 2026  |
| 2) Temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution and transcripts of records of those who graduate during spring 2026 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)  | 2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br>(by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026)          |
| 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 28 January, 2026   |
| Accessibility in student admissions:<br>applications for special arrangements for entrance examinations to be submitted to the university of applied sciences (see the UAS website or <a href="https://opintopolku.fi/studyinfo.fi">Opintopolku.fi/Studyinfo.fi</a> ): | by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026   |
| Results of the student selection are published   | at latest on Monday 25 May, 2026  |
| Confirmation of an offered study place   | by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026<br>(or after that within 7 days after student selection) |
| Student selection from reserve places ends at latest   | on Tuesday 4 August, 2026.  |

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSION, SPRING 2026

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](mailto:admissions@samk.fi).

| Document   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026:<br>7 - 21 January, 2026   |
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| <p>Finnish qualification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Vocational diploma and higher education certificates and their transcripts of those who have received their certificate before the end of the application period</li> <li>2) 2<sup>nd</sup> year study certificates and latest transcripts of records of those who graduate from vocational and higher education institutions in spring 2026 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)</li> <li>3) Matriculation examination grades of those who have received their matriculation certificates in or after 1990</li> <li>4) Matriculation examination certificates of those who have received their matriculation certificates prior to 1990</li> <li>5) Original qualification certificates to be checked</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br/>(by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026)</li> <li>3) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board</li> <li>4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026</li> <li>5) at the beginning of studies</li> </ol> |
| <p>International matriculation examination (IB, EB, DIA/RP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Copies of diplomas and their official translations to be submitted to the admissions office</li> <li>2) Temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution and transcripts of records of those who graduate during spring 2026 after the end of the application period</li> <li>3) 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</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026</li> <li>3) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026</li> </ol>  |

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| 4) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked | 4) at the beginning of studies |
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| 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 28 January, 2026  |
| 2) Temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution and transcripts of records of those who graduate during spring 2026 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office) | 2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br>(by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026)          |
| 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 28 January, 2026   |
| Results of the student selection are published  | at latest on Wednesday 18 March, 2026   |
| Confirmation of an offered study place  | by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026<br>(or after that within 7 days after student selection) |

## MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSION, SPRING 2026

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](mailto:admissions@samk.fi).

| Document   | SAMK Admission, Spring 2026:<br>7 - 21 January, 2026  |
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| Finnish qualification:<br><br>1) A copy of the final degree certificate must be delivered<br><br>2) Original qualification certificates to be checked  | 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br><br>2) at the beginning of studies                                |
| Qualifications taken outside Finland:<br><br>1) A copy of the final degree certificate, together with an official translation saved in the application form<br><br>2) original diplomas and original official translations to be checked | 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br><br>2) at the beginning of studies                                |
| Employment certificates:<br>1) work experience to be obtained<br><br>2) copies of employment certificates to be attached to the application form or submitted to the admissions office<br><br>3) original certificates to be checked     | 1) by Friday 31 July, 2026<br><br>2) by 3 p.m. Wednesday 28 January, 2026<br><br>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 28 January, 2026   |
| Any changes to work experience information affecting eligibility to be saved in the application form.  | by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 28 January, 2026   |
| Results of the student selection are published   | at latest on Monday 20 April, 2026  |
| Confirmation of an offered study place   | by 3 p.m. on Thursday 9 July, 2026 (or after that within 7 days after student selection)                        |