

SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

ROLLING ADMISSION SPRING 2026, ROUND 2

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR DEGREE PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH

1. Application period

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) organizes a separate rolling admission for its Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English:

ROLLING ADMISSION SPRING 2026, ROUND 2

Application period:

16 March 2026 at 9:00 a.m. – 18 May 2026 at 3:00 p.m. (Finnish summer time)

Degree programmes:

- Bachelor of Engineering, Artificial Intelligence (Data Engineering), full-time studies, Pori
- Bachelor of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, full-time studies, Pori
- Bachelor of Engineering, Mechatronics, full-time studies, Pori
- Bachelor of Health Care, Physiotherapy, full-time studies, Pori
- Bachelor of Hospitality Management, International Tourism Management, full-time studies, Pori
- Bachelor of Business Administration, International Business, full-time studies, Rauma
- Bachelor of Engineering, Logistics, full-time studies, Rauma

The application type is rolling admission. Applicants may be selected at any time during the application period once they have:

- submitted a complete application
- provided all required documents
 - educational certificates, including degree certificate, transcript of records and an official grading scale if it is not available on the educational certificates
 - authorized translations to Finnish, Swedish or English are required if the original documents are not in Finnish, Swedish or English
 - proof of English proficiency
 - valid identification document (passport or EU/EEA identity card)
- met all eligibility criteria and
- met all selection method requirements.

Applicants may apply to one degree programme in this application period.

2. Processing time and selection decisions

- Each application is processed as soon as all required documents have been submitted. If there are required documents missing, the application is not handled.
- The student selection decision is given within three (3) weeks from the time a complete application is submitted.
- If the applicant is offered a study place, the offer is sent immediately after the decision.

3. Confirming the study place and paying the tuition fee

Applicants who receive an offer must:

- confirm the study place within three (3) weeks of receiving the offer, and
- pay the tuition fee within the same three-week deadline

If a study place is not confirmed and the tuition fee not paid by the deadline, the offer expires automatically.

4. Eligibility for Bachelor's degree programmes

Applicants are eligible to apply if they have completed one of the following:

- Finnish general upper secondary school syllabus and/or the matriculation examination
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma
- European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma
- Reifeprüfung (RP/DIA) Diploma
- Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification (or comparable previous qualification)
- Finnish post-secondary or higher vocational level diploma
- Finnish or foreign higher education degree
- Foreign qualification that provides general eligibility for higher education in the awarding country

SAMK does not have discretionary admission, i.e. the possibility to apply without an eligible background education, for its degree programmes.

All applicants must submit required certificates and translations as defined in SAMK's instructions during the application period.

5. English language requirements

All applicants to SAMK's English-taught Bachelor's degree programmes must prove sufficient English language proficiency. Accepted methods mainly follow the English language requirements of Finnish universities of applied sciences.

Applicants may demonstrate English proficiency through:

Accepted and valid English language tests

- IELTS Academic / IELTS Academic Online: minimum total score 6.0
- TOEFL iBT: minimum total score 60
- PTE Academic: minimum total score 55
- Cambridge English (B2 First, C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency): minimum 169
- TELC English B2–C1 University (completed on or after 1 Oct 2021): minimum B2
- Oxford ELLT Global (completed on or after 1 July 2023): minimum total score 6.0
- National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI), English: grade 4 or higher in all components
- Finnish matriculation exam: grade B or higher in advanced English
- Finnish vocational qualification: grade 4 or higher in English in final certificate
- Upper secondary degree completed in an EU/EEA country: English grade of at least 70% of the maximum possible grade on the awarding institution's grading scale.

Accepted previous studies

- Higher education degree completed entirely in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States
- Doctoral thesis completed in English (any country)
- Upper secondary degree completed entirely in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States.

If you are using a degree to demonstrate English proficiency, please note that:

- The degree must be taught and assessed entirely in English.
- The degree must also be a qualification that provides eligibility for higher education in the country in which it was awarded.
- Degrees from international schools or institutions located outside the listed countries, where the degree is completed locally but awarded by an institution from another country, do not qualify.

If you are using a degree to demonstrate English proficiency, you must attach the following documents to your application:

- a document (or documents) clearly stating:
 - the language of instruction (also in cases where the official language of the degree awarding country is English)
 - the country of completion

- the level of the degree.
- an official transcript of records.

In general, you must attach sufficient documentation on your application form by the deadline given on the application form to prove your English proficiency. The document must clearly indicate all the necessary information needed for verifying your English proficiency. You can also document this by submitting a certificate/letter from your university / educational institution in addition to your official study documentation.

All documents must be uploaded to the application by the deadlines indicated in SAMK's schedule.

6. Student selection methods (rolling admission model)

SAMK uses two selection methods:

- Selection method 1: Foreign upper secondary certificates and Finnish vocational qualifications
- Selection method 2: Finnish matriculation examination, and IB/EB/RP/DIA completed in Finland

Applicants may be selected as soon as they meet the minimum required score thresholds. There is no ranking order; admission is threshold-based and subject to available places.

Applicants' certificates are evaluated using country-specific scoring models that take into account differences in national grading scales.

6.1 Selection method 1 – foreign certificates and Finnish vocational qualifications

Certificates are evaluated with SAMK's established scoring criteria (0–5 points), considering:

- GPA
- English grade
- Mathematics or field-related subject grades
- Academic level of the certificate

Only one certificate is scored per applicant.

Required minimum scores

Group A: Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Logistics

Minimum score: 3.0 points

Group B: All other programmes

Minimum score: 3.5 points

Applicants who meet the score thresholds may be selected immediately, provided places remain available.

6.2 Selection method 2 – Finnish matriculation certificate, IB, EB and RP/DIA in Finland

This method uses SAMK's established subject-based scoring tables.

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 Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams.

Required minimum scores

Two programme groups have different thresholds:

Group A: Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Logistics

Minimum total score: 6 points

Minimum English score: 3 points

Group B: All other programmes

Minimum total score: 8 points

Minimum English score: 3 points

Applicants who meet the score thresholds may be selected immediately, provided places remain available.

7. Special conditions for selection

1. Country-based limitations

SAMK reserves the right to limit the number of admitted applicants from a country if SAMK has already admitted a sufficient number of applicants from that country in this or another admission round for the autumn 2026 intake.

2. Online interview (Physiotherapy)

SAMK reserves the right to conduct an online interview for applicants to Physiotherapy who have met the selection criteria for the programme.

SAMK may select an applicant without an interview if they have already completed Physiotherapy studies at SAMK and SAMK considers these studies sufficient for suitability assessment.

3. Programme removal during the application period

SAMK may remove a degree programme from the application period at any time and for any reason. If a programme is removed, SAMK will no longer process applications or admit students to that programme.

4. Individual arrangements

Individual arrangements are not available for the student selection of Bachelor's degree programmes in SAMK's Rolling Admission.

5. Conditionality of the offer

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

Student selection schedule in spring 2026

Application period Rolling Admission, round 2 is open on 16 March - 18 May 2026. The application period ends on 18 May 2026, at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time at the latest, unless the study places available in this application are filled earlier. In such case, SAMK reserves the right to close the application period earlier than planned.

- The deadline for saving the required documents to the application form is 25 May 2026, 3 p.m. Finnish time.
- The results of the student selection are announced latest by 4 weeks after the application period has ended (latest by 15 June 2026).
- In general, applicants are offered a study place from their preferred programme within 3 weeks from submitting an application that is complete and meets the admission requirements, provided that there are still available study places in their chosen programme(s). Study places are offered in first-come first-served basis until all the available study places are filled.
- The deadline for providing final certificates is Tuesday 9 July 2026, 3 p.m. Finnish time (for those applicants/students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).