

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences
Admissions Criteria, Autumn 2021

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SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH, AUTUMN 2021

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Application periods

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) has Bachelor's degree programmes in this application period:

- Separate application to SAMK:
 - SAMK Admission, Autumn 2021, 16 August – 15 September, 2021 (the application period ends on 16 September, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time) and

In the separate application you can apply only to the degree programmes available in SAMK. The results for Bachelor's degree programmes are given by 30 October, 2021.

If you're offered a study place from these application periods or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in spring 2022 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; or
- foreign qualification that provides eligibility for higher education studies in the country in question.
- 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 qualification certificate need not submit copies of their certificates, as only the certificates of those admitted as students will be checked. 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).

In order to prove their eligibility, applicants with a non-Finnish qualification certificate must save a copy of the certificate used as the basis for application by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form. This is not applicable to applicants who complete their foreign qualification during or after the application period.

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

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

Satakunta University of Applied sciences 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 give applicant an extra point in some of SAMK's Bachelor's degree programmes.

Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations

An applicant may submit a separate application to request the right to special arrangements for taking the online entrance examination. The same application form is used by all higher education institutions, and it can be found on the website of each institution. The application should indicate the types of special arrangements being requested and the grounds for the request. The applicant should enclose copies of the certificates to which he or she makes appeal.

Please note: Documents verifying dyslexia must have been issued within the last 5 (five) years. In addition, documents verifying a permanent disability, illness or learning disability must have been issued within the last 5 (five) years. The period of validity of other documents will be decided case-by-case.

In cases where an issue entitling an applicant to special arrangements already exists during the application period, an application for special arrangements for entrance examinations must be submitted by the common deadline decided by SAMK (see the Schedule Appendix). The applicant must submit a separate application to the admissions office of SAMK.

If an issue entitling an applicant to special arrangements emerges or is identified between the end of the application period and the entrance examination date, the applicant must submit an application for special arrangements to the admissions office of SAMK. SAMK may deny an applicant the right to special arrangements if such arrangements are impossible to implement, for example because of schedule-related reasons.

Decisions on special arrangements for entrance examinations are specific to each programme choice and a decision is only valid on a specific examination date. Procedures indicated by good governance must be followed when making the decisions. Any attachments to applications for special arrangements shall be secret.

Bachelor's Degree Programmes starting in spring 2022

The separate application of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences takes place:

- SAMK Admission, Autumn 2021, 16 August – 15 September, 2021 (the application period ends on 15 September, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has two Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English in the separate application:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2021	35
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2021	40

Student selection in SAMK Admission, Degree Programme in International Business

SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP 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	4	3	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish)	6	5	3	1
Finnish 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 completed in Finland are given according the attached Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams.

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.

Only applicants who have completed their matriculation examination by the end of July 2021 can be selected by their certificate and grades.

Results of the student selection

Results of the student selection are given by 22 October 2021.

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, adequate English language test result and study probability coefficient.

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 certificate type, GPA and single grades (especially English, mathematics and grades of the studies from the field of the degree programme) will be taken into account. Best applicants will receive 5 points, second best 4 points, and so on. 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.

Scoring the English language test result

Applicant gets extra 1 point from an adequate and valid IELTS or PTE Academic result. The extra point is given to applicants, who have either IELTS overall band score of at least 6.0 or PTE Academic overall score of at least 51.

Study probability coefficient

Applicant's study probability coefficient is counted for the country the applicant lives in according to poverty rate (gross domestic product, GDP, per capita), corruption rank (Corruption Perception Index, CPI) and the nature of previous residence permit decisions by Finnish Immigration Service for the country where the applicant lives in. At highest, applicant's study probability coefficient is 1.0. The coefficient is brought down by 0.2 by each of the following factors:

- If according to the latest available figures of the International Monetary Fund, the country's GDP per capita is found insufficient, the coefficient is brought down by 0.2.
- If according to the latest available ranks of the Transparency International, the country's Corruption Perception Index is found too high, the coefficient is brought down by 0.2.
- If the latest 12 months statistics of students' 1st time residence permit decisions of Finnish Immigration Service show that the share of negative decisions is too high, the coefficient is brought down by 0.2.

Thus, the study probability coefficient can be 1.0 at its highest and 0.4 at its lowest.

For applicants living in Finland the coefficient is 1.0.

Counting the final score

The final score is counted by summing up the certificate score (max 5 points) and the language test score (max 1 point) and multiplying the sum by the study probability coefficient (1.0...0.4). The maximum final score is 6 points, and 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.

Results of the student selection

Results of the student selection are given by 22 October 2021.

DESIRED QUOTAS OF EACH SELECTION METHOD

The desired quotas of intake are:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	SELECTION METHOD 1	SELECTION METHOD 2
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	20 %	80 %

Student selection in SAMK Admission, Degree Programme in Nursing

The online entrance examination consists of two parts:

1. Written part
2. Online interview

Written part measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. Written part consists of an essay, a calculation exam and a video introduction. Applicants are required to complete all three tasks and get at least 40 per cent of both essay's and calculation exam's maximum points. The written part will open a limited time and each task's completion time be limited. Only those applicants who pass the written part will be invited to the online 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 40 per cent of the online interview's maximum points.

The final student selection is done in the order 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.

The online entrance examination of the Degree Programme in Nursing is organized according to the following schedule:

- Invitations and instructions for the written part are sent on 28 September, 2021.
- The written part is open for completion on 5 October, 2021, from 6.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Finnish time.
- Invitations and instructions for the online interview are sent on 8 October, 2021.
- The online interviews will be held on 12 October, 2021.

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

Application periods

The separate application of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences takes place:

- SAMK Admission, Autumn 2021, 16 August – 15 September, 2021 (the application period ends on 15 September, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

In the separate application you can apply only to the degree programmes available in SAMK. The results for the Master's degree programme are given by 26 November, 2021.

If you're offered a study place from these application periods or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in spring 2022 from a Finnish university or university of applied sciences.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has this Master's degree programme tuitioned in English available in the separate application in autumn 2021:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Master of Business Administration, part-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2021	25
Degree Programme in Tourism Competitive Management, Master of Hospitality Management, distance studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2021	15

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 Master's Degree programmes in SAMK are:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	ELIGIBLE DEGREES
Degree Programme in Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Master of Business Administration, part-time studies	Rauma	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a Finnish UAS degree: Bachelor of Business Administration/Hospitality Management 2) other applicable Finnish Bachelor's Degree, which includes or is completed with at least 40 ECTS credits of business administration studies in higher education or 3) a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree
Degree Programme in Tourism Competitive Management, Master of Hospitality Management, distance studies	Pori	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a Finnish UAS degree: Bachelor of Hospitality Management/Business Administration or 2) a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree

For each Master's degree programme those Finnish professional higher level degrees and polytechnic degrees (in Finnish: ammatillisen korkea-asteen tutkinnot ja opistoasteen tutkinnot) are eligible which have a similar field with the eligible higher education degree. These degrees should have the graduation date in the year 2000 or earlier to be eligible.

Applicants must 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.

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 as an attachment of the application form 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 December, 2021. SAMK also accepts work experience obtained after completion of a post-secondary or higher vocational level diploma in Finland (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 in a relevant field will be accepted as work experience if an applicant can produce a certificate attesting that he or she is or has been covered under the statutory YEL or MYEL pension scheme. (YEL = statutory pension scheme for entrepreneurs; MYEL = statutory pension scheme for farmers, forest estate owners, fishers and reindeer herders and their family members). Enterprising activities abroad should be substantiated with comparable 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.

Work certificates should be attached 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 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 submit a 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 copy of the original certificate as an attachment of the application form.

[Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations](#)

Special arrangements are not available for the online entrance examinations of Master's degree programmes.

Student selection in SAMK Admission, Degree Programme in Business Management and Entrepreneurship

The students are selected with an online entrance exam course that is organized during autumn 2021. The applicants that have completed the course on time and have got at least 35 points of maximum 100 points may be accepted to the education.

The timetable of the online entrance exam course

- Enrolment to the course starts on Wednesday 18 August 2021 at 8.00 a.m. at <https://elomake.samk.fi/lomakkeet/11930/lomake.html>.
- The course starts on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 9.00 a.m.
- The application period is organized at Studyinfo.fi from Monday 16 August 2021 to Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time.
- Enrolment to the course ends on Monday 20 September 2021 at 3.00 p.m.
- Applicants are required to register as course participants by Wednesday 29 September 2021.
- All exercises of the course should be completed by Monday 25 October 2021 at 10.00 p.m.
- The results of the student selection are published at latest on Friday 26 November 2021.

The online entrance exam course is completed on the e-learning platform used in Satakunta University of Applied Sciences. The applicants who have enrolled to the course will receive instructions for registration to the platform and logging in to the course by e-mail.

It is recommended to enroll and register to the online entrance exam course on time in order to start the course immediately when it opens on 1 September 2021. The enrolment to the course is possible until Monday 20 September 2021 at 3.00 p.m., but it's wise to divide the workload of the course on the whole period because completing it within a shorter time may be quite challenging.

The online entrance exam course is a part of the studies of Master's degree programme in Business Management and Entrepreneurship. The applicants who are accepted as students of the programme will have the course included in the studies. Other applicants who complete the course acceptably will have a certificate of open university studies.

Applicants will not be sent reminders about applying in the separate application or about registering to the online entrance exam course. Registering to the online entrance course is not considered as an application or as an initiative for application.

Student selection in SAMK Admission, Degree Programme in Tourism Competitive Management

The students are selected with an online entrance exam. The applicants that get at least 35 points of maximum 100 points may be accepted to the degree programme.

The online entrance exam consists of two parts:

1. Essay task based on pre-reading material
2. Video presentation

Application is required to complete the online entrance exam with his/her own computer, Internet connection, webcam and headset/microphone.

The pre-reading material for the essay task will be published at Studyinfo.fi during the application period in September 2021. The answering time of the essay task is limited to two (2) hours.

With the essay, applicant's skills in understanding and producing written English are measured. With the video presentation, applicant's skills of producing spoken English are measured. Both tasks measure student's motivation and resources for completing a Master's degree in the field of tourism management.

The final student selection is done in the order of the entrance exam's total points. Only applicants who have completed both parts of the exam are available for selection.

The online entrance examination of the Degree Programme in Tourism Competitive Management is organized according to the following schedule:

- Invitations and instructions for the written part are sent on Tuesday 5 October, 2021.
- The online entrance exam is open for completion from Thursday 14 October, 2021 at 3.00 p.m. to Friday 15 October, 2021, at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time.

SCHEDULE APPENDIX

Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in 2021

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES –SAMK ADMISSION, AUTUMN 2021

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, Autumn 2021 16 August – 15 September, 2021
Finnish qualification: 1) Copies of the final certificates of vocational degrees must be saved to the application form 2) Matriculation examination grades of those who took their matriculation examination in or after 1990 3) Copies of matriculation examination certificates of those who took their matriculation examination prior to 1990 to be saved to the application form	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021 2) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board 3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021
International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP): Copy of diploma and their official translations to be saved to the application form	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021
Qualifications taken outside Finland: Copy of the qualification certificate or a temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution to be saved to the application form	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021
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, 22 September, 2021

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES, SAMK ADMISSION, AUTUMN 2021

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, Autumn 2021 16 August – 15 September, 2021
Finnish qualification: Copy of the final degree certificate must be saved to the application form	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021
Qualifications taken outside Finland: Copy of the final degree certificate, together with an official translation, must be saved to the application form	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021
Employment certificates: 1) Work experience to be obtained 2) Copies of employment certificates to be attached to the application form	1) by 31 December, 2021 2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021
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, 22 September, 2021
Any changes to work experience information affecting eligibility to be submitted to the admissions office:	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 September, 2021