

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences
Admissions Criteria, Autumn 2022

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SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH, AUTUMN 2022

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Application periods

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

- SAMK Admission, Autumn 2022, 17 August – 14 September, 2022 (the application period ends on 14 September, 2022 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 Bachelor's degree programmes are given according to the information given in the programme descriptions.

If you're offered a study place from this application period or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in spring 2023 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 can give applicant extra points.

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 2022, 17 August – 14 September, 2022 (the application period ends on 14 September, 2022 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 2022	35
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2022	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 2022 can be selected by their certificate and grades.

Results of the student selection

Results of the student selection are given by 25 October, 2022.

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

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

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 grades in English and mathematics or business/commercial/accounting studies will be taken into account. Applicant will get a score between 1 and 5 points with 0.1 points being the smallest difference between scores. If a certificate is suspected a fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If certificates are 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.

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). 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 25 October, 2022.

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

All applicants are invited to take the 1st part, written part, of the online entrance examination. Written part measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. Written part consists of a multiple choice task related to an article given with the task, a calculation exam and a video introduction. Applicants are required to complete all three tasks and get at least 60 per cent of the calculation exam's maximum points and at least 50 per cent of the multiple choice task. The written part will open a limited time and each task's completion time be limited.

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 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 autumn 2022

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Autumn 2022) is open 17 August – 14 September, 2022. Application period ends on 14 September, 2022, at 3.00 p.m.
- Invitations and instructions for the written part are sent by Tuesday 20 September, 2022.
- The written part is open for completion on **Tuesday 27 September, 2022, from 6.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Finnish time.**
- Invitations and instructions for the online interview are sent on Tuesday 11 October, 2022.
- The online interviews will be held **on Tuesday 18 October, 2022.**
- The results of student selection are given by Tuesday 25 October, 2022. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on 9 December, 2022.

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).

SCHEDULE APPENDIX

Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in 2022

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES –SAMK ADMISSION, AUTUMN 2022

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 2022 17 August – 14 September, 2022
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, 21 September, 2022 2) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board 3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 September, 2022
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, 21 September, 2022
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, 21 September, 2022
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, 21 September, 2022