

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences
Admissions Criteria, Spring 2023

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SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH 2023

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Application period

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) has Bachelor's degree programmes in one separate application period of SAMK: SAMK Admission, Spring 2023, 4 January – 15 February, 2023 (the application period ends on 15 February, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

In SAMK Admission, Spring 2023, you can apply up to three degree programmes available in the application period. The results of the student selection are given in the schedule given in the descriptions of student selection. Applicant is required to confirm the offered study place at latest on 14 July, 2023, at 3.00 p.m.

If you're offered study places from this separate application or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in Autumn 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
- foreign qualification that provides eligibility for higher education studies in the country in question or
- a Finnish or foreign higher education degree

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

Proving eligibility

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Applying through discretionary admission

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

Evidence of language proficiency as part of admissions

Finnish language test

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

English language proficiency

Good skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. In those programmes that use entrance exams, applicant's language skills are measured in the entrance exam. Adequate results from accepted international English language tests give applicant 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 an 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 in SAMK Admission, Spring 2023

The separate application of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences SAMK Admission, Spring 2023, is organized from 4 January to 15 February, 2023. The application period ends on 15 February, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time.

SAMK has eight Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English that take part in SAMK Admission, Spring 2023:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	26
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	40
Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain, Bachelor of Marit, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	25
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	35
Degree Programme in Logistics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	40
Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	30
Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	50
Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	50

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

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 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 video introduction may be evaluated as pass or fail by the quality of spoken English. 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 spring 2023

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2023) is open 4 January – 15 February, 2023. Application period ends on 15 February, 2023, at 3.00 p.m.
- Invitations and instructions for completing the written part of the online entrance examination are sent by Monday 27 February, 2023.
- Online entrance examination is organized according to the following:
 - Written part is open for completion on Tuesday 7 March, 2023, from 6.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Finnish time.
 - Invitations and instructions for taking the the online interview are sent by Tuesday 21 March, 2023.
 - Online interviews are organized with a Webex-based application on Tuesday 28 March, 2023. 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 4 April, 2023. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on Friday 1 August, 2023.

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 spring 2023

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSION, SPRING 2023

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

Document	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023: 4 January – 15 February, 2023
<p>Finnish qualification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Vocational diploma and higher education certificates and their transcripts of those who have received their certificate before the end of the application period 2) 2nd year study certificates and latest transcripts of records of those who graduate from vocational and higher education institutions in spring 2023 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office) 3) Matriculation examination grades of those who have received their matriculation certificates in or after 1990 4) Matriculation examination certificates of those who have received their matriculation certificates prior to 1990 5) Original qualification certificates to be checked 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023 2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023 (by 3 p.m. on Friday 14 July, 2023) 3) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board 4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023 5) at the beginning of studies
<p>International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Copies of diplomas and their official translations to be submitted to the admissions office (* = those graduating during the application period to submit a Predicted Grades or equivalent) 2) Copy of the final certificate of applicants who complete an RP or EB diploma during the application period (Transcript of Grades for those completing an IB diploma) must be delivered 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023 * by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 5 April, 2023 2) by 3 p.m. on Friday 14 July, 2023

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 22 February, 2023
2) Temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution and transcripts of records of those who graduate during spring 2023 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)	2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023 (by 3 p.m. on Friday 14 July, 2023)
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 22 February, 2023
Accessibility in student admissions: applications for special arrangements for entrance examinations to be submitted to the university of applied sciences (see the UAS website or Opintopolku.fi/Studyinfo.fi):	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023
Results of the student selection are published	at latest on Thursday 6 April, 2023
Confirmation of an offered study place	by 3 p.m. on Friday 14 July, 2023 ((or after that within 5 working days after student selection))
Student selection from reserve places ends at latest	on Monday 17 July, 2023.