

**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 Artificial Intelligence, Pori

### 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	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Finnish/Swedish as 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 (see Scoring Appendix).

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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records and adequate English language test result.

#### Scoring the certificate

The score from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 following things will affect the scoring of the certificate/transcript:

- the GPA given in or counted from the grades of the certificate/transcript
- grade/score in English language and
- grade/score in mathematics or studies in the field of business (marketing, accounting etc.)

Applicants with best GPAs and grades will receive 5 points, and the scores will be given with the smallest difference of 0.1 points. 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.

## 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.

## DESIRED QUOTAS OF SELECTION METHODS

The desired quotas of intake for selection methods are:

SELECTION METHOD 1	SELECTION METHOD 2
30 %	70 %

## 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.
- Schedule for selection method 2 (foreign certificate or Finnish vocational qualification):
  - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is on 22 February, 2023.
  - The results of student selection are given at latest on Tuesday 4 April, 2023.
  - The deadline for providing final certificates is on Friday 14 July, 2023 (for those students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).
- Schedule for selection method 1 (Finnish matriculation exam results):
  - The deadline of marking the results to national database is on Tuesday 16 May, 2023. Applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Wednesday 7 June, 2023.
  - The results of student selection are given by Wednesday 24 May, 2023.



## 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](mailto:admissions@samk.fi).

Document	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023: 4 January – 15 February, 2023
<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 2023 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 22 February, 2023</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023 (by 3 p.m. on Friday 14 July, 2023)</li> <li>3) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board</li> <li>4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 22 February, 2023</li> <li>5) at the beginning of studies</li> </ol>
<p>International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP):</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 22 February, 2023 * by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 5 April, 2023</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Friday 14 July, 2023</li> </ol>

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 <a href="http://Opintopolku.fi/Studyinfo.fi">Opintopolku.fi/Studyinfo.fi</a> ):	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.

## SCORING APPENDIX

### Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams

#### European Baccalaureate (EB)

Subject	Grade			
	7,00–10	6,00–6,99	5,00–5,99	4,00–4,99
English, L2	6	5	3	1
English, L3-L5	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

#### International Baccalaureate (IB)

Subject	Grade			
	5 – 7	4	3	2
English, Language A	6	5	3	1
English, Language B	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Language A, Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Further Mathematics, HL/SL, Theoretical Mathematics HL/SL, Applied Mathematics HL	6	5	3	1
Applied Mathematics SL	4	3	1	-

#### Reifeprüfung (RP)/Deutsche International Abitur (DIA)

Subject	Grade			
	8 - 15	7	5 – 6	4
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, B1-B3	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/German)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics	6	5	3	1