

**Satakunta University of Applied Sciences**  
**Admissions Criteria, Autumn 2023**

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# SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH AUTUMN 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 – 14 September 2023 (the application period ends on 14 September, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

In SAMK Admission, Autumn 2023, you can apply only one 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 1 December, 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 Spring 2024 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/DIA 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 are required in degree programmes, which are using paper selection. Following results are accepted:

- IELTS Academic and IELTS Academic online : a minimum total score of 6.0
- TOEFL Academic (iBT): a minimum total score of 60
- PTE Academic and PTE Academic online: a minimum total score of 55
- Cambridge C1 Advanced: a minimum total score of 169
- Cambridge C2 Proficiency: a minimum total score of 169

Also following test, exams or degrees are accepted:

- National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI) English: Proficiency level 4 on all the subtests (reading, writing, listening and speaking).
- Higher education degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States
- Upper secondary degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States
- Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification: grading scale 1-5 with a minimum grade of 5, grading scale 1-3 with a minimum grade of 3
- One of the following grade cases in Finnish Matriculation Examination, European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate or Reifeprüfung/DIA:
  - Finnish Matriculation Examination: English on advanced Level with a minimum grade of C
  - International Baccalaureate completed in English
  - International Baccalaureate diploma: grade 4 in higher level English
  - European Baccalaureate: at least grade 6.00 in L2-level English
  - Reifeprüfung/DIA completed diploma: at least grade 7 in advanced English

Applicant must provide a copy of the passed result by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form.

## 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, Autumn 2023

The separate application of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences SAMK Admission, Autumn 2023, is organized from 4 to 14 September, 2023. The application period ends on 14 September, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time.

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

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	40
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Spring 2023	40

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

### Equal score rules

Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care

If the criteria fail to produce a difference between tied applicants, SAMK admits all of the equally ranked applicants.

Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration

If the criteria cannot draw the line between applicants with equal score, SAMK will draw lots for selecting the student/students.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> part, written part, of the online entrance examination. Written part measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. The details of the written part will be given in the invitation mail.

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 2023

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Autumn 2023) is open 4 – 14 September, 2023. Application period ends on 14 September, 2023, at 3.00 p.m.
- Invitations and instructions for completing the written part of the online entrance examination are sent by Monday 18 September, 2023.
- Online entrance examination is organized according to the following:
  - Written part is open for completion on Tuesday 26 September, 2023. Timetable will be given in the invitation.
  - Invitations and instructions for taking the online interview are sent by Tuesday 10 October, 2023.
  - Online interviews are organized with a Webex-based application on Tuesday 17 October, 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 24 October, 2023. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on Tuesday 12 December, 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).

## Student selection – Degree Programme in International Business, Rauma

### SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP/DIA 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 or Deutsche Internationale Abitur (DIA) 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. 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 autumn 2023

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Spring 2023) is open 4 – 14 September, 2023. Application period ends on 14 September, 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 21 September, 2023.
  - The results of student selection are given at latest on Tuesday 24 October, 2023.
  - The deadline for providing final certificates is on Wednesday 27 December, 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 14 November, 2023. Applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Tuesday 5 December, 2023.
  - The results of student selection are given by Tuesday 21 November, 2023.

## SCHEDULE APPENDIX

### Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in autumn 2023

#### BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSION, AUTUMN 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, Autumn 2023: 4 – 14 September, 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 Thursday 21 September, 2023</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 21 September, 2023 (by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 27 December, 2023)</li> <li>3) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board</li> <li>4) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 21 September, 2023</li> <li>5) at the beginning of studies</li> </ol>
<p>International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP/DIA):</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 a RP/DIA 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>6) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 21 September, 2023 * by 3 p.m. on Thursday 21 September, 2023</li> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 27 December, 2023</li> </ol>

3) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	2) at the beginning of studies
Qualifications taken outside Finland:  1) Qualification certificates (and translations) of those who have graduated by the end of the application period  2) Temporary certificate (and translation) of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution and transcripts of records (and translations) of those who graduate during spring 2023 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)  3) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	1) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 21 September, 2023  2) by 3 p.m. on Thursday 21 September, 2023 (by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 27 December, 2023)  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 Thursday 21 September, 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 Thursday 21 September, 2023
All applicants must provide language proficiency test result or other document stating their required language skills	by 3 p.m. on Thursday 21 September, 2023
Results of the student selection are published Degree Programme in Nursing Degree programme in International Business, selection method 1 Degree programme in International Business, selection method 2	at the latest by Tuesday 24 October, 2023 at the latest by Tuesday 21 November, 2023 at the latest by Tuesday 24 October, 2023
Confirmation of an offered study place	by 3 p.m. on Friday 1 December, 2023 ((or after that within 7 working days after student selection))
Student selection from reserve places ends at latest	on Tuesday 12 December, 2023.
Application round ends	on Friday 29 December, 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