

Bilateral Exchange: University of Tampere

Tampere, Finland

Specifics of the North Park Exchange

Dates

Fall semester, spring semester, or full year

Eligibility

- 45+ credit hours by start of program
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- GPA of 2.5 in semester preceding program
- Attendance at NPU for at least two semesters by start of program
- 18 years of age



Chance of Placement

Chance of placement is excellent for qualified candidates.

Courses Offered

Course offerings in English vary by year. See the University website for more information:

<http://www.uta.fi/admissions/exchange/courses/index.html>. In the past, North Park students have taken the following types of courses:

Introduction to Gender Studies	Dictatorships and Democracies	Radio Journalism	Marketing Communications
Multicultural Relationships with Media and Citizenship	Finnish as a Foreign Language	Business Ethics	The History of the Crusades

Costs

Student pays North Park the current rate for full-time tuition. All financial aid applies.

Student pays room and board in host country. For more information on the cost of living in Finland, check: <http://www.uta.fi/studies/exchangesstudents/guidebooks/survivalguide.pdf>

Additional Fees

Airfare	Passport Fees	Residence Permit/ Visa Fees	International Student ID Card
Textbooks	Health Insurance	Discretionary Spending	

About the University of Tampere

What is now the University of Tampere began in 1925 in Helsinki as an institution generally referred to as a Civic College. The guiding notion was that enlightenment was conducive to peaceful societal development.

In the 1960s the institution moved to Tampere. Within six years student intake increased fivefold. To this day the University of Tampere has retained its strong orientation to society, to public and private services and to professional university education. Currently, the university is home to approximately 15,200 students. Freedom of choice in minor subjects is one of the University's strengths and serves to increase its popularity among applicants.

A survival guide for International Students, available online, provides helpful information on courses, housing, cost of living, and social activities:

<http://www.uta.fi/studies/exchangesstudents/guidebooks/survivalguide.pdf>

About Finland and Tampere

A Nordic country and EU Member State, Finland is situated between West and East and combines the best of both traditions. Finland enjoys political and economic stability: it is efficiently run and has a first-class education system. Its culture is unique: the Finnish way of life combines all the advantages of a high-tech society with an unspoiled nature.

Key facts about the Republic of Finland:

- Finland has 5.3 million inhabitants, approximately 15.5 inhabitants per square kilometer.
- The 7th largest country in Europe, Finland has a total area of 338,000 square kilometers.
- Finland shares land borders with Sweden (586 km), Norway (727 km), and Russia (1269 km), and a sea boundary with Estonia.
- Finland's capital and biggest city is Helsinki with a population of 560,000.
- The official languages are Finnish and Swedish. English is widely taught in schools.
- Finland boasts 190,000 lakes and 180,000 islands, and forests cover 69% of the country's total area.
- The monetary unit of Finland is the Euro.
- Finland practices freedom of religion. Approximately 86% of the residents are members of the Lutheran Church.
- Distinctive seasonal variations make winters relatively cold (23°-0° F) but bright with white snow. Summers are usually warm (70°-80° F).

Tampere is the nation's third largest city with a population of 203,000. The Association for Promoting Fair Trade in Finland has named Tampere as Finland's first Fair Trade City. The city has committed itself to increasingly ethical acquisitions and to the extensive promotion of fair trade in the region. Tampere has an active cultural life, hosting a film festival and jazz festival every year. It also is home to numerous museums.

Please consult the Study Abroad Handbook for information on how to apply for this program.