

Fact Sheet

2026–2027



Vaasan yliopisto
UNIVERSITY OF VAASA



Institutional Information

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| Website: | www.uwasa.fi/en |
| International cooperation: | uwasa.fi/en/university/cooperation-networks/international-cooperation |



International Services – Partnerships and Mobility

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| Institutional partnership agreements: | international.affairs@uwasa.fi |
| Exchange from the University of Vaasa: | outgoing.international@uwasa.fi |
| Exchange to the University of Vaasa: | incoming.international@uwasa.fi |
| Degree programme admission: | admissions@uwasa.fi |
| International student recruitment: | admin.international@uwasa.fi |

Academic Calendar

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| ACADEMIC YEAR: | 1 August to 31 July |
| Orientation Days (compulsory) Autumn Semester: | 24–28 August 2026 |
| Teaching Autumn Semester: | 31 August – 18 December 2026 |
| Orientation Days (compulsory) Spring Semester: | 7–8 January 2027 |
| Teaching Spring Semester: | 11 January – 28 May 2027 |



Application Dates

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| Nomination Deadline: | Autumn Semester or Full Year | 1 May 2026 |
| Application Deadline: | Autumn Semester or Full Year | 15 May 2026 |
| Nomination Deadline: | Spring Semester | 1 October 2026 |
| Application Deadline: | Spring Semester | 15 October 2026 |

Exchange application process

Information on the application process and language requirements for exchange students:

→ uwasa.fi/en/education/exchange/applying

Course selection

Information on courses offered for exchange students:

→ opas.peppi.uwasa.fi/ → EN → Courses for exchange students

- Courses for exchange students are offered in English.
- Applicants must fulfil course prerequisites for courses chosen, thus make sure that selected courses are on the relevant level.

Credit system

The European Credit Transfer System ECTS is used in Finland. Full-time studies during one semester amounts to 30 ECTS, or 60 ECTS during one academic year.

The grading scale is found on the transcript of records, and on:

→ www.uvasa.fi/en/education/studying-and-living-finland/studying-university-vaasa




Practical information

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| Accommodation | <p>Incoming students apply for accommodation themselves, either through any of the available local student housing foundations, or on the private market. Students arriving for autumn semester are strongly advised to reserve housing from 1 August, due to high demand</p> <p>→ uvasa.fi/en/education/studying-and-living-finland/information-about-vaasa/accommodation-vaasa</p> |
| Fees | <p>Exchange students have no additional mandatory fees. The Student Union fee is voluntary for exchange students, however mandatory for degree-seeking and double degree students.</p> <p>→ vyy.fi/en/for-students/membership</p> |
| Insurance | <p>Exchange students are advised to obtain necessary personal insurances before arrival. Insurances should cover costs resulting from illness or accidents (medical treatment and hospitalisation, medication, and costs for interruption of the exchange), as well as insurances for personal belongings and third-party liability.</p> |
| Permits | <p>Citizens of EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein Norway or Switzerland do not need a residence permit for Finland. Students staying more than three months need to register their right of residence at the local service point of the Digital and Population Data Services Agency DVV. Other nationalities need to apply for a residence permit, please consult the Finnish Immigration Service.</p> <p>→ migri.fi/en</p> |
| Additional Information | <p>No pick-up service offered upon arrival.</p> |

Force Majeure

The exchange period can be postponed or cancelled by the decisions of the authorities in Finland, or by the University of Vaasa due to force majeure, and in particular in case of strikes, natural disasters, epidemics, fires, floods, storms, malicious acts or war. In these cases, the exchange student and the university will both be responsible for their own costs and expenses related to the postponing or cancelling the exchange period.

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