

Name of institution: **Oulu University of Applied Sciences**

Country in which institution is located: Finland

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PART I: EXCHANGE TYPE/PARTICIPATION

North2north programme

PART II: ACADEMIC DETAILS

2.1	Academic calendar dates – Fall term for first academic year exchange is likely to be active	Arrival Dates: 20 – 22 Aug 2018 Orientation: 23 – 24 Aug 2018 Class registration: Done before arrival Classes Begin: 27 Aug 2018 Classes End: 21 Dec 2018 Exams: No set exam periods, usually exams at the end of each course/period (4 – 5 periods per academic year) Vacation Period(s): 22 – 26 Oct 2018
2.2	Academic calendar dates – Spring term for first academic year exchange is likely to be active	Arrival Dates: 2 Jan 2019 Orientation: 3 – 4 Jan 2019 Class registration: Done before arrival Classes Begin: 7 Jan 2019 Classes End: by 31 May 2019 Exams: No set examination periods, usually exams at the end of each course/period (2 – 3 periods in spring term) Vacation Period(s): 4 – 8 Mar 2019; 19 – 22 April 2019; 1 May 2019; 30 May 2019
2.3	Website for future academic calendars	http://www.oamk.fi/exchangestudies/
2.4	Language(s) of instruction	Finnish, English
2.5	Does your institution provide language coursework?	Yes

	How many/what types of language courses are available to exchange students?	Finnish for foreigners (beginners, intermediate and advanced), English as a foreign language (advanced), German (beginners – advanced), Swedish as a foreign language (advanced)
2.6	Are there any course units/ department offerings that have restricted access or are not available to incoming exchange students at the undergraduate or postgraduate level?	No NB: Oulu UAS's Master programmes have currently very limited offer of studies in English. However, Oamk LABs are open also to the Master-level students. Master's programme in Education Entrepreneurship instructed in English is planned to commence in autumn 2018.
2.7	How and when do students register for courses?	During the application process students select courses they would like to take and our departments will confirm these as part of the selection process. Actual course enrolment will happen once the student arrives at Oulu UAS.
2.8	Website address for course search	http://www.oamk.fi/exchangestudies/

PART III: HOUSING, MEALS, INSURANCE AND OTHER COSTS

See: <http://u.oamk.fi/exchangeaccommodation> for details

3.1	Which of the following university-controlled housing is available to exchange students?	Yes/No	Estimated cost
	On-campus residence hall – single room	No	
	On-campus residence hall – shared room	No	
	On-campus self-catering apartment	No	
	Off-campus residence hall – single room	No	
	Off-campus residence hall – shared room	No	
	Off-campus self-catering apartment	No	
3.2	Is university-controlled housing guaranteed for exchange students?	No	
	If not, what assistance do you provide to international students in finding housing?	See: http://u.oamk.fi/exchangeaccommodation	

	Are there any times during the academic term, or for a year-long student, when housing is not available to exchange students? If yes, please describe.	No, housing is available 12 months a year (if needed)	
3.3	Do you guarantee students will find housing with your assistance?	Yes	
3.4	Which of the following non-university controlled housing is available to exchange students?	Yes/No	Estimated cost
	Homestays	No	
	Apartment/flat or single room in an off-campus residence hall	Yes	ca 300 – 350 EUR/month (single occupancy), self-catering
	Other (describe):	Apartment hotel	ca. 475 EUR/month in a shared room. Ca. 950 EUR/month in single room
3.5	Off-campus housing: distance from classrooms?	500 m – 2 km 0.3 – 1.25 miles	
3.6	Mode of transportation to classes?	On foot, bicycle, local bus	
	Composition of residents in housing (all international students? Half international/half host-country nationals? Other? (i.e. gender specific)	Mixed gender halls (but single sex shared apartments), both Finnish students and international exchange and degree students live in the same building.	
3.7	Meals	Yes/No	Estimated cost
	Exchange students may purchase a university dining plan	No	Student-priced lunch in an on-campus restaurant currently 1.01 EUR/meal (available on weekdays during term time)
	Only self-catered meals are available	Yes (apart from the lunches in student canteens on weekdays, see above)	Approx. 100 – 200 EUR/month
3.8	Health/medical insurance	Yes/No	Estimated cost

	Are students required to buy insurance by your institution and/or by another entity? (i.e. national insurance)	Yes, a health insurance valid in Finland is required for residence permit for studies in Finland.	Students can buy the insurance from a reliable and solvent insurance company of their own choice.
3.9	Other required costs	Describe	Estimated cost
	Required student fee not covered by tuition/fee waiver	N/A	
	Special course fees not covered by tuition/fee waiver	N/A	
	Books	University library has an extensive collection of course books. Our students rarely buy books (apart from exercise and language course books.)	
3.95	Optional costs	Describe	Estimated cost
	Pre-session language courses (if so, indicate if credit-bearing).	There are term-time Finnish language and culture courses (3 ECTS cr.)	free of charge for exchange students
	Student Union membership	gives access to several benefits and discounts	27 EUR/term
	University Sports of Oulu Sports Pass	gives access to sport services of University Sports and discounts on services of their cooperation partners	30 EUR/term

PART IV: HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES

4.1	Emergency contact at your university	
	In the event of a serious emergency (car accident, sexual assault, etc.) who at your university may a student contact for assistance with the aftermath?	International Services' on call emergency telephone: +358 20 61 10299

	What is that person's availability nights? Weekends?	Telephone line is answered by the staff also outside office hours
	How are students instructed to contact this individual?	In case of an emergency at hand by telephone, in a less acute case a face-to-face visit during the office hours or email incoming.students@oamk.fi
4.2	Medical services	
	How far is the nearest 24-hour medical facility from where most classes occur?	1 – 2 km 0.6 - 1.25 miles
	How far is the nearest 24-hour medical facility from most student residences?	1 km 0.6 miles
	How are students instructed regarding how to access medical services?	Info session during orientation programme and further info at http://u.oamk.fi/insurance
4.3	Translation services	
	If English is not the native or a prevalent language spoken in your community among medical professionals, are translation services available for students in an emergency?	English is very widely spoken in Finland, usually there is no need for translators, but if it is needed the (public) health services will arrange it.
4.4	Fire and general safety	
	How are students advised of fire and general safety protocols in your country/university?	Safety info session during orientation
	Are smoke and CO2 detectors located in residential halls and other university buildings?	Yes

PART V: CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

5.1	What is the primary method of transportation in the community?	Local buses, bicycle, private vehicles, taxis
5.2	What religious services/facilities are available on campus or in the community?	Oulu Evangelical Lutheran Congregations' university pastor/deacon(ess) can be met on campus at separate meeting hours. in Oulu: Oulu Evangelical Lutheran congregations (also an Anglican vicar) Finnish Orthodox Church

		<p>Roman Catholic Parish of Oulu The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Jehovah’s Witnesses Oulu Adventist Parish Oulu Bahaí Community Oulu Pentecostal Parish Oulun Rauhanyhdistys (Laestadian movement) Further info: https://www.ouka.fi/oulu/english/religion</p>
5.3	<p>What services, if any, are available for exchange students with learning disabilities (extended time on tests, note-taking services, etc.)? Are there additional fees for these services?</p>	<p>Services are usually free of charge but must be agreed upon in advance with the campus student counsellor. Services include e.g. extended time on tests, receiving lecture materials in advance, additional teaching and assignments etc.</p>
5.4	<p>What accommodations, if any, are available for exchange students with physical disabilities (students in wheelchairs, blind, deaf, etc.) Are there additional fees for these services?</p>	<p>Services are usually free of charge. All campus facilities are accessible and special restrooms are available for handicapped or wheelchair users. The accessible accommodation has to be agreed on separately (standard rooms in the residence hall may not be suitable)</p>
5.5	<p>Please describe any support, if any, which may be available to students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.</p>	<p>Finland is a relatively liberal society and the Finnish legislation provides equal opportunities for people of sexual minorities and criminalises all kinds of discrimination based on sexual orientation. Same-sex marriage has been legalised. SETA ry is the Finnish national human rights organisation working for legal equality and social justice for lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgender people. It is the central organisation for sexual minorities, with sections all over Finland - one of which is in Oulu. SETA is a member of ILGA (International Lesbian and Gay Association) and IGLYO (International Gay and Lesbian Youth). Oulun SETA ry has groups for women, youth (under 29 years) and rainbow families and it also</p>

		organises many other kinds of activities and parties.
5.6	Consider the racial composition of your campus and the surrounding community. How welcome might a student of a different racial background feel on your campus and in your community?	Members of the communities in both on and off campus are predominantly white. As a whole the institution and local society are liberal, tolerant and benevolent towards international students. Racial confrontation is extremely rare, but may occur. Oulu UAS has a zero tolerance policy for racism or any other forms of discrimination or assaults.
5.7	Are airport pick up services available?	Arrival service is provided during official arrival dates in the beginning of the terms: http://www.oamk.fi/en/exchange-opportunities/exchange-students/practical-information/arrival-services/
5.8	Does your office provide assistance with or instructions on the visa process?	Yes, we give instructions, but visas and residence permits for Finland must be applied for personally.

PART VI: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

6.1	Orientation	
	Is orientation provided regardless of whether a student enters fall or spring?	Yes, in the beginning of each term.
	Please provide details on the support available to incoming exchange students. How long is orientation and what office conducts it?	Orientation programme lasts 2 – 3 days and is organized by International Services in cooperation with the student union(s) and the educational departments and other local service providers.
	Who provides support for course registration and academic advising?	International Academic Coordinators at educational departments
	Is there an additional fee for orientation, and if so, what is the cost and what does it cover?	No, the orientation is free of charge

PART VII: APPLICATION MATERIALS AND PROCEDURES

For this section, please feel free to attach and refer below to your Institutional Information Sheet if the requested information is covered in that document.

7.1	If you have a Grade Point Average requirement, please describe.	N/A
7.2	Application Deadlines	
	Fall term deadline	15 May 2018
	Spring term deadline	31 Oct 2018
	Academic year deadline	15 May 2018
7.3	What materials are required for a complete application?	Yes/ No
	Host institution application form	Yes (online)
	Original transcript or grades	No (scanned version to be uploaded to the application)
	Statement of purpose	Yes (in application)
	Faculty reference letter(s)	No
	Language proficiency report (if your courses are not taught in English)	No
	Medical report/ vaccinations	Only for health care field in case of clinical placements in hospitals
	Financial guarantee	No (but an account of financial support is needed for visa/ residence permit application)
	Registration Fee	No
	Housing application	Yes (a separate

		online application)
	Housing deposit	Yes, charged by PSOAS after a room has been allocated
	Course unit choices	Yes
	Please give details for above, or any additional requirements	http://u.oamk.fi/exchangeapplication

PART VIII: INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS & MARKETING

8.1	Contact for updating, revising institutional agreements	Name: Sami Niemelä Title: Team Manager, International Services Email: sami.niemela@oamk.fi
8.3	Contact for incoming exchange students going to study at Oulu University of Applied Sciences	Name: Bastian Fähnrich / Marianne Isola Title: International Relations Officer Email: incoming.students@oamk.fi
8.4	Name of personnel and/or office responsible for housing contracts and issues.	Name: Northern Finland Student Housing Foundation, Housing Office Title: Email: asuntotoimisto@psoas.fi
8.5	Street address of Oulu University of Applied Sciences	Oulu University of Applied Sciences International Services Kotkantie 1, FI-90250 OULU, FINLAND