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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the European Capital of Culture 2011!

The University of Turku is pleased to send you new information material especially for incoming exchange students about studies at our university during the Academic Year 2011-2012. The administration of international relations has been mostly centralised in the beginning of this year. Therefore, **please notice that our application times and contact information have changed.**

The University of Turku is a multidisciplinary institution and offers outstanding opportunities for high-quality research and education. There is wide variety of non-degree courses and large selection of Master's Degree Programmes available in English. Courses from many of these degree programmes are also available for exchange students. All incoming exchange students should plan their studies based on instructions given and the preliminary course information on our website www.utu.fi/en/studying.

Moreover, you will learn about the University of Turku through our website aimed for our partners: www.utu.fi/international. Furthermore, our Erasmus Staff Week on June 13–17, 2011 gives you a superb opportunity to visit Turku and learn about our University and new practices. Please note also our International Summer School which offers an excellent introduction to the Finnish language, culture and way of life. The courses are aimed at university students and graduates as well as international scholars and experts of various backgrounds. Please see: www.utu.fi/summerschool.

We are looking forward to continuing cooperation with you.

Yours sincerely,

Irinja Paakkanen, Head of International Affairs



Additional Fees	No tuition fees for exchange students. www.utu.fi/en/studying/students/exchange/arrive/living_costs.html
Application Requirements	www.utu.fi/en/studying/apply/exchange_programmes.html
Application Deadlines, Autumn	15 April Non-EU/EEA countries, 31 May EU/EEA countries (and Turkey)
Application Deadlines, Spring	15 October
Application Form:	is electronic and can be found on: www.utu.fi/en/studying/apply/exchange_programmes.html is opened about one month before the call for applications starts
Recommended Arrival Date & Orientation	End of August / Beginning of January www.utu.fi/en/studying/students/exchange/arrive/orientation.html
Student tutors	Each exchange student will have a Finnish student tutor (volunteers) who help them with practical matters.
Accommodation / Housing Options	The Student Village Foundation of Turku (TYS) is responsible for student housing: www.tys.fi
Is accommodation guaranteed for exchange students	TYS guarantees accommodation for all formal exchange students who apply in time (at least 6 weeks before the lease starts). The least starts always the first day of the month. Please note that student can apply only after being accepted by the University of Turku.
Cost of Rent (in local currency €)	www.tys.fi (app. 280-400€/month)
Living / Prospective costs	Min. 600 Euros/month/person depending on the accommodation costs and excluding leisure time activities. www.utu.fi/en/studying/students/exchange/arrive/living_costs.html
Medical Coverage	Student is responsible for his/her insurances. Exceptions are students of the Erasmus Mundus Programme.
Visa Requirements	www.migri.fi and www.formin.fi , non-EU/EEA students who will need visa and/or residence permit; please contact the local Finnish Embassy.
Campus Facilities	Computer labs, wireless internet connection on campus, libraries, university sports, student cafeterias
Distances from the university	To city centre: 1 km, To Turku Airport 15 km, to train station 2 km, to harbor 5 km. A Campus map: www.utu.fi/kartta/indexen.html
Career Services	http://rekrytointi.utu.fi/en
Erasmus Placement Contact	Hosting department or company
Teacher and Staff Mobility	Contact the host department and more information on www.utu.fi/international => teacher and staff mobility

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU ERASMUS DATA AND INFORMATION SHEET 2011-2012

University Name	Turun yliopisto, University of Turku
Head of Institution	Rector Keijo Virtanen
Website Address of the University	www.utu.fi
Institution Code	SF TURKU01
EUC reference number	29559-IC-1-2007-1-FI-ERASMUS-EUCX-1
Office dealing with the Exchange programmes	international Office, contact information: www.utu.fi/international
Postal Address	International Office, University of Turku, FI-20014 TURKU, FINLAND
Institutional Erasmus Coordinator	Ms. Irinja Paakkanen
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Website for exchange related information	www.utu.fi/en/studying
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Contact E-mail: Outgoing Students	outgoing@utu.fi education@utu.fi (Faculty of Education) intmedi@utu.fi (Faculty of Medicine)
Language of Instruction	Finnish, English
Academic year	www.utu.fi/en/studying/studies/academic_year.html
Teaching period (Faculty of Medicine starts early in August)	Autumn Semester: End of August - end of December Spring Semester: Beginning of January - End of May
Courses in English	www.utu.fi/en/studying/programmes/nondegree.html or www.utu.fi/en/masters
Can students take courses from different departments/faculties?	Yes, if they fulfill the prerequisites and there is room in the class. Faculty of Medicine and Turku School of Economics: restricted entry
Pre-semester language course for exchange students? Fees attached?	International Summer School in August. More information about the courses and fees: www.utu.fi/summerschool or summerschool@utu.fi EILC courses are usually arranged in Turku but only in August. http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/doc902_en.htm
Credit & grading system	www.utu.fi/en/studying/studies/studyregister/grades.html
Address & contact person for Final Transcript of Records	International Advisors international@utu.fi



UNIVERSITY OF TURKU CONTACT INFORMATION

Please note: our contact information concerning student mobility has changed!

Incoming mobility to Turku

Ms. Liisa Aho

Ms. Pia Le Grand

International Advisors: Ms. Virpi Leppänen, Ms. Tarja Malinen, Ms. Anu Kulta-Haapalainen and Ms. Enni Laaksonen (until 31.7.2011)

international@utu.fi (for student enquiries)

incoming@utu.fi (for colleagues at the partner universities)

Outgoing student mobility

Ms. Tarja Virta

Ms. Jutta Ruusunen (until 31.7.2011)

International Advisors: Ms. Virpi Leppänen, Ms. Tarja Malinen Ms. Anu Kulta-Haapalainen and Ms. Enni Laaksonen (until 31.7.2011)

outgoing@utu.fi (for both students and partners)

Our detailed contact information can be found on www.utu.fi/international

Application deadlines

Studies beginning in Autumn Semester 2011 or Academic Year 2011–2012:

Application deadlines:

for EU/EEA (and Turkey) students 31 May, 2011

for non-EU/EEA students 15 April, 2011

Studies beginning in Spring Semester 2012:

Application deadline: 15 October, 2011

University cooperation advanced during the World Expo year

THE WORLD EXPO 2010 took place in Shanghai, China. In addition to the activities of the actual Expo, the year boosted the links in many ways. Finnish higher education institutions were also well represented in different events.

One of the events was a seminar "Sharing Inspiration in Higher Education" which was arranged by the Centre for International Mobility CIMO.

Adjunct Professor Baoru Yang from the University of Turku represented the Food Science discipline under one of the seminar themes, Wellbeing.

The year was beneficial also because the University of Turku and the Fudan University entered into a student mobility agreement. The agreement laid the ground for the bilateral exchange of two students each year.

In addition to the agreement, the Nordic Centre of the Fudan



Heikki Kallio, Nea Särkiköski, Kirsi Korpela, Jauni Lehtonen, Baoru Yang, Juha Tähkämaa and Samu Seitsalo at the Finnish Pavilion in October 2010.

University continues to be an important cooperation platform for the University of Turku. The Nordic Centre organises activities such as seminars and courses together with the Fudan University and other Nordic universities. It also provides universities with research contacts. The strategies of both the Nordic Centre and the University of Turku put a strong emphasis on expanding from educational to research cooperation. For more information, please see www.nordiccentre.org.

Kirsi Korpela
The writer works as an International Officer at the University of Turku.

Inspired by International Internships

Career advisor encourages students to work abroad



Janne Loikkanen advises students who are interested in doing an internship abroad.

THE WORK of Mr Janne Loikkanen, Career Advisor, is closely connected to the internationalisation goal of the University. He offers information and guidance to degree students of the University of Turku about

The Career Services of the University of Turku helps current and recently graduated degree and exchange students in questions such as career planning, job seeking and internships.

The history of the Career Services dates back to the year 1994. What makes this unit in Turku special among other career services in Finland is its size. The Services started as a small project but eventually grew bigger. Nowadays, the employees come from the University of Turku, Abo Akademi and the Finnish Employment and Economic Development Office. They cooperate under the same roof for the students' benefit.

internships possibilities abroad. As the responsible for the Career Services' international matters, Loikkanen works in a close cooperation with the International Office of the University of Turku.

The number of internships from Turku to abroad has been on the rise during recent years, Loikkanen explains.

With the help of the Career Advisor, the University is improving

Antti Nilles
The writer is a Master's student in Humanities and worked as an intern at the International Office.

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Bulletin of the International Office

ERASMUS MUNDUS ACTION 2 projects benefit both grantees and universities

THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU is coordinating one and involved in five other Erasmus Mundus Action 2 mobility projects together with 27 EU partner universities. The purpose of these projects is to promote the mobility of students, researchers and academic staff between the partner universities in the EU and in the countries outside EU. The projects at UTU cover third countries in different geographical regions, called Lots in the EU guidelines.

Triple I - Integration, Interaction and Institutions is a mobility network of 9 European and 10 Russian universities, which awards grants for studies and research. The project is coordinated by the University of Turku, and funded by the Erasmus Mundus Action 2. The project saw light in 2008, when the University of Turku was asked to be the coordinator in the application process to EU. The idea and the theme of the Consortium were formulated at the same time.

- We searched for a theme that would suit each partner, be wide-ranging, and would have exchanges. Moreover, the project has favourable effects also inside the university. In Turku, it has increased the number of incoming Russians, says Ms Irimja Paakkanen, the Project Manager and Head of International Office. The most remarkable future challenges, however, relate closely to the communications. It is important to reach the Russians outside the university sector itself, and encourage more Finns and other Europeans to apply to Russia.

The role of a coordinator - or a mediator, like Hyppönen says - is a key factor which enhance the visibility of and the cooperation in Russia and also in the Baltic Sea region. According to Hyppönen, the other partner universities benefit, too. The project has added breadth to the opportunities for applicants by covering all the mobility categories: staff, post-doctorate researchers and doctorate, master, and undergraduate

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU IS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING ERASMUS MUNDUS ACTION 2 PROJECTS.

- Triple iii: integration, interaction and institutions, Lot 5: Russia
- BMU: Lot 7: Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine
- CENTAURI: Lot 9: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan
- JoinEU-SEE: Lot 10: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia
- EXPERTS: Lot 11: Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, The Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand
- MAHEVA: Lot 12: Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, The Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

More information: www.utu.fi/en/studying/cooperation/ema2.html

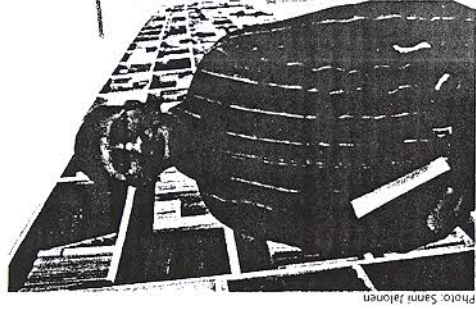


Photo: Samu Seitsalo

In addition to his research projects, Mr Sergey Maksimov from the Udmurt State University has given lectures at the University of Turku. "For the students a possibility to participate in lectures given by visiting experts is a welcome opportunity."

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Samu Seitsalo
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INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL Introduces to Finnish Culture

The International Summer School of the University of Turku, Finland, attracts participants from all over the world. In 2010 the Summer School set a new record with 25 participants representing 12 nationalities.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL is an introduction to the Finnish culture, history, society and language. It is organised by the International office of the University of Turku. In 2011, it takes place on 1-28 August.

Each student is able to choose their own study plan to suit their personal needs, says International Officer **Lisa Aho**, the Summer School coordinator.

International cooperation and education events in Turku 2011

- ERASMUS STAFF TRAINING WEEK in Turku, June 2011: www.utu.fi/en/studying/cooperation/bulletin/
- MARE BALTICUM - MARE NOSTRUM, in Turku and Tallinn: www.utu.fi/summerschool
- INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL in Turku, August 2011: www.utu.fi/summerschool
- SITE VISIT Turku / Abo for partners 18-20.9.2011 (in connection of EAIE conference in Aarhus, Denmark)



Photo: Benjamin Aldrich

Summer School 2010 is enjoying outdoor activities by the Baltic Sea.

In 2011, participants may earn up to 10 ECTS credits.

In addition to attending lectures, the participants enjoy a versatile Social Programme, which gives them additional insight to Finnish culture. For example, they visit the town of Naantali and the Turku archipelago, go to a sauna and even bake traditional Finnish pastries.

Some of the participants have Finnish roots. Some are simply interested in the exotic Finnish language and culture. Aho says. For foreign Degree Students, the Summer School is a great way to get oriented

to Finnish language and culture. The University of Turku reimburses the Summer School fee for new Degree Students, excluding the registration fee and housing. The student has time to accommodate to life in Finland before the semester starts indeed, nearly half of the Summer School participants remain in Turku as Exchange or Degree Students.

Jenni Perälä
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A Joint Summer Course: MARE BALTICUM - MARE NOSTRUM, 22.-31.7.2011

THE JOINT SUMMER COURSE is organised as collaboration between the International Summer School in Turku (University of Turku, Finland) and the Tallinn Summer School (University of Tallinn, Estonia).

The theme "Baltic Sea Region" will be covered from several points of view; there will be various general lectures about the Baltic Sea Region culture, geography, history and art. Midway through the course, the Baltic Sea will be crossed from Tallinn to Turku which gives the participants a concrete experience of the Baltic Sea Region.

The course is an extraordinary possibility to join and visit three cities during ten days. There are also excursions to other parts of Estonia and to the beautiful Turku archipelago.

Photo: Turku2011 / Susse Mäestinen

FROM CAMBRIDGE TO TURKU - settling in despite cultural differences

WORKING OPPORTUNITIES may send you to unexpected places. **Alyson Pitts**, a PhD from the United Kingdom, noticed this when accepting the position of a lecturer in the Faculty of English at the University of Turku. Having studied linguistics in Cambridge, Pitts heard about a lecturer's appointment at the University of Turku through the academic grapevine. A change of scenery sounded good and the job seemed interesting. After having completed her studies, Pitts decided to apply for the post.

Cambridge and Turku do differ from each other, but the work itself is pretty much alike. There are no significant differences in the study structures or the teaching methods. Moreover, the enthusiasm and eagerness of the students is a reward in itself and makes the work interesting.

Adjusting to the new working environment in Turku has been a painless process, says Pitts. Pitts has experienced no culture shock.

I'm blown away by how easy it is to keep in touch with the international community as well as family and friends abroad.



Photo: Jenni Perälä

Turku in August 2009 just before she started in her new position.

Although the speaking and listening culture do differ from the Anglo-American one, Pitts has enjoyed being aware of the silent moments that she would previously have considered awkward. The biggest enjoyment has been spending time with real Finns in their everyday life.

With the help of modern technology, it is easy to keep in touch with the international community as well as family and friends abroad.

I have a direct, free and fast contact to almost anyone in the world. This is an easy ride compared to someone who came to Finland 20 years ago, Pitts describes.

All in all, Pitts enjoys her stay and considers herself lucky to be in Turku.

Antti Niiles
The writer is a Master's student in Humanities and worked as an intern at the International Office.

TURKU ÅBO 2011 EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

TURKU IN FINLAND is the European Capital of Culture 2011 concurrently with Tallinn, Estonia. The main goals for Turku 2011 are well-being, internationalism and the commercial export of creative enterprise and culture. The activities are based on a wide definition of culture with the emphasis on the culinary arts, exercise and well-being, science and multicultural encounters and, of course, creative arts.

The University of Turku participate in building and supporting the European Capital of Culture project and is involved in the Capital of Culture year through research projects. For the research projects, please see: www.utu.fi/2011.

For the whole cultural programme of the the year please see: www.turku2011.fi

