

# Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences Info Sheet

<b>Webpage for Exchange Students</b>	<a href="https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/exchange-studies-haaga-helia">https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/exchange-studies-haaga-helia</a>	
<b>Term Dates</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	Within the week before the semester commences
	<b>Fall Semester (Semester 1)</b>	August to December
	<b>Winter/Spring (Semester 2)</b>	January to May
<b>Quick-Facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haaga-Helia is a strongly business orientated university of applied sciences in Finland.</li> <li>• First university of applied sciences in Finland.</li> <li>• The university has strong focus on co-operation, entrepreneurship, innovation and internationality.</li> <li>• It has 11000 students across 5 campuses with 650 experts.</li> <li>• Finland has been named as one of the happiest countries in the world.</li> <li>• 70% of land is covered in forests with 180 000 lakes and islands.</li> </ul>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English	
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS.</p> <p><b>Guidelines for the selection of courses:</b>  <a href="https://opinto-opas.haaga-helia.fi/en/tarjontakorit/en">https://opinto-opas.haaga-helia.fi/en/tarjontakorit/en</a></p> <p><b>University Calendar:</b>  <a href="https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/academic-year">https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/academic-year</a></p> <p><b>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, <a href="#">Study Abroad Academic Coordinator</a> (or equivalent) and the student.</b></p>	
<b>Housing</b>	<p>Accommodation information will be sent to you as part of your application process to Haaga-Helia after your nomination.</p> <p>You can read about both on and off campus accommodation:  <a href="#">Haaga-Helia accommodation webpage.</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.</b></li> </ul>	

<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You can apply for an <a href="#">EHIC/GHIC card</a> which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. If you are an EU passport holder you will be able to use your EHIC card when travelling to an EU country. If you are a UK passport holder and/or do not have an EU passport, please read the information about how to apply for a <a href="#">UK GHIC card</a>. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the <a href="#">BU Letter Request Form</a>.</p> <p>Please note that some non-European partners request that incoming students purchase additional health insurance to comply with their immigration and institutional requirements.</p> <p>You can find further information on the <a href="#">practical arrangements</a> webpage.</p>
<p><b>Travel Insurance</b></p>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive <a href="#">BU travel cover</a> to all outgoing students. after reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p><b>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</b></p>
<p><b>Visas &amp; Permits</b></p>	<p>When travelling to Finland you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at Haaga-Helia. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Finland, and the purpose of your stay in Finland amongst other criteria.</p> <p><b>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</b></p> <p>Haaga-Helia will send you a residence permit invitation which is needed to start the student residence permit application. Please liaise with them and refer to information on their webpage for more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/residence-permits-and-registrations">https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/residence-permits-and-registrations</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Finnish Immigration service</a></li> </ul> <p>You should also refer to UK <a href="#">Foreign Travel Advice on Finland</a> and can find further information on the <a href="#">GoingGlobal</a> webpage.</p> <p><b>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</b></p>

<p><b>Approximate Costs</b></p>	<p><b>Tuition fees:</b> Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p><b>Costs to keep in mind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return ticket</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• VISA application fees if applicable</li> <li>• Insurance if applicable</li> <li>• Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.)</li> <li>• Textbooks and stationery</li> </ul> <p><b>Living costs:</b> The monthly budget for living and studying in Finland (including food, accommodation, transport and entertainment) is about €700-1000. Please check the <a href="#">cost of living</a> webpage for detailed information.</p>	
<p><b>Funding</b></p>	<p><b>Turing Scheme Funding</b> Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit <a href="#">Turing Scheme   Bournemouth University</a> for more details.</p> <p><b>Student Maintenance Loan</b> If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p><b>Student Finance England Travel Grant</b> You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the <a href="#">Student Finance England Travel Grant website</a>, or contact <a href="#">Student Finance</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Campus Services</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library (with computer space)</li> <li>• Study advice</li> <li>• Student activities through different communities.</li> <li>• Restaurants on campus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student discounts through official national student card.</li> <li>• Student wellbeing support.</li> <li>• Student associations</li> <li>• Sports</li> </ul>