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English: Information for Outgoing Exchange Students

Orientation for exchange students

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General preparation and post-experience course compensation



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1) Try to take as many of your English compulsory courses in your field as possible before you leave

2) Take the XEN0022 English Academic Skills for Exchange Students course just before you leave

3) Take additional elective courses if possible to continue to activate your English skills (also links to e-learning modules):

<https://movi.jyu.fi/fi/opintotarjonta/kielitarjonta/englanti/elective>

4) Take care of any required language certification well in advance of departure (check with the receiving university for requirements).

5) Keep track of your courses while on exchange as you might receive compensation when you return

<https://www.jyu.fi/fi/opiskelijalle/kansainvalistaminen/vaihdonjalkeen#autotoc-item-autotoc-6>



XEN0022: English Academic Skills for Exchange Students

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OVERVIEW: 3 ECTS/30 contact hours

(Check the dates in Sisu later in August)

“This course supports and prepares students who will study abroad at three levels. First, they are given opportunities to practice tasks and situations they will encounter in the host academic institutions, such as participating in lectures and seminars, and writing various types of academic assignments. Second, it raises awareness about cross-cultural issues, including different institutional norms and politeness conventions. Finally it offers opportunities for students to network with and share information with other students studying abroad.”

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XEN0022: Learning Outcomes

“At the end of the course, students should be better prepared to:

- identify different cultural norms, communication styles, and academic conventions
- use language resources and strategies for coping with large quantities of reading in English
- use note-taking and active listening strategies to cope with lectures and courses in English
- engage in class discussions, as well as other forms of communication with lecturers and university staff (such as email), while paying attention to politeness rules and cultural expectations related to participation
- understand and respond in clearly structured, academic writing to different kinds of assignments, including in-class exams and out-of-class essays and reports
- and make inquiries to solve problems faced during a extended stay abroad, such as dealing with the doctor and finding a place to live.”

(Sisu)



Each One Teach One

- Each one teach one (EOTO) is a way to meet international students and practice language skills:

<https://movi.jyu.fi/eoto>

Testing and Certification for Exchange Students 1/2



- Language certificates for international exchange programs (Erasmus, ISEP, bilateral exchanges) and internships (AIESEC, CIMO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs) can be given by the Language Centre
- Tests for certification are being offered in October of 2020, and January, April and May of 2021. Test dates and times are found at:
<https://movi.jyu.fi/fi/ohjeita/kansainvalistyminen/kielitodistukset>

NOTE: If you are studying in an International English MA program you should send your TOEFL/IELTS/CAE/CPE or other validated test results if they are less than two years old.

Testing and Certification for Exchange Students 2/2



Dates for informing your participation:

Autumn 2020

- week 39 for the October test, by Tuesday, September 22nd (contact Lisa Lahtela, lisa.lahtela@jyu.fi)

Spring 2021

- week 2 for the January test, by Tuesday, January 14th (contact Elena Kirk, elena.m.kirk@jyu.fi)
- week 12 for the April test, by Friday, March 26th (contact Elena Kirk, elena.m.kirk@jyu.fi)
- week 17 for the May test, by Tuesday, April 27th (contact Lisa Lahtela, lisa.lahtela@jyu.fi)

Erasmus and other exchange coordinators should give this information, but be active with your coordinator to be sure you are registered for testing if you need certification: <https://movi.jyu.fi/fi/ohjeita/kansainvalistyminen/kielitodistukset> (on a Finnish language page but scroll down to the English certification information which is in English)

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Compensation for Exchange Studies

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Note: You might be able to receive compensation for courses you take while on exchange. Keep work you have done while abroad and check the following for what to do:

<https://www.jyu.fi/fi/opiskelijalle/kansainvalistyminen/vaihdon-jalkeen> (Suomeksi)

<https://www.jyu.fi/en/study/internationalisation-and-student-exchange/after-exchange> (English)