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How to apply for student exchange to Haaga-Helia?



If you wish to study at Haaga-Helia as an exchange student, first check whether your home university has a valid partner agreement with us. If there is no agreement, please see below how to apply as a Free Mover. Please note partner agreement is not needed with Ukrainian universities (scroll down for more information 'Erasmus+ supported studies for students fleeing from Ukraine').

The general eligibility criteria for exchange students is CEFR B2 English level and relevant study background.

Nomination

Partner universities must submit all nominations to Haaga-Helia by the deadline:

- April 9 for Autumn semester
- October 15 for Spring semester

Nomination instructions and link will be emailed to all partner universities before the application period starts. If you have not received the link, please contact us at exch@haaga-helia.fi

Please note that nominations that are only sent by email or after the application deadline will not be accepted.

Student exchange application

The application can be found below. Application deadlines:

- 23 April for the Autumn semester
- 29 October for the Spring semester

We contact all nominated students directly with the application info. If you have not received emails from us before the deadline, please contact us at exch@haaga-helia.fi

Late applications will not be processed. If you require an extension, please notify us before the deadline.

Attachments for the application:

- **Transcript of records** (in English) (i.e. official list of the courses which you have completed at your home institution). Please include the grading scale if your home institution uses a different scale from Haaga-Helia. Haaga-Helia grading scale is 1-5, the highest grade being 5.
- **Proof of English proficiency at the minimum of B2 level (CEFR scale)**, such as a certified English test result (TOEFL, IELTS), a testimony from your English teacher or a test result from your home institution.
PLEASE NOTE: If you are currently fully studying in English, have previously completed a degree in English or speak English as your native language, this does not apply to you.
- **Copy of valid passport** (applies only to non-EU/EEA citizens who need a visa). If you do not have one, please email a copy to exch@haaga-helia.fi later.

[Application form](#)

Important to note

Instructions on filling in the application

NB! Business or Tourism students can be placed to Helsinki or Porvoo campus. This applies to all business and tourism applicants!

Acceptance

Acceptance information and practical instructions will be emailed to you in May/November. Your exchange period will start with orientation days where you will get to know your studies and future friends better.

If you have any further questions regarding the application process, please contact us at [exch\(a\)haaga-helia.fi](mailto:exch(a)haaga-helia.fi). You will get more information from your International Affairs Specialist at Haaga-Helia after the application round has ended.

Erasmus+ supported studies for students fleeing from Ukraine

Haaga-Helia supports students fleeing the war in Ukraine by offering them an opportunity to study at Haaga-Helia as Erasmus+ exchange students. Please see below for information on eligibility, application instructions, grants available, and other important information.

Erasmus+ supported studies for students fleeing from Ukraine

Eligibility and selection

You can apply to Haaga-Helia as an Erasmus+ student if you were a registered student in a higher education institution in Ukraine at the time of the Russian attack against Ukraine. You can prove your student status with one of the following documents: a certificate of registration/enrolment, a transcript of records, or a certificate from your university in Ukraine or another appropriate authority confirming your student status.

In addition, you need to be able to study at Haaga-Helia in English. The minimum language level is B1 (CEFR). You can prove your English language skills with one of the following documents: a certified English test result (TOEFL, IELTS), a test result from your home institution or [EU Academy English placement test result \(instructions to create EU login\)](#). PLEASE NOTE: If you are currently studying a degree program in English, have previously completed a degree in English or speak English as your native language, this does not apply to you.

Haaga-Helia can accept up to 5 students fleeing the war in Ukraine for the academic year 2023/2024 (August 2023 - May 2024). **The first 5 eligible students sending an application will be selected.**

Those accepted at Haaga-Helia as Erasmus+ students fleeing the war in Ukraine are eligible for an Erasmus+ grant. Erasmus+ individual support is 1150 € monthly and travel support is 275 €. Students are required to fill out Erasmus+ Grant Agreement and Learning Agreement in order to receive the Erasmus+ grant.

The selected students will receive more information by email.

How to apply (for students fleeing from Ukraine)

Please fill in an application for admission in our online application system no later than the **29th of October 2023**.

[Link to the online application](#)

Required attachments:

- Proof of student status in a Ukrainian university
- Proof of English proficiency. PLEASE NOTE: If you are currently studying a degree program in English, have previously completed a degree in English or speak English as your native language, this does not apply to you.
- Copy of your passport (applies only to non-EU/EEA citizens who need a visa). If you do not have one now, please email a copy to exch@haaga-helia.fi later.

Courses available

Haaga-Helia provides bachelor-level studies in English in the following areas:

- International Business

- Journalism and Communication Management
- Culinary Management
- Hospitality, Tourism and Experience Management
- Tourism and Event Management
- Aviation Business
- Sports Coaching and Management

Master-level studies in English are provided in the following areas:

- Business Technologies
- Leading Business Transformation
- Tourism and Aviation

Please see our [website for courses for exchange students](#).

Please see our website for information on other study possibilities for people fleeing the war in Ukraine <https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/oodi-studies>

Please contact us at exch@haaga-helia.fi if you have any further questions.

Accommodation

Students who are placed in Helsinki have to apply for accommodation with a separate application available on [Hoas' website](#). Students who apply to Helsinki are advised to submit the housing application as soon as possible because housing offers are made on a first-come first-serve basis after the admission has been confirmed.

Other accommodation options are listed [on this website](#).

Courses for exchange students

Housing for exchange students

Exchange students' insurance

Immigration

Free mover application

Students can apply for a free mover student exchange at Haaga-Helia UAS if their home university does not have an exchange agreement with Haaga-Helia or no more open exchange seats available.

Please note that only the undergraduate level programs are available for free mover students.

The length of a free mover student exchange is one semester (Autumn: Aug-Dec / Spring: Jan-May). We strongly recommend free mover students to apply for the spring semester. The availability of courses and housing is limited in the autumn semester due to a large number of incoming exchange students.

For more info, contact [exch\(at\)haaga-helia.fi](mailto:exch(at)haaga-helia.fi).

Free mover application process

Eligibility and selection

Applicants should note that the decision on the acceptance of the student as a free mover student to Haaga-Helia is done on a case-by-case basis.

The applicant is currently a degree student of a higher education institution in the same field of study that the student wishes to study at Haaga-Helia UAS.

Free mover exchange application

Application deadlines:

- 19 April for the Autumn semester
- 15 October the Spring semester

Please note that late/incomplete applications will not be considered!

[Free mover application form](#)

Documents needed for the application:

- Official certificate of attendance from home university
- Official transcript of records from home university
- Recommendation letter from home university
- Course plan for the free mover period (list of Haaga-Helia courses you wish to study)
- Proof of English proficiency, level B2 (CEFR scale), such as a certified English test result (TOEFL, IELTS), a testimony from your English teacher or a test result from your home institution

PLEASE NOTE: If you are currently fully studying in English, have previously completed a degree in English or speak English as your native language, this does not apply to you.

- Copy of passport (only non-EU/EEA citizens)
- Photo

Students will be informed by 31 October / 15 May if they are accepted for free mover student exchange to Haaga-Helia.

Tuition fee for free movers

The students who are not citizens of countries of the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland will receive payment instructions for the tuition fee and fee-paying student agreement. The visa invitation and credentials for course enrolment will be sent after the payment is confirmed. Tuition fees can be found on the following website: <https://www.haaga-helia.fi/en/tuition-fees-and-scholarships>

A student who is expected to pay tuition fees should be prepared to present the following documents after acceptance:

- Free Mover Agreement
 - Receipt of the Tuition fee payment
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