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Partner University Exchange

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FAST FACTS

- **Exchange levels:** undergraduate, graduate
- **Language of instruction:** English, Finnish
- **Language Requirement:** none
- **University website:** www.lut.fi/en
- **Length of exchange:** semester, academic year

LAPPEENRANTA AT A GLANCE

Population:
72,000

Climate:
Inland location makes for warm summer temperatures; cold weather in winter

Proximity to:
Russian-Finnish Border: 20 miles
Helsinki: 142 miles
Joensuu: 145 miles
Tallinn: 195 miles

Lappeenranta University of Technology

Lappeenranta University of Technology (LUT) is a national university of technology that was established in 1969. Located on a lake on the Finnish-Russian border, LUT has over 5,700 students. LUT is a modern institution with a reputation of excellence in areas such as economics, business, and technology.

Academics

The language of instruction at LUT is Finnish, but an increasing number of courses are being taught in English. LUT has two faculties, Faculty of Technology and Faculty of Technology Management, and a School of Business. For more information about programs offered in English, visit: <http://www.lut.fi/en/lut/admissions/exchange/>

[exchange_student_studies/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.lut.fi/exchange_student_studies/Pages/Default.aspx)

Housing & Meals

LUT accommodate exchange students who apply for housing through the Lappeenranta Student Housing Foundation (LOAS). These residences vary by the number of rooms in each unit, location in the city, and whether they are furnished or unfurnished. More information about housing can be found at: <http://www.loas.fi/Default.asp?NakymalD=7>

Cost Information

Exchange students pay their regular tuition to UM, and their room and board in Finland. The estimated monthly living costs for a student at Lappeenranta is €700 (includes rent). A student

visa for Finland costs US\$350. Financial aid can be applied towards living and travel expenses while on exchange.

Credit Transfer

Students will register for their classes upon arrival at the LUT. uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Students should take 30 ECTS credits per semester which will transfer to 15 UM credits. The minimum full-time load at The University of Helsinki is 24 ECTS credits which is equivalent to 12 UM credits.

Program Dates

Semester 1: late August to mid-December

Semester 2: early January to mid-May

Lappeenranta, Finland

The City

Lappeenranta is located in south-eastern Finland, just 20 miles from the Finnish-Russian border. The city is located on the shores of Finland's largest lake, Lake Saimaa, which is connected to the Gulf of Finland by 30 mile-long Saimaa Canal. Lappeenranta is Finland's 13th largest city but is the largest inland port city in the country because of its waterway to the sea.

Lappeenranta is the capital city of the southern Karelia region which has been called the 'soul of Finland' because of its distinct, culture, and longstanding history. People here, like most Finns, are proud of their heritage and maintain Finnish traditions through food and dress. They are also hardworking (the region has multiple million-euro timber industries), but take time to enjoy the region's natural beauty.

Finland is known as the land of lakes and forests because it is covered by both. It an outdoor enthusiast's paradise and is the ideal place for hiking, skiing, canoeing, and rafting.

Lappeenranta serves as the perfect jumping-off place to Finland's outdoor playground, and for trips to nearby Russia. It is also the place to experience traditional culture and relax in a Finnish sauna after exploring.