

Finnish Student Card

The Finnish student card is called *studiekort* in Swedish and *opiskelijakortti* in Finnish, and is issued by the National Union of Finnish Students (FSF/SYL). To get a student card you have to be a member of ÅAS.

In order to obtain the student card you need to:

- Pay the Student Union fee.
- Register at the university.
- Order and pay the card with an electronic ordering form at www.frank.fi/en (note that a digital photo and a student number are required).

It normally takes about three weeks to process the cards. You have to collect your card from the Student Union Office by showing the receipt of the paid student union membership fee. The Finnish student card costs around 15€. In the beginning of the term while you are waiting for the student card, the receipt of the paid student union fee + ID can be used as proof of the membership.

The Finnish student card proves your Student Union membership and entitles you to all their benefits. Every autumn your student card is validated with a new sticker after you have paid your membership fee. The card is not valid without the annual sticker.

Note that the international student identity card (ISIC) does not give you access to subsidised student meals, or discounts in public transportation in Finland. For this you need the official student card issued by the National Union of Finnish Students (SYL/SFS).

For more detailed information please see www.studentkaren.fi/english/the-student-card/.

2.3 Exchange Students

University Registrations

The actual registration with the university is made online during the registration period 3.8-11.9 and 2.1-11.1. During other times the registration must be made in person at the

Education Service/Student Office. Before that you must obtain your personal username and password by signing a User Agreement form. This can be done at the Education Services/International affairs, in Åbo: Gripen building, Tavastgatan 13, in Vasa: Akademi, Strandgatan 2 on or after 3 August 2015. You will need to bring your passport or ID.

In order to be registered as present and have the right to study and receive credits, you must register at Åbo Akademi University. In order to do this, you need to log into Selfservice using your Åbo Akademi University username and password. Pay the Student Union membership fee using the Paytrail service. The payment must be done with a credit card or using Finnish online banking services. Please print a receipt of payment. You will need this until you have your student card in order to prove that you are a member of the student union.

You will find more important information in Selfservice, for example your studentnumber. Please remember to write your local address in Selfservice. If any of your data in Selfservice is wrong, please contact Education services

If a student fails to register by 11 September 2015 for the autumn term or 11 January 2016 for the spring term, a late registration fee of 35 euros will be charged separately by ÅAU. Please note that this fee will not be charged in case the student has been admitted for a different period than an academic term.

Exchange students at the Åbo campus have the right to take courses from the University of Turku as well. In this case, you have to register with the other university too. Students at Åbo Akademi University wishing to take courses at the University of Turku should follow the instructions given by International Affairs. The process of acquiring a student number at the other university is handled via e-mail. Without a student number for every university where courses are taken, a transcript cannot be issued for those courses.