

Getting started at the campus

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Study Counselling

If you need to consult someone about your studies, contact International Affairs or the study advisor of your department.

2.4 Degree Students

University Registration

Students who have accepted the study entitlement by 15 July 2015 can register online provided that the student has a Finnish Personal Identity Code and Finnish banking codes to log into the studyinfo.fi service with. The registration online can be made from 1 July onwards. The deadline for registration is 4 September. If a new student can not use the online registration service he or she can register in person during the registration period between 24 August and 4 September 2015. First-year degree students who have not registered by 4 September will lose their right to register. Note that a student must register every year. However, the registration procedures for new students are different than for those already enrolled. All students who have been registered during the previous year receive information via e-mail about registration as well as a registration form before the start of the autumn term.

All new degree students are expected to attend the Orientation Course at the beginning of the term. You will receive a lot of useful information during these days. The Orientation Course provides you with necessary information about the university, helps you to adjust to Finnish student life and to living in Åbo/Vasa.

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Study Counselling

Soon after the beginning of your studies you will make a personal study plan. Usually, the plan is discussed with your contact person at the department. If you need counselling concerning your studies, contact the study advisor of your department or your teacher tutor. There is also a study psychologist to talk to if you are experiencing motivation problems, stress and other study related issues. For more information about the study psychologist, please see www.abo.fi/student/en/studiepsykolog.

2.5 PhD Students

University Registration

PhD students enrol in the university at the Student Office (Gripen, Tavastgatan 13 20500 Åbo/Academill, Strandgatan 2 65100 Vasa). Please bring your admission letter with you to registration.

Student union membership

It is possible for the PhD students to join the student union, but it is not mandatory. It should be noted that the membership benefits for PhD students are fewer than those of exchange/degree students. For more information, please see section 2.2 or www.studentkaren.fi/english/membership-fee/.

Study Counselling

If you need to discuss your studies, please turn to your supervisor. He/she is the best person to give you advice. Faculties and departments vary on how study counselling for doctoral students is handled.