



JYVÄSKYLÄN YLIOPISTO
UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

WELCOME TO THE FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Faculty of Information Technology



- 2nd largest educator in IT in Finland
- One of the top 3 leading IS educators in Europe
- Founded in 1998; Computer Science taught at JYU since 1967
- Facts (2025):
 - 2700 “undergraduate” students
 - 260 PhD students
 - 240 members of staff (teaching: 74, research: 142, other: 24)
- No departmental structure (since 2017)
- Award degrees in
 - Business and Economics – BSc/MSc (Econ)
 - Natural Sciences – BSc/MSc
 - Engineering – BSc/MSc (Technology)

What do we teach?



Domestic programmes (in Finnish)

- BSc & MSc (Econ) Information Systems (TJT = tietojärjestelmätiede)
- BSc & MSc Computer Science (TIE = tietojenkäsittelytiede)
 - MSc with a specialization in:
 - Software Development
 - Computational Computer Science
- BSc & MSc Educational Technology
- BSc & MSc (Technology) Information and Software Engineering
- BSc & MSc (Technology) Technology Management
- MSc Cognitive Science
- MSc Cyber Security
- MSc Security and Strategic Analysis

International Master's degrees

- MSc (Econ) Information Systems
- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc High Performance Computing
(in collaboration with the Faculty of Mathematics and Science)

Doctoral school

International Atmosphere



- 10 % of all Faculty students
- 36 % of all PhD students
- 25 % of staff
- 40-50 incoming exchange students annually
- IMDPs:
 - [MSc \(Econ\) Information Systems \(IS\)](#)
 - [MSc Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)
 - [MSc High-Performance Computing \(HPC\)](#)

Studying

- Course information in Sisu
- Moodle/TIM



TK_EXCHANGE_KOU

Academic calendar - Periods



Autumn semester 2025

- I period: 1.8. – 26.10.2025
- II period: 27.10. – 31.12.2025
- Christmas break 19.12. – 8.1.2025

Spring semester 2025

- III period: 1.1. – 15.3.2026
 - teaching starts on 8.1.2025
- IV period: 16.3. – 24.5.2026
 - Easter break: 30.3.-6.4.2026

- Teaching periods
 - Courses start and end
- Registration may not be open yet for courses delivered during the 2nd period (let alone spring semester)

Studying



- Courses in English in the Faculty of IT; it's all in the code!
 - Information Systems = TJTxxx codes...business-oriented
 - Computer Science/AI = TIExxx codes...technical
 - Cognitive Science = KOGxxxx
 - Cyber Security = KYBxxx
 - ITK**P**xxx/ ITK**A**xxx/ ITK**S**xxx/ = level of the course
 - (Online) contact teaching and by independent study
- If a course has varying credits (e.g. 5-7 ECTS), it means that the minimum work is worth 5 ECTS but interested students can complete further work and gain extra credits for the course.
- Courses in English language university-wide
 - [Easily accessible list on the website](#) and in your Structure of studies in Sisu

Registering for Courses and possible issues



- Personal Study Plan ITK_EXCHANGE_KOU (or ITK_DOC_EXCHANGE)
 - Add courses in your Study Plan and register!
- Always check the registration period
 - If the registration is closed already, please contact us through HelpJyu
 - If the course only starts in the following period and there is no teaching in Sisu yet, simply wait for further information
- Some independently completed courses may run throughout the year and you may not be able to register for the course because your study right will not last for the full academic year
 - Simply contact staff through HelpJyu with the course code and name and you will be registered manually by staff
- Sisu tells me that I do not meet the requirements for the course...
 - Some courses have set selection criteria, e.g. that you have to be a degree student of the faculty. If you cannot register for a course that should be open for you, please contact us through HelpJyu.

Why does Sisu tell me that I do not meet the requirements for the course?



- Some courses have set selection criteria, for example, that you have to be a degree student of the faculty. If you cannot register for a course that should be open for you, please contact us through HelpJYU.

What should I do if I have two or more courses that overlap?



- If the overlap is for one or two lectures only, please check the attendance policy of the course from Sisu or from the course teacher.
- If you have two courses that overlap each week, you will need to drop one of the courses and choose another course instead. However, please note that in some courses there might be lecture recordings available, in which case the overlap is not a problem.

Cancelling course registration



- If the registration period has ended, but the course has a set cancellation period you can cancel your registration.
 - Click the “Cancel registration” button at the bottom of the course's info box in the study calendar
 - Open the course info box on the right side of the calendar page by clicking the arrow button to reveal further course info
 - Scroll down to the “Cancel registration” button.
- If the cancellation period is not set or has passed you can discontinue the course.
 - Note! Discontinuation means that you cannot re-register for the course yourself. If the course has already started, please also notify the teacher of your cancellation/discontinuation!

More information



- [Instructions on how to register for courses](#)
- [Quick guide to course registration](#)
- [Video instructions on how to register for courses](#) (exchange students)
- [Registering for exams](#)
- [Sisu instructions](#)
- [HelpJYU Portal](#)

Academic misconduct



See: Dealing with academic misconduct

Cheating:

- e.g. talking on an exam
- copying an assignment
- giving a fellow student your work to present it as their own
- taking an exam for someone else
- falsifying measurements or other findings

Plagiarism and self-plagiarism:

- copying (incl. summarising or translations) without properly naming the source!
- reusing your own previous academic materials without mentioning it
- It must be clear for the reader at all times which part of the text is borrowed/cited (page numbers)
- REFERENCES: <https://www.jyu.fi/en/for-students/instructions-for-bachelors-and-masters-students/information-seeking-and-research-data-management/library-tutorial/how-to-cite>

Using AI-based applications for studies



- Follow the instructions given by each individual teacher!
 - Some teachers do not accept the use of it at all
- Rely on your own capabilities!
 - It's ok to experiment with ones' own thoughts and experiences, and that mistakes or misunderstandings are a natural part of the learning process. We do not expect perfect answers.
- The assignment should reflect the actual English proficiency of a student. It doesn't need to be perfect for the teacher to get the point.
- Always double check the references; AI might simply invent sources/ literature!
- Indicate in the assignments what tools have been used and for what purposes.
- Turnitin checks for AI-produced text. If the percentage exceeds a certain %, you may fail.
- [University's general guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence \(AI\) applications](#)

End of semester matters



- Your study right ends on 31 December (or 31 May)
- Your teacher might give the course deadline after 31 December (or 31 May), as they do not often know who are exchange students!
 - Complete all your work on time despite any later deadline!
 - If you do not complete all your work by the end of your study right
 - Alert your teacher about this!
 - The teacher must record the completion date within your study right
 - Your grades and, therefore, your final ToR may be delayed

Changes to the Learning Agreement (Erasmus only)



- Learning Agreement = Study-related matter = Faculty International Coordinator = HelpJyu
- Very messy! Don't worry! Only when you have successfully registered on your courses (preferably once...)
 - If using OLA/DLA, please alert us about it when done; no automated messages!
 - If not using OLA/DLA yet, by HelpJyu – personal visit is not necessary
- If a course is full, go for the 1st lecture and talk to the teacher, esp. in language courses
- If a course is from another Faculty, consult the Int'l Coordinator of the Faculty on HelpJyu:
 - Studies at JYU and Learning Agreement ja "Select the faculty which your contact concerns"
- LA: Standard "paper" form will have a "During the Mobility" page for the changes or you may have a separate form from your home University; do not change the original
- Changes normally within c. 5 weeks of arrival (= start of your studies)
 - If your home university has a deadline, tell us about it!

Important documentation



Transcript of Records

- Includes details of all the courses you have completed
 - credits and grades
 - does not include failed/dropped courses
- In Sisu
 - Access for 61 days after your study right has ended: download your ToR from Sisu until the end of February/July
 - Also sent to you after your exchange
- No separate “course certificates” by individual teachers available
- If there are any courses missing from the ToR on receipt after exchange, contact us through [HelpJyu](#)

Confirmation of Arrival/Departure

- If you need an arrival certificate (Erasmus)
 - Helpdesk service and [HelpJyu](#)
- Confirmation of Departure (Erasmus)
 - Helpdesk service and [HelpJyu](#)
- You will be sent instructions, a Departure checklist, about 1-2 weeks before your exchange period ends so no need to panic...

Certificate of Registration

- Proof of your student status at JYU
- In Sisu

Instructions available at all times...



JYU: For Students

<https://www.jyu.fi/en/for-students/instructions-for-bachelors-and-masters-students>



Practical Matters

- Keep informed
- Exchange and more...

Keep informed



- You can talk to teaching staff and professors directly...
- E-mails
 - the main information channel! Please read your e-mails! Return to your e-mails...!
 - it-exchange-students – for IT Faculty's exchange students only
 - E-mails from the International Office (international-office@jyu.fi)/Mobility Online
- JYUsletter
- Facebook Groups:
 - For informal information sharing and a channel for students to ask questions to which answers might benefit others too. Use it!
 - JYU Exchange Students
 - IDESCO

Exchange and More...



- Jyväskylä Summer School in Natural Sciences and Information Technology in August
 - Application in the spring
 - Free of charge
- International Master's Degree Programmes, free of tuition fees for EU/EEA students
- PhD studies, free of tuition fees

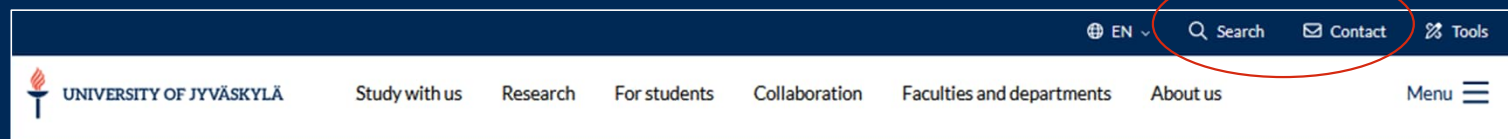
Student Associations → Get involved! More later...



- Dumppi - Information Systems
 - E-mail: kv@dumppi.fi
 - Website: <https://dumppi.fi/en/>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dumppiry/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Dumppi>
- Linkki Jyväskylä – Computer Science
 - E-mail: kv@linkkijkl.fi
 - Website: <https://linkkijkl.fi>
 - Telegram: <https://t.me/linkkijkl>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/linkkijkl/>
 - Instagram: linkkijkl
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN): <https://esn.jyvaskyla.org/>
- [IDESCO](#) is the International degree student community of Jyväskylä

Help and Support...

- Administration mainly through HelpJYU
- Teaching staff (contacts and Sisu)





Who Can I Ask?

- [HelpJyu](#) service portal forms
 - for all administration but not teaching staff
 - International Office, general exchange matters, Learning Agreements, Mobility Online & departure...
 - Faculty administration, such as exam arrangements, difficulty to register on courses, etc.
- goodie-it@jyu.fi to reach the Goodie Niina Ormshaw
 - for personal issues...
- Course teachers directly
 - Any course related queries to do with assignments, grades, attendance...
- Be precise in your e-mails/HelpJyu requests and be patient!
 - Who you are (first name and surname used in Sisu) & topic (e.g. "I want to ask about a course" vs. "Registration for TJTS1234 xxxx course")

Homesick? No Study Motivation? Feeling anxious?



- [Student wellbeing](#) – all the ways we can support your wellbeing!
- [Student Compass](#)
 - evidence-based online programme designed to enhance mental well-being and study skills
- [Goodies](#) = wellbeing advisers: there for you when you need someone to talk to!
 - Trained members of staff; there to listen and to guide students to the right place
 - Preferable to contact the Goodie in your own Faculty but if you would feel more comfortable with, for example, a Goodie of your own gender, you are free to contact a Goodie in another Faculty
 - Meetings (3 x 45 mins), always confidential
 - @Faculty of IT: Niina Ormshaw, goodie-it@jyu.fi



Cultural Considerations



- Source: Very Finnish Problems by Joe Willans (<https://www.facebook.com/veryFinnishproblems/>)
- ... don't take it personally... 😊



Welcome to the “Garden Party”

- 10 September at 14-17
- In Agora main lobby
- Don't forget to register by 1 September!



Questions?



Welcome to the Faculty!