



JYVÄSKYLÄN YLIOPISTO  
UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

# WELCOME TO THE FACULTY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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# Faculty of Information Technology



- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 degree programmes

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

## Doctoral school

(No tuition fees to any nationality)

# International Atmosphere



- 10 % of all Faculty students
- 36 % of all PhD students
- 25 % of staff
- 30-50 incoming exchange students annually
- International degree programmes:
  - **NEW from Autumn 2026 onwards:**
    - BSc (Tech) Immersive Software Engineering and Artificial Intelligence
    - MSc Artificial Intelligence (AI)
    - MSc (Econ) Information Systems (IS)
    - MSc High-Performance Computing (HPC)



# Studying

- Course information in Sisu
- Moodle/TIM

# 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

- Teaching periods
  - Courses start and end
- Registration may not be open yet for courses delivered during the 4<sup>th</sup> period

## Spring semester 2026

- 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

# Studying



- Courses in English in the Faculty of IT; it's all in the code!
  - Information Systems = **TJT**xxx codes...business-oriented
  - Computer Science/AI = **TI**Exxx codes...technical
  - Cognitive Science = **KOG**xxxx
  - Cyber Security = **KYB**xxx
  - **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

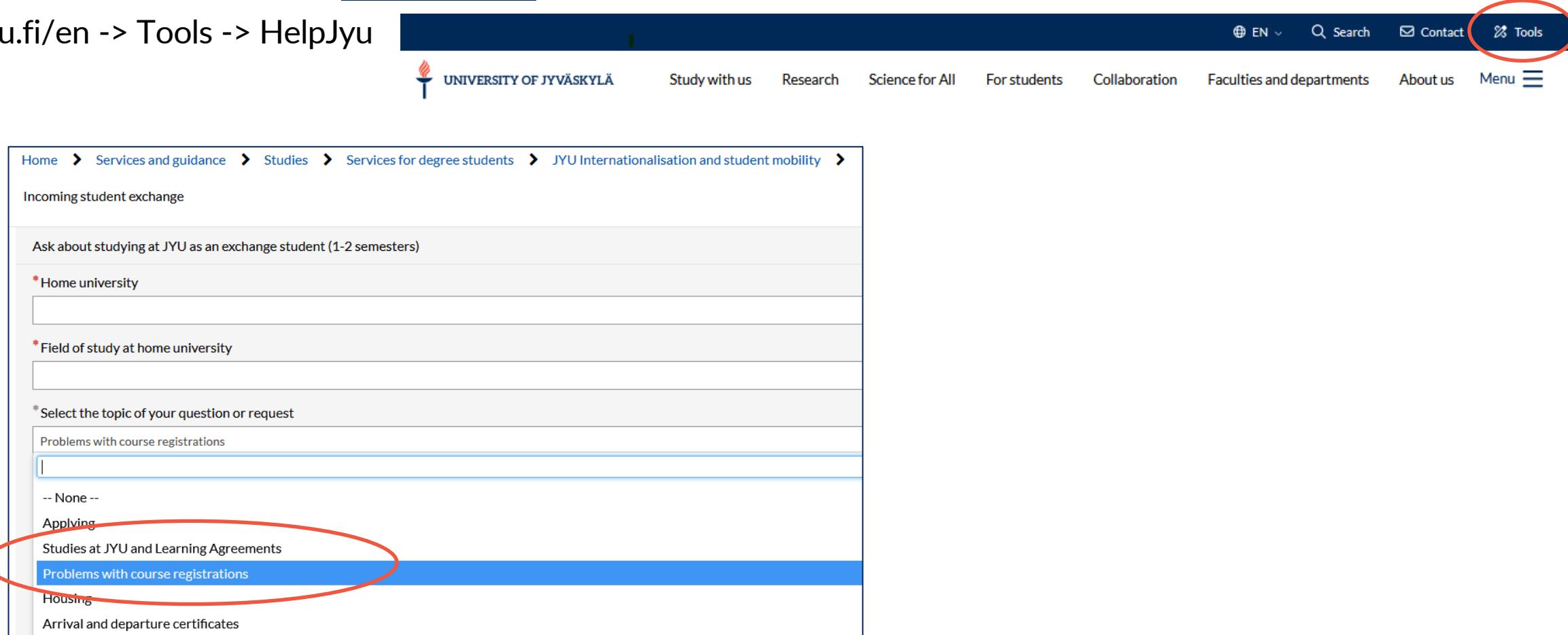


- Personal Study Plan **ITK\_EXCHANGE\_KOU** (or **ITK\_DOC\_EXCHANGE**)
  - Always add courses first in your Study Plan and then register!
  - Always check the registration period!
- Don't worry; usually, any issue is one of the following:
  1. If the course only starts in the following period, there might not be any teaching information yet in Sisu
    - Simply **wait** for the registration to open later
  2. The registration is closed already
    - Simply contact staff in **HelpJyu** with the course code and name and you will be registered manually
  3. An independently completed course runs throughout the year, and you are not able to register for the course because your study right will not last for the full academic year
    - Simply contact staff in **HelpJyu** with the course code and name and you will be registered manually
  4. 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/a certain programme. If you cannot register for a course that should be open for you...
    - Simply contact staff in **HelpJyu** with the course code and name and you will be registered manually

# Problems with course registrations! What to do?



- Please contact us through **Help JYU** service portal
- [jyu.fi/en](http://jyu.fi/en) -> Tools -> HelpJyu



The screenshot shows the University of Jyväskylä website. The top navigation bar includes links for EN, Search, Contact, and Tools. The Tools link is circled in red. Below the navigation is a secondary navigation bar with links for Study with us, Research, Science for All, For students, Collaboration, Faculties and departments, About us, and Menu. The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: Home > Services and guidance > Studies > Services for degree students > JYU Internationalisation and student mobility >. The page title is "Incoming student exchange". The main form asks about studying at JYU as an exchange student (1-2 semesters). It has fields for "Home university" and "Field of study at home university", both marked with a red asterisk. A dropdown menu for "Select the topic of your question or request" is open, with "Problems with course registrations" selected and highlighted with a blue bar. Other options in the dropdown include "-- None --", "Applying", "Studies at JYU and Learning Agreements", "Problems with course registrations" (selected), "Housing", and "Arrival and departure certificates".

# 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



1. 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
2. If the cancellation period is not set or has passed you can **discontinue** the course
  - **Note!** If the course has already started, please also notify the teacher of your cancellation/discontinuation!
  - Discontinuation means that you cannot re-register for the course yourself

# 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/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 May
- Your teacher might give the course deadline after 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 being an exchange student, because the teacher must record the completion date within your study right (i.e. before the actual submission date)
    - 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, send in HelpJyu – personal visit is not necessary
- If a course is full, go for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 in HelpJyu:
  - Studies at JYU and Learning Agreement ja "Select the faculty which your contact concerns"
- Standard "paper" (e.g. pdf) LA 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
  - 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 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](mailto: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...

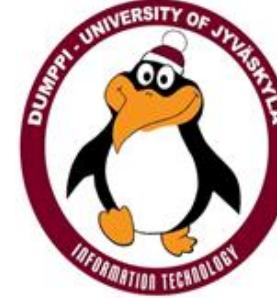


- Jyväskylä Summer School in Natural Sciences and Information Technology in August
  - Application in the spring
  - Free of charge
- International Master's Degree Programmes, free of tuition fees for EU/EEA students
- PhD studies, free of tuition fees

# Student Associations → Get involved! More later...

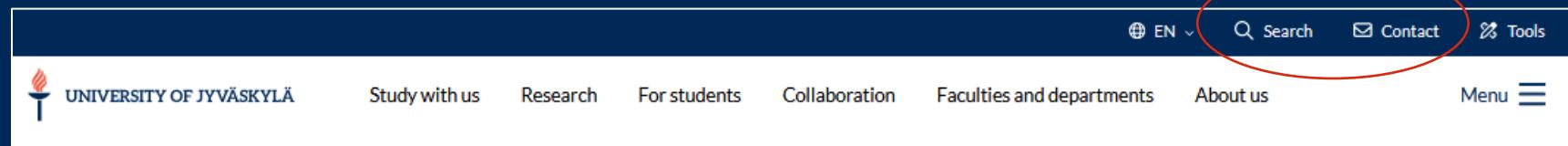


- Dumppi - Information Systems
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  - Telegram: <https://t.me/linkkijkl>
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/linkkijkl/>
  - Instagram: linkkijkl
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN): <https://esnjyvaskyla.org/>
- IDESCO is the International degree student 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 forms...
  - 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")

# Cultural Considerations



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



# Questions?





Welcome to the Faculty!