

INFORMATION FOR TUITION-PAYING STUDENTS



Tuition fee liability

According to the Finnish law, tuition fees must be collected in Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes taught in English from students who are not citizens of an EU/EEA country or Switzerland. However, certain categories of residence permits may exempt students from tuition fee liability. For more information, see [the JYU website](#).

A student's liability to pay tuition fees during a semester is determined by their citizenship and residence permit status on the first day of that semester. Liability to pay tuition fees stays the same throughout the semester, even if the student's status changes during the semester.

The official dates of semesters at JYU are the following.

Autumn semester: 1 August – 31 December

Spring semester: 1 January – 31 July

In case your nationality or residence permit type changes during your studies so that you are no longer liable to pay the tuition fee, please inform us about this without delay via [HelpJYU](#).

In this case, you will be exempted from paying the tuition fee starting from the semester following the change of status. If your status changes to liable again during your studies, you are required again to inform us without delay, and you will become liable to pay tuition fees starting from the semester following the change of status.

Tuition fee payment at JYU

The amount of tuition fee varies between different international degree programmes at the University of Jyväskylä. The amount of tuition required is stated in your Letter of Admission.

The payment instructions will be sent to you after you have accepted your study place in Studyinfo and informed us about it via the [HelpJYU](#) form. The deadline for making the payment is **31 July 2026**.

If you have accepted your study place **within 14 days** of receiving your Letter of Admission, you are eligible for a **one-time 1500 EUR** Early Bird discount. You will receive the Early Bird certificate together with the payment instructions.

Please note that the tuition fee payment must be made with no charges to the beneficiary. This means that you are responsible for paying the transaction and currency exchange costs that your bank may charge.

The tuition fee must always be paid before registering for attendance. Tuition-paying students are not required to pay the tuition fee for semesters during which they are registered for non-attendance at JYU. Please note however, that according to the Universities Act, a student may register for non-attendance during the first year of studies for the following reasons only:

1. The student is carrying out military or non-military service according to the Conscription Act (1438/2007), the Non-Military Service Act (1446/2007) or the Act on Women's Voluntary Military Service (194/1995);
2. The student is on maternity, paternity or parental leave; or
3. The student is unable to start the studies due to personal illness or injury/disability.

Fee return policy

An annual or semester-specific tuition fee can be returned at the student's request in the following cases:

1. The student pays the tuition fee, but does not register for attendance, or changes their registration status from attendance to non-attendance: the fee is returned for the academic year or semester of absence.
2. The conditional admission is cancelled.
3. The student's tuition status changes from liable to non-liable: the fee is returned for the semester that follows the status change.
4. The student cannot accomplish the studies, because they have not received a residence permit in Finland: the fee is returned for the semesters for which the student lacks a valid residence permit. However, if the student completes studies online and the credits are added to the study register, the fee is not returned for that semester.
5. The study programme to which the student was admitted is not provided.
6. The student has paid tuition for the whole academic year but graduates during the first semester: the fee for the second semester is returned.
7. Other force majeure reasons preventing the student from accomplishing the studies: the University will make case-specific decisions on possible fee returns.

The tuition fee is not returned automatically, the student should contact the university to request a tuition fee refund. Any costs induced by the return will be deducted from the sum to be returned. The University will also withhold a handling fee from the sum.

If a student liable to pay tuition graduates or the liability ends in mid-semester, no study fee returns will be made for the rest of that semester.

Additional information on tuition fees

JYU International Office: degree-students@jyu.fi or [HelpJYU](#)