

## 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, and who enroll for studies starting on 1 August 2017 and thereafter [Section 10 of the Universities Act (558/2009)].

However, students may be exempted from tuition fee liability, if they hold one of the following permits:

- type A or P residence permit card in Finland (granted for a purpose *other than studies*)
- an EU Family Member's Residence Card in Finland
- EU Blue Card,
- P-EU residence permit card
- SEU-sopimuksen 50 artikla = Right of residence under the withdrawal agreement or P SEU-sopimuksen 50 artikla = Right of permanent residence under the withdrawal agreement (Brexit residence permits)

These permits affect tuition fee liability only while they are valid.

A student's liability to pay tuition fees during a semester is determined by his/her 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 by sending email to: [degree-students@jyu.fi](mailto:degree-students@jyu.fi). 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 Master's degree programmes at the University of Jyväskylä. Students who have received the 50% tuition fee scholarship from JYU are required to pay only half of the tuition fee normally required in their programme. The amount of tuition fee required from you is stated on your Letter of Admission. The JYU tuition fee scholarships and Finland scholarships are unfortunately not open for applications during studies. They can only be applied for in connection to applying for a study place.

The tuition fee invoice will be sent to you by email after you have accepted your study place in Studyinfo. The deadline for making the payment for academic year 2023-2024 for students admitted in 2023 is **31 July 2023**. Conditionally admitted students will be sent the invoice only after their admission is no longer conditional. If you are conditionally admitted and need an extension to the tuition fee payment deadline, please inform us about it as soon as possible.

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

The tuition fee must always be paid before registering for attendance for an academic year or semester. In other words, if you plan to register for attendance for the academic year, you need to pay the fee for the whole academic year in one installment.

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.

The expected duration of a Master's degree at JYU is two years. However, all new Master's students automatically have a study right for four years. Please note, that if it takes you longer than two years to graduate, you will be required to pay the tuition fee for each semester during which you study, and also for the semester during which the degree is conferred to you.

## **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 changes his/her registration status from attendance to non-attendance before the start of the semester: the fee is returned for the academic year or semester of absence.
2. The student has paid tuition for the whole academic year but graduates during the first semester: the fee for the latter semester is returned.
3. The student's tuition status changes from liable to non-liaible: the fee is returned for the semester that follows the status change.
4. The student cannot accomplish the studies, because he/she has not received a residence permit in Finland: the fee is returned for the semesters for which the student lacks a valid residence permit. This does not apply to semesters, during which the student can study online.
5. The study programme to which the student was admitted is not provided.
6. Other force majeure reasons preventing the student from accomplishing the studies: the University will make case-specific decisions on possible fee returns.

**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 website:

<https://www.jyu.fi/en/study/tuition-fees>

<https://www.jyu.fi/en/apply/masters-programmes/scholarships-and-tuition-fees>

JYU International Office: [degree-students@jyu.fi](mailto:degree-students@jyu.fi)