



Student Union of the University of Jyväskylä

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Student Union JYY



What is the Student Union?

- The Student Union of the University of Jyväskylä (JYY for short) is the Student Union for all university students here in Jyväskylä
- Politically and religiously independent advocacy organization, **for students by students**
- Joining JYY is **mandatory for degree students** and voluntary but highly recommended for exchange, doctoral, and visiting students
- Around 14,000 members
- Over 40 full-time employees and dozens of people in positions of trust

JYY = Student Union

JYU = University of Jyväskylä





including affordable student meals,
discounts for public transport, and much more!

Championing students in Jyväskylä

- Aim is to make **student life in Jyväskylä** the best in Finland
- Provides assistance and support to students
 - Engages in **lobbying** for students' rights as the representative of all students
 - Gives **counseling** and advice in issues related to academic, social, and international affairs
 - Meets regularly with university leadership, political decision-makers, and others to offer **opinions** and support in student matters
 - Works closely with various **subject and hobby associations**



JYY advocacy in practice

- Zero tolerance for harassment: students have the right to a **safe learning environment**
 - Everyone is responsible for creating and maintaining a safe environment
 - If you experience or witness inappropriate behaviour, you can contact our specialists at hairinta@jyy.fi
- Making sure **students' rights** are respected
 - Students have the right to: know the goals and requirements of all courses in advance, receive their grades promptly, equality and special needs services, etc.
 - If necessary, JYY's specialists can contact staff anonymously for you: aku.houttu@jyy.fi



Making student life better

- Organizes various **events and activities**
- The right to obtain a **Slice student card**
 - Wide variety of benefits and discounts: travel on busses and trains, restaurants, culture, shops, services etc.
- **Ilokivi** – restaurant, Ilokivi Venue
- Opinkivi sauna and jacuzzi hot tub
- Borrow a cargo bike and other items
- Volunteering opportunities



Upcoming events

- 27.8. Opening Fair
- 28.8. Ilokivi Game Night
- 30.8. Ilokivi Queer Night
- 2.9. Speed Friending by JYY
- 3.9. Jyrock Pre-Club 1985-2025
- 17.-18.10. Jyrock



You are all members!

- Membership requires paying a membership fee
- Bachelor's and master's degree students pay the membership fee **during the registration process at the beginning of the semester**

Exchange and degree students:

- 76,00 €/academic year
- 48 €/autumn semester

Doctoral students:

- limited benefits (no discount on meals or on long-distance travels (VR/Matkahuolto))
- 66 €/academic year, 44 €/autumn semester



Student card

Jyväskylän yliopisto
Yliopisto - Universitet - University

JYY
Opiskelijakortti - Studentkort - Student Card

 19.10.2004
syntymäaika - födelsedatum - date of birth

Opiskelija
sukunimi - efternamn - last name
Olli
etunimi - förnamn - given name







 JYVÄSKYLÄN YLIOPISTO
UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

Student card Slice

- As a member of the Student Union, you can **download** a student card
 - Functions as proof of student-status in Finland
 - Entitles to a wide range of benefits and services
- The easiest way to activate your student card is to download the **Slice student card app on your phone**. The student card is free-of-charge.
 - Go to **slice.fi/jyy** and fill out the open fields with personal information and add a profile picture
 - “Email address which is known at your education institution” can be checked from Sisu > my profile > personal information > email
 - After filling out the information, the student receives an email with **login credentials within a few hours**
 - You can now download Slice.fi –app from app store
- If you cannot download the Slice app, you can get a **physical student card** (costs 19,90€)
 - Register as Slice user on slice.fi/jyy and go to [Kide.app](#) to order your card. Your card will be delivered to your home in 2-3 weeks.

Student card will only start functioning if

- your membership payment has registered
- your study right has begun

Be patient – it may take a while for login credentials to reach you!

No student card (yet)?

- download a **certificate of student status** from the course registration system Sisu
- discounts in campus restaurants before your student card is ready – do note, however, that the certificate doesn't work in trains or busses!
- works until mid-September



Get involved!



Make the most of your journey at JYU – learn, connect, and grow!

Don't stress

- Adjustment can be challenging, but not impossible
- Ask for help – from JYY, university staff, friends, classmates, and teachers

Be active in associations

- Explore subject & hobby associations via the JYY website
- Great way to network and make new friends

Learn Finnish

- Crucial for career opportunities and social life in Finland
- Progress may feel slow, but don't get discouraged



International degree student JYU
WhatsApp group



Get involved!

- **Recruitment of student representatives** for JYU administrative bodies 25.8.-14.9.
 - Ensuring students' voice and opinions are heard within the university
 - Faculty Councils, Collegium, Forthem Student Council, various other decision-making and advisory bodies
- **JYY Representative Council elections** 6.11.
 - Highest decision-making body of JYY, "JYY's parliament"
 - All members of JYY can stand as candidates
- **Degree and exchange tutoring**
 - You need to have studied at JYU for at least a year to work as a tutor for new international exchange or degree students
 - Recruitment in February 2026 and training in March-April





- Community especially for international degree students at JYU
- Join cultural, social & networking events
- Get peer support during your studies
- Share your voice in the JYU community
- Membership costs only 1 euro



Stay tuned!

- JYY Webpage: www.jyy.fi
- JYY Instagram: [studentunionjyy](https://www.instagram.com/studentunionjyy)
- JYY Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ylioppilaskuntajyy>
- Follow newsletter [JYYTISET](#)

JYY Office in Ilokivi

- Keskussairaalantie 2
- 25.8.-12.9. open Mon-Fri 12-14
- After 15.9. open Mon-Thu 11.30-13
 - Campus day on Tuesdays



