



Hanken Exchange Fact Sheet 2025-2026 Exchange Programme

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Hanken at a Glance

- » One of the oldest business schools in the Nordic countries, founded in Helsinki in 1909.
- » Triple accredited (AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS).
- » Operating in Finland in two cities, in the capital city Helsinki in the south and in the city of Vaasa on the west coast.
- » The programme portfolio covers the whole range from BSc to PhD and Executive Education, including an Executive MBA programme.
- » Member of the Global Business School Network (GBSN).
- » The languages of instruction are Swedish and English; 45 % of the courses on BSc level and 65 % of the courses on MSc level are given in English.
- » An internationally oriented business school with 1375 BSc students, 1160 MSc students and 115 PhD students, faculty and staff of 299, more than 130 partner universities worldwide, and approximately 220 incoming exchange students each year.
- » A research-oriented business school where research is carried out within all departments, but with a special focus on four selected areas of strength a) Competition Economics and Service Strategy b) Financial Management, Accounting, and Governance c) Responsible Organising and d) Leading for Growth and Wellbeing.
- » A business school with strong and diverse corporate connections.



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Nomination and Application Process

DEADLINES

AUTUMN SEMESTER

Nomination deadline for partners: 15 April
Application deadline for students: 01 May

SPRING SEMESTER

Nomination deadline for partners: 08 October
Application deadline for students: 15 October

All nominations are made in the online platform Mobility Online. Nominations for the Vaasa Campus can be made for the AUTUMN semester only. Partners receive an email with login details when nomination opens.

THE ACCEPTANCE LETTERS are sent in April/May to students coming for the autumn semester and full year and in October to students coming for the spring semester. Acceptance letters are sent by e-mail only.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE:

(Deadlines 01 May, 15 October)

- » Transcript(s) of Records (stamped by the University of bachelor's and/or master's studies).
- » Photo (passport size, max 500x500 pixels)
- » Certificate of English language proficiency corresponding to B2-C1 level (in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, CEFR standard). Status of the proficiency must be given already in the nomination information.

Academic Calendar 2025-2026

AUTUMN SEMESTER 2025

28.8-19.12.2025 (Helsinki, incl. orientation & exams)

1.9-19.12.2025 (Vaasa, incl. orientation & exams)

Arrival with pickup: 26-27.8.2025 (Helsinki) and 28-30.8.2025 (Vaasa)
Mandatory Orientation Days: 28-29.8.2025 (Helsinki) and 1.9.2025 (Vaasa)

Teaching period 1: 1.9-17.10 plus exams 20-24.10.2025
Teaching period 2: 27.10-12.12 plus exams 15-19.12.2025

SPRING SEMESTER 2026 (HELSINKI ONLY)

15.1-15.5.2026 (incl. orientation & exams)

Arrival with pickup: 13-14.1.2026
Mandatory Orientation Days: 15-16.1.2026

Teaching period 3: 19.1-6.3 plus exams 9-13.3.2026
Teaching period 4: 16.3-8.5 plus exams 11-15.5.2026



LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

A good command of English is an essential study tool at Hanken, where small group work, oral presentations, written assignments, term papers and written exams are part of the methods of teaching and learning.

While no English language test score is required, we expect the home university to nominate students with knowledge in English equivalent to:

CEFR minimum B2

TOEFL minimum 78 iBT

IELTS minimum band 6.0

MSc students are expected to have knowledge in English equivalent to minimum C1 (CEFR) or TOEFL minimum 87 iBT or IELTS (minimum band 6.5). The home university shall verify the language proficiency of selected students prior to nominating the students to Hanken.

Erasmus+ students and students from Switzerland are not required to take an international language test if the home university can certify that the nominated student's English language proficiency meets at least CEFR international standard B2 level.

Students exempted from proving English proficiency by any of the above mentioned certificates:

Students from English speaking countries and Nordic countries.

Students who are undertaking a bachelor's or a master's degree taught entirely in English.

Studies

The courses for the academic year 2025-2026 are published in May 2025 on Hanken's web pages.

<https://www.hanken.fi/en/apply/international-opportunities/incoming-exchange-students/studies>

Students on Bachelor level study Bachelor level courses. Students on Master level can study both Master and Bachelor level courses, given that the home university approves. Both Bachelor and Master level students are welcome to study language courses.

Online (official) registration for courses opens:

Autumn semester 1 August

Spring semester 1 December

Workload: Full-time workload for a semester is approximately 30 ECTS credits, i.e. 4-6 courses of 4-10 ECTS credits each.

Course Counselling: The International Coordinator for incoming exchange students will reply to questions regarding courses and academic matters.



Residence Permit

Find information on immigration and application for a student residence permit at the Finnish Immigration Service, <https://migri.fi/en/studying-in-finland>. If you are a citizen of an EU member state, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, you are not required to have a residence permit for Finland.

Students from non-EU/EEA countries (Switzerland excluded) must attach a health insurance certificate to the application for residence permit. The comprehensive private health insurance must cover medical expenses to the amount of 120,000 euros if the studies in Finland last less than two years.



Accommodation

Hanken has no on campus accommodation. Student accommodation is available from the Foundations for student housing in the Helsinki region, HOAS and in the city of Vaasa, VOAS. Students are requested to submit the online application directly to the respective housing office.

Please note that in Helsinki the student accommodation is scarce in the autumn semester, and the number of rooms available for Hanken exchange students will not meet the demand. Some students must find accommodation on the private market (check web pages for more info).

HELSINKI CAMPUS:

Exchange students going to Hanken Helsinki campus for the autumn semester or full year shall apply for a HOAS room as of 1 April. Students coming for the spring semester shall apply as of 1 October. The application form: <https://exchange-student-application.hoas.fi/>

VAASA CAMPUS:

Exchange students going to Hanken Vaasa campus shall submit the electronic "Housing Application" form at www.voas.fi. Students coming for the autumn semester shall submit the application after 1 May to avoid that the housing application expires before it is their turn to be placed. The student housing situation is not as pressed in Vaasa as in Helsinki and exchange students have almost always been accommodated in VOAS rooms.



Health Care

Hanken carries no responsibility for students in case of illness or accident. Exchange students have to ensure they are sufficiently insured during travels to and from Finland and during the entire stay. Insurances must be bought in the home country before take-off to Finland. Nationals of non-EU/EEA countries (Switzerland excluded) must have the health insurance in order to be eligible for a residence permit. Nationals of the EU member states are partly covered by the Finnish social security system (European Health Care card needed) but must make sure they are fully covered for illness and accidents before leaving their home country.

Students with proper health insurance can use the services of several different private hospitals.

Arrival and Pick-up Service

Arrival dates with pick-up service are offered before the orientation courses in Helsinki and in Vaasa (see Academic calendar). A group of Hanken students act as tutors and support group for exchange students at both campuses. A tutor will meet the student at the airport (railway station, harbour), will provide the key (HOAS/VOAS student housing) and take the student to the apartment.



STUDENT UNION MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in the Student Union of a higher education institution is mandatory in Finland. The fee is EUR 34 per semester. Exchange students pay the fee before arrival. Members benefit discounts on meals, transportation, sports etc.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING:

The monthly costs in Helsinki can be broken down roughly as:

- » Rent: Approx. EUR 500-600 (HOAS student housing), on private market shared apartments EUR 500-900
- » Food: Approx. EUR 250 (whereof the subsidized Hanken lunch is EUR 40-50)
- » Local transport: approximately EUR 30
- » Personal/incidental, study material: EUR 200

The monthly costs in Vaasa can be broken down roughly as:

- » Rent: EUR 230-350 in student rooms, higher on private market
- » Food: EUR 250 (whereof the subsidized Hanken lunch is EUR 40-50)
- » Personal/incidental, study material, local transportation: EUR 200

Useful Links:

Study in Finland: <http://www.studyinfinland.fi/>

This is Finland: www.finland.fi

The city of Helsinki: <http://www.visithelsinki.fi/en>

The city of Vaasa: <http://www.vaasa.fi/>



Welcome to Hanken School of Economics!

YOU WILL MEET:

- » a 110 years of experience in business and management education.
- » an intimate environment where academic excellence, innovative teaching methods and corporate input meet.
- » supervision and individual service. At Hanken both academic and administrative staff take the time to give you personal guidance.
- » a platform for building both professional and personal networks that last a lifetime and enjoy your exchange semester at an institution internationally accredited by EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA.

