

Hanken Exchange Fact Sheet

2026-2027 Exchange Programme



HAPPY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- Exchange students have been very happy with their time at Hanken and rate their experience very high
- Small university with a welcoming atmosphere: easy to feel at home and part of the group
- Exchange students integrate with local students and truly become part of the Hanken community
- Group of local students serving as exchange student tutors and buddies
- Lots of events and happenings: trips, sauna nights, picnics, dinner parties, hikes in nature, sports, company visits etc and many students' clubs to join
- Helpful staff, everything works

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION

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 on the online platform Mobility Online. Partners receive an email with login details when nomination opens.

Application documents to be submitted by students:

- Transcript of records
- Photo
- Certificate of English language proficiency

The Acceptance letters are sent within days after application, by e-mail only.

HANKEN FACTS

- One of the oldest business schools in the Nordic countries, founded in Helsinki in 1909
- An autonomous, non-profit, research-oriented university
- Triple accredited (AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS)
- Financial Times Masters in Management (MiM) ranking (60th)
- Locations in Helsinki and Vasa
- Approx. 2 900 students (BSc, MSc and PhD)
- The languages of teaching are Swedish and English
- More than 130 partner universities worldwide (210-250 incoming students annually)
- Member of ENGAGE.EU European University
- Member of the Global Business School Network (GBSN)



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027

AUTUMN SEMESTER 2026

27.8-11.12.2026 (Helsinki, incl. orientation & exams)
31.8-18.12.2026 (Vaasa, incl. orientation & exams)

Arrival with pickup:
25-26.8.2026 (Helsinki) and 27-39.8.2026 (Vaasa)

Mandatory Orientation Days:
27-28.8.2026 (Helsinki) and 31.8.2026 (Vaasa)

Teaching period 1:
31.8-16.10 plus exams 19-23.10.2026

Teaching period 2:
26.10-11.12 plus exams 14-18.12.2026

SPRING SEMESTER 2027 (HELSINKI ONLY)

14.1-14.5.2027 (incl. orientation & exams)

Arrival with pickup:
12-13.1.2027

Mandatory Orientation Days:
14-15.1.2027

Teaching period 3:
18.1-5.3 plus exams 8-12.3.2027

Teaching period 4:
15.3-7.5 plus exams 10-14.5.2027

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:

- Students from English speaking countries and Nordic countries
- Students who are undertaking a bachelor's or a master's degree taught entirely in English

COURSES

The courses for the academic year 2026-2027 are published in May 2026 on Hanken's web pages: hanken.fi/en/apply/international-opportunities/incoming-exchange-students/studies

In the pdf course list "Courses for Exchange Students" on the web page, you see the course name, level, number of credits and when it is given. For course descriptions, please look up the course in the study platform Sisu: sisu.hanken.fi/student/login. Click: Continue without logging in and then put in the course code or course name in the search field to access the course description.

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.

Grading Scale: The courses are assessed on a 5-1 scale, where 50 per cent is required for passing with the lowest grade 1.

Transcript of records: The students download their own official electronically verified ToR's from the study platform Sisu. ToR's are ready 1-5 weeks after the last exam/assignment.



RESIDENCE PERMIT

Citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA must apply for a student residence permit: migri.fi/en/instructions-for-exchange-students

Application documents:

- Acceptance letter from Hanken
- Health Insurance (cover expenses up to at least 120 000€)
- Sufficient funds (800€ per month as a bank deposit or as a scholarship or grant)
- Passport and passport photo



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 Vasa, Voas.

Hoas (Helsinki): hoas.fi/en/applicants/exchange-students

Apply starting 1 April for autumn semester and 1 October for spring semester

Voas (Vasa)
voas.fi/en/exchange-students

Apply after 1 May for the autumn semester.

Not all students will get a room via Hoas/Voas.

Some students must find accommodation on the private market: hanken.fi/en/students/international-opportunities/incoming-exchange-students/accommodation

ARRIVAL AND PICK UP SERVICE

Arrival dates with pick-up service are offered before the orientation courses in Helsinki and in Vasa (see Academic calendar).

A group of Hanken students act as tutors for exchange students at both campuses and they take care of the pickups. The pickup service is free of charge.

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

THE ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING

The monthly costs in can be broken down roughly as:

- Rent: Approx. 500-600€ (student housing) or 500-1000€ (private market)
- Food: Approx. 250€ (whereof the subsidized Hanken lunch is 40€)
- Local transport in Helsinki: approximately 40€
- Personal/social life/trips: 200€

STUDENT UNION MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Student Union of a higher education institution is mandatory in Finland. The fee is EUR 35 per semester.

Exchange students pay the fee before arrival. Members benefit from discounts on meals, transportation, sports etc.

HANKEN AND LUSEM NORDIC WINTER SCHOOL

Joint winter school between Hanken and Lund University, School of Economics and Management (LUSEM) in Lund, Sweden. The Winter School consists of two modules, one given in Lund and one in Helsinki.

Language of instruction: English

Level: Bachelor

Credits: 6 ECTS

When: Two weeks in January. Online assignments to be turned in before and after course.

For who: For students from partner universities, with at least one year of business-related studies, including an introductory course in economics, and a good command of English

Application: Apply via your home university International Office by your internal deadlines.

Costs: No tuition fee, small fees for social activities and lunches. Students pay the travel to the destinations and for accommodation.

Nomination deadline for partner universities: 1 October. Partner universities nominate students via an online nomination form sent to the Coordinators at the International Offices.

Read more: hanken.fi/en/students/international-opportunities/winter-school-incoming-exchange

WARMLY WELCOME TO HANKEN AND FINLAND!

FINLAND

- Beautiful nature
- Lapland and Northern Lights
- Sauna culture and winter swimming
- Ranked as the happiest country in the world by the United Nations
- Four seasons

This is Finland: finland.fi

Study in Finland: studyinfinland.fi

HELSINKI

- By the sea
- Hip and trendy: culture, restaurants, cafés, music, sports
- Lots of green areas
- Clean, peaceful and safe
- Excellent public transportation, city center/Hanken area walkable

The city of Helsinki: visithelsinki.fi/en

VASA

- Located on Finland's west coast (4-hour train ride from Helsinki)
- Seaside city known for energy innovation and sustainability
- Vibrant student city with an active social life beyond academics
- Gateway to the Kvarken Archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with unique natural beauty

The city of Vasa: vaasa.fi

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