

INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER

Social Services

Kupittaa Campus & Salo IoT campus

Please note that many courses take place on the Salo IoT campus (a 30-minute train ride from Turku).

Important to bear in mind:

- We will organize a mandatory orientation meeting for exchange students on Friday 2 January 2026 (tbc).
- These are preliminary course lists, meaning that changes may occur.

Spring semester 2026 (2 January – 31 May)

COURSE NAME	Campus	ECTS	Code
Individual and Group Support and Counselling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • counselling as a basic work method of social service professionals • a solution- and resource-oriented approach • a systemic approach • motivating clients to change with the help of motivating discussion • counselling in digital environments 	Salo	5	TH00CA40-3021
Service Counselling and Recording of Client Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessment of clients' work ability and functional capacity • the service duties of social welfare • the rehabilitation service system • formal recording of client data in social welfare and the governing legislation • information security and the governing legislation 	Salo (tbc)	5	TH00CA41-3021
Workplace Safety and Medicinal Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work community and organisation safety management and planning • anticipation, actions in threat situations and analysis of threat situations 	Salo (tbc)	5	TH00CA47-3023

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forms of violence, and identifying and addressing them • core legislation and guidelines concerning medicinal treatment • the stages of medicines in the body and their effects on the body • forms of medication and routes of administration (not intramuscular or intravenous injections) • the adverse effects and interactions of medicines and commitment to medication 			
Digital and Media Competence in Social Service Professionals' Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a media project: planning, implementation and assessment • the use of online media tools (text, image, video and podcast) in the project • the special requirements of digital counselling and interaction in an online environment • influencer communications and marketing social and education service expertise • service terms of use, the differences between private and professional use and ethical principles 	Online	5	TH00CA55-3004
Augmentative and Alternative Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forms of simplified language use 	Salo (tbc)	1	TH00CO37-3006
Client-Oriented Social and Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the health and well-being of the population: current challenges and factors behind them, promoting health and functional capacity, preventing illnesses and accidents, register and statistical data • social and health services: the social and health care system and its development, funding, responsibilities and supervision, and client/patient rights • social and health services: rehabilitation and rehabilitation services, income security • information security in social and health services • client counselling: finding information about social and health services and benefits, applying the information to the service counselling for clients in different life situations, multi-professional support for clients 	Online	5	TH00CO38-3007
Project-Based Training in Client Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the principles of client work in social services • professional interaction and counselling in client work • theories on and counselling of groups • the principles, structure and phases of project work • implementing a project 	Turku	5	TH00CO41-3007

• basic first aid skills			
Practical Training <i>Max. 3 training places available for exchange students.</i> For exchange students working hours 200 h / 10 ECTS. Supervised practical learning in chosen agency/ kindergarten, school, child home, elderly services, refugee centre etc. Student gets familiar with Finnish early years education / social services in practice. Starts when agreed (can be full time job 35 h / week during 7 weeks or 2-3 days/ week during 12 weeks). Please be prepared to fill in a health requirement document and show a criminal records extract in English before the training. Strong English language skills are a requirement.	Turku	10	n.a.
COURSES SUITABLE FOR ALL INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS			
Finnish for Exchange Students Beginners' course for Finnish language. Available for all exchange students.	Turku	3	1000474
Multicultural and International Competences This course will increase the students' awareness of the increasingly diverse higher education; provide the students with abilities to operate in international working environments; and to boost the sense of belonging of students and their attachment to a multicultural higher education community.	Turku	5	YH00CZ01