

**Satakunta University of Applied Sciences**  
**Admissions Criteria, Autumn 2024**

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# SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH AUTUMN 2024

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

#### Application period

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) has Bachelor's degree programmes in one separate application period of SAMK: SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024, 28 August - 11 September, 2024 (the application period ends on 11 September, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time).

In SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024, you can apply to only one degree programme available in the application period. The results of the student selection are given according to the schedule given in the descriptions of student selection. Applicant is required to confirm the offered study place at latest on 28 November, 2024, at 3.00 p.m.

If you're offered a study place from this separate application or from any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in Spring 2025 in a Finnish university or university of applied sciences.

#### Eligibility for Bachelor's degree programmes

Provisions on eligibility for universities of applied sciences are contained in the Polytechnics Act (932/2014).

You can apply to a Bachelor's degree programme if you have completed:

- the Finnish general upper secondary school syllabus and/or the matriculation examination;
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma;
- a European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma;
- Reifeprüfung (RP) Diploma;
- a Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification with a scope of 120 credit units or 180 credit points, or a comparable previous Finnish vocational qualification with a minimum scope of 80 credit units;
- a Finnish post-secondary or higher vocational level diploma;
- a Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification or a further or specialist vocational qualification as a competence-based qualification, or a comparable previous qualification
- foreign qualification that provides eligibility for higher education studies in the country in question or
- a Finnish or foreign higher education degree

SAMK doesn't have discretionary admission, i.e. the possibility to apply without an eligible background education, to its degree programmes.

## Proving eligibility

Applicants must have completed the qualification used in the application procedure in time for a copy of the certificate to reach Satakunta University of Applied Sciences by the deadline specified in advance following the publication of admission results (see the Schedule Appendix).

Applicants with a Finnish matriculation certificate (in Finnish: suomalaisen ylioppilastutkinto) do not need to submit copies of their certificates, as information about their graduation and grades is electronically available. However, this does not apply to applicants who have taken the Finnish matriculation examination prior to 1990, thus they will need to save copies of their certificates to the application form by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix). Applicants with a Finnish vocational qualification need to save copies of their certificates and study transcripts to the application form.

Those applying with an IB, EB or RP/DIA Diploma will need to submit certificate copies by a deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix).

Applicants with a non-Finnish qualification certificate must save a copy of the certificate used as the basis for application and a copy of the study transcript to the application form by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix).

Applicants who complete their qualification during or after the application period (at latest by the deadline given in the Schedule appendix) are required to attach an official document about their graduation and their latest study transcript to the application form.

In addition, each applicant must submit a copy of his or her qualification certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official authorised translator if the original document is in none of these languages. Such translations must be signed and stamped by the translator. The translations must be saved to the application form by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix).

A person with refugee status or an asylum seeker may apply and be accepted to study in education just as any other eligible citizen of Finland or any other country.

If the applicant is a refugee, has status comparable to a refugee or is an asylum seeker, and he or she cannot thus verify his or her previous degree with relevant documentation, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences may invite the applicant to take an entrance exam or, if necessary, submit the application for academic assessment. Satakunta University of Applied Sciences will use the report requested from the applicant as basis for making the decision on whether the documentation on the previous degree is sufficient.

The applicant must have a decision by the authorities concerning his or her status (decision on asylum or residence permit on the basis of protection). The applicant must submit a copy of the relevant decision within a previously notified time limit to the admission office of Satakunta University of applied sciences (see appendix with timetables).

In order to declare his or her status, an asylum seeker who has not yet been granted a decision may verify his or her status by presenting an identity card with his or her photograph granted by Migri and, when required by the degree programme, a fee-based (€20) pending application by Migri that states that the applicant is permitted to legally reside in Finland during the time when his or her case is being processed, i.e. until a lawful decision has been made on the case.

## Applying through discretionary admission

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences doesn't use discretionary admission for its degree programmes.

## Evidence of language proficiency as part of admissions

### Finnish language test

SAMK doesn't organise a Finnish language test or require result of any Finnish language test for admission.

### English language proficiency

Good skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. In those programmes that use entrance exams, applicant's language skills are measured in the entrance exam.

**Adequate results from accepted international English language tests are required in all of the available degree programmes in SAMK.** Following results are accepted:

- IELTS Academic, IELTS Academic online and IELTS Academic UKVI: a minimum total score of 6.0
- TOEFL Academic (iBT): a minimum total score of 60
- PTE Academic and PTE Academic online: a minimum total score of 55
- Cambridge C1 Advanced: a minimum total score of 169
- Cambridge C2 Proficiency: a minimum total score of 169

Also following test, exams or degrees are accepted:

- National Certificate of Language Proficiency (YKI) English, intermediate level, arranged by the Finnish National Agency for Education: Proficiency level 4 on all the subtests (reading, writing, listening and speaking).
- Higher education degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States
- Upper secondary degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or the United States
- Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification: grading scale 1-5 with a minimum grade of 5, grading scale 1-3 with a minimum grade of 3
- One of the following grade cases in Finnish Matriculation Examination, European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate or Reifeprüfung/DIA:
  - Finnish Matriculation Examination: English on advanced Level with a minimum grade of C
  - International Baccalaureate completed in English
  - International Baccalaureate diploma: grade 4 in higher level English
  - European Baccalaureate: at least grade 6.00 in L2-level English
  - Reifeprüfung/DIA completed diploma: at least grade 7 in advanced English

Applicant must provide a copy of the passed result by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form.

The expiration dates of the language test results depend on the language test organizer. The language test results must be verifiable from the online verification service of the organizer. The TOEFL test cannot be verified after two years. If the test scores can no longer be verified, the test is not valid. The applicant should make sure that the test results are not too old. If the applicant is unsure and the test results are more than 2 years old, it is advised to retake the test.

If applicant is using a higher education degree or an upper secondary degree as proof of English proficiency, the degree must be completed in one of the countries listed. An online degree or a degree completed on a campus located outside of the listed countries cannot be used as proof of English proficiency. When using a

degree as proof of English proficiency, the applicant is required to attach a document on the application form which states the language of instruction, the country of completion and the level of the degree.

The language test must have been taken prior to or within the application period, at the latest by 11 September 2024. If the language test has been taken after the application period, the results cannot be accepted.

### Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations

Special arrangements are not available for the student selection of Bachelor's degree programmes.

## Bachelor's Degree Programmes in SAMK Admission Autumn 2024

The separate application of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences, SAMK Admission Autumn 2024, is organized from 28 August - 11 September 2024. The application period ends on 11 September 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time.

SAMK has two Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English that take part in SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024	40
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024	40

SAMK may cancel admission if an applicant fails to submit qualification certificates by the specified deadline, or if an applicant has provided false information.

### Equal score rules

Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care:

If the criteria fail to produce a difference between tied applicants, SAMK admits all of the equally ranked applicants.

Other Bachelor degree programmes:

If the criteria cannot draw the line between applicants with equal score, SAMK will draw lots for selecting the student/students.

## Student selection – Degree Programme in Nursing, Pori

### Please note:

**In SAMK Admission Autumn 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).**

The online entrance examination consists of two parts:

1. Written part
2. Online interview

All applicants are invited to take the 1<sup>st</sup> part, written part, of the online entrance examination. Written part measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. The details of the written part will be given in the invitation mail.

After the written part, 110 applicants with the highest score will be invited to and sent instructions for the online interview. Before sending the invitations to the interview, eligibility i.e. school certificate and English language test result of each applicant whose result in written part would be good enough for an invitation is checked. Only eligible applicants are invited to take the interview.

In the online interview, applicant will be interviewed through a video negotiation platform with his/her own computer, webcam, headset/microphone and Internet connection. Applicant's skills of understanding and producing spoken English are measured. Applicant is given a time of 10 minutes for the interview by invitation – the applicant cannot change the date and the time of the interview. Applicants are required to get at least 50 per cent of the online interview's maximum points.

The final student selection is done in the order of the sum of the written part's and the online interview's points. Only applicants who have passed both the written part and the online interview are available for selection.

There is no Finnish language skill requirement in the student selection. However, Finnish language studies are included in the curriculum and Finnish language is the work language during the practice periods

### Student selection schedule in autumn 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024) is open 28 August - 11 September, 2024. Application period ends on 11 September 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Online entrance examination is organized according to the following:
  - Invitations and instructions for completing the written part of the online entrance examination are sent by Tuesday 17 September, 2024.
  - Written part is open for completion on Tuesday 24 September, 2024. Timetable will be given in the invitation.
  - Invitations and instructions for taking the online interview are sent by Tuesday 8 October, 2024.
  - Online interviews are organized with a Webex-based application on Tuesday 15 October, 2024. Each eligible applicant is given one time and one web address for the interview – the time and the address cannot be changed.
  - The results of student selection are given by Tuesday 22 October, 2024. Student selection ends at latest on Wednesday 11 December, 2024.



### **Special requirements for Degree Programme in Nursing**

Those applying to study in the field of Health Care and Social Services must have a sufficient good health status and functional capacity to be capable of completing practical assignments and work placement periods as part of the studies. Information about health requirements in this field is available on UAS websites and on the Opintopolku.fi (Studyinfo.fi) service.

Those applying to the field should bear in mind that:

- studying and working in a profession of this field require good mental balance;
- the field is not suitable for illegal drug users or for alcohol or legal drug abusers;
- conditions such as musculoskeletal diseases, chronic skin diseases, allergies and mental health disorders may lead to health issues during studies or later in working life;
- several operational units of social and health care treat patients that are exposed to infections, and work in those units requires that the staff's immunisation is in order.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences may cancel admission for the following reasons:

- an applicant fails to submit certificates by the deadline specified by the university of applied sciences
- an applicant has provided false information about his or her grades
- it is obvious that the student, in terms of his or her health status and functional capacity, does not meet the admissions criteria (Polytechnics Act 932/2014)
- an applicant has concealed the cancellation of his or her prior study entitlement (Polytechnics Act 932/2014).

## Student selection – Degree Programme in International Business, Rauma

### Please note:

In SAMK Admission Autumn 2024, applicants of all degree programmes are required to have a valid English language test result (see [English language proficiency](#), page 3).

### SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP/DIA COMPLETED IN FINLAND

Applicants with Finnish matriculation certificate will be selected with the points they receive from their grades. Points are given according to this table:

Subject	Grade			
	L/E/M	C	B	A
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, basic	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Finnish/Swedish as 2 <sup>nd</sup> language	4	3	1	-
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

The points for International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung or Deutsche Internationale Abitur (DIA) completed in Finland are given according the attached Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams (see Scoring Appendix).

Students are selected in the order of total points received from the grades. Maximum of total points is 18 points, and applicant is required to get at least 6 points to be available for student selection.

### SELECTION METHOD 2: PAPER SELECTION FOR APPLICANTS WITH FOREIGN CERTIFICATE AND APPLICANTS WITH A FINNISH VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Applicants with a foreign certificate or a Finnish vocational qualification will get a total score from their 2<sup>nd</sup> year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records and adequate English language test result.

Applicants should attach all upper secondary and higher education certificates and their transcripts to the application form: in cases where there is a high amount of applicants with the best grades from a certain country, applicant may be required to have a higher education certificate to get the highest available score.

### Scoring the certificate

The score from the 2<sup>nd</sup> year certificate or final certificate, higher education degree certificates and transcripts of records will get a score from 0 to 5 according to a subjective evaluation of certificates of all foreign applicants who apply to the degree programme in the application round in question.

In the evaluation the following things will affect the scoring of the certificate/transcript:

- the GPA given in or counted from the grades of the certificate/transcript
- grade/score in English language and
- grade/score in mathematics or studies in the field of physics, chemistry or accounting

Applicants with best GPAs and grades will receive 5 points, and the scores will be given with the smallest difference of 0.1 points. If a certificate is suspected to be fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If a certificate is from wrong level, i.e. not from upper secondary school, high school, vocational school or higher education institution, applicant will receive 0 points. Points are given from one certificate only. Applicant is required to get at least 2,5 points to be available for student selection. Applicants are selected as students i.e. offered study places in the order of their final scores.

#### DESIRED QUOTAS OF SELECTION METHODS

The desired quotas of intake for selection methods are:

SELECTION METHOD 1	SELECTION METHOD 2
30 %	70 %

#### Student selection schedule in autumn 2024

- Application period (SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024) is open 28 August - 11 September, 2024. Application period ends on 11 September 2024, at 3.00 p.m.
- Schedule for selection method 2 (foreign certificate or Finnish vocational qualification):
  - The deadline for saving the required certificates and/or transcripts to the application form is on 18 September 2024.
  - The results of student selection are given at latest on Thursday 24 October, 2024.
  - The deadline for providing final certificates is on Tuesday 31 December, 2024 (for those students who reach their eligibility after the results of student selection are given).
  - Student selection ends at latest on Wednesday 11 December, 2024.
- Schedule for selection method 1 (Finnish matriculation exam results):
  - The deadline of marking the results to national database is on Thursday 14 November, 2024. Applicant should get the matriculation exam certificate by Tuesday 31 December, 2024.
  - The results of student selection are given by Thursday 21 November, 2024.
  - Student selection ends at latest on Wednesday 11 December, 2024.

## SCHEDULE APPENDIX

### Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in autumn 2024

#### BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSION, AUTUMN 2024

The required documents are recommended to be saved in the application form. Alternatively, the scanned documents can be sent by e-mail to [admissions@samk.fi](mailto:admissions@samk.fi).

Document	SAMK Admission, Autumn 2024: 28 August - 11 September, 2024
<p>Finnish qualification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Vocational diploma and higher education certificates and their transcripts of those who have received their certificate before the end of the application period</li> <li>2) 2<sup>nd</sup> year study certificates and latest transcripts of records of those who graduate from vocational and higher education institutions in autumn 2024 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)</li> <li>3) Matriculation examination grades of those who have received their matriculation certificates in or after 1990</li> <li>4) Matriculation examination certificates of those who have received their matriculation certificates prior to 1990</li> <li>5) Original qualification certificates to be checked</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024 (by 3 p.m. on Thursday 31 December, 2024)</li> <li>3) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board</li> <li>4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024</li> <li>5) at the beginning of studies</li> </ol>
<p>International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Copies of diplomas and their official translations to be submitted to the admissions office (* = those graduating during the application period to submit a Predicted Grades or equivalent)</li> <li>2) Copy of the final certificate of applicants who complete an RP or EB diploma during the application period (Transcript of Grades for those completing an IB diploma) must be delivered</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024 * by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Tuesday 31 December, 2024</li> </ol>

3) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	3) at the beginning of studies
Qualifications taken outside Finland:	
1) Qualification certificates of those who have graduated by the end of the application period	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024
2) Temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution and transcripts of records of those who graduate during autumn 2024 after the end of the application period (final certificates to be submitted to the admissions office)	2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024 (by 3 p.m. on Tuesday 31 December, 2024)
3) Original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	3) at the beginning of studies
Decisions to grant asylum or residence permits issued based on a need for protection of refugees or applicants in a refugee-like situation to be submitted to the admissions office:	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024
Language test result uploaded as an attachment of the application from	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September, 2024
Results of the student selection are published	at latest on Thursday 21 November 2024
Confirmation of an offered study place	by 3 p.m. on Thursday 28 November, 2024 (or after that within 7 working days after student selection)
Student selection from reserve places ends at latest	on 18 December 2024.

## SCORING APPENDIX

### Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams

#### European Baccalaureate (EB)

Subject	Grade			
	7,00–10	6,00–6,99	5,00–5,99	4,00–4,99
English, L2	6	5	3	1
English, L3-L5	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

#### International Baccalaureate (IB)

Subject	Grade			
	5 – 7	4	3	2
English, Language A	6	5	3	1
English, Language B	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Language A, Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Further Mathematics, HL/SL, Theoretical Mathematics HL/SL, Applied Mathematics HL	6	5	3	1
Applied Mathematics SL	4	3	1	-

#### Reifeprüfung (RP)/Deutsche International Abitur (DIA)

Subject	Grade			
	8 - 15	7	5 – 6	4
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, B1-B3	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/German)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics	6	5	3	1