

SeAMK

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SEINÄJOKI UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR Open University of Applied Sciences





1. What is the Open University of Applied Sciences?

Open University of Applied Sciences studies provide students with the opportunity to complete studies at the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences regardless of their educational background and age. At the Open University of Applied Sciences, you can complete either individual studies or larger study modules.

STUDIES AT THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES MAY BE A GOOD OPTION FOR YOU, IF

- you want to familiarise yourself with university of applied sciences studies
- you are planning a career change
- you want to otherwise develop your competence
- you want to supplement skills needed in working life
- you want to take advantage of your interim year between studies
- you want to speed up the completion of your studies
- you are planning to apply for a university of applied sciences degree programme at a later time

The courses offered by the Open University of Applied Sciences are listed on the <https://www.seamk.fi/en/study-with-us/open-university-of-applied-sciences> website. The content of different studies can be found by clicking on the code for the course. If you cannot find a course that meets your needs in the courses offered, you can also search for it in the degree programme descriptions or by using the study search feature on the <https://ops.seamk.fi> website.

Path studies mean that you complete the first year of university of applied sciences studies in some degree programme in the Open University of Applied Sciences with the aim of applying for a study place in the degree programme.

Studies at the Open University of Applied Sciences will not lead directly to a degree, but if you later apply for a study place in a degree programme at the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences, the studies you have completed can be accepted, where applicable, as part of the education leading to a degree.

SeAMK's Open channel application is intended for students who have completed a certain number of Open University of Applied Sciences courses applicable for a degree programme and want to apply for a study place in the degree programme. By completing at least 45 credits of Open University of Applied Sciences studies applicable for the degree programme, you can gain eligibility for the degree programme in question. If you apply for a Master's degree programme via Open channel application, you must have completed 10-15 credits of Master's degree studies at the Open University of Applied Sciences, depending on the degree programme. When applying for a Master's degree programme, you are also required to have a bachelor's degree or other higher education degree that gives you eligibility to apply for a Master's degree and two years of work experience in the field after receiving the higher education degree. Check the current eligibility and admissions criteria at <https://www.seamk.fi/hakuaika/avoimen-vaylan-haku/>. For additional information contact SeAMK's Admissions Services which can also provide information on your eligibility to apply (hakijapalvelut@seamk.fi).

2. Registering for studies and pricing of studies

Read more on the courses we offer at <https://www.seamk.fi/en/study-with-us/open-university-of-applied-sciences> website and register for studies with the electronic form on the website. The Open University of Applied Sciences offers the same courses as bachelor's and master's degree students complete as part of their studies. Studies correspond with degree programme objectives and requirements. More extensive modules have been formed from some of the courses to make it easier to select studies.

Students will be admitted to the studies in the order of registration. If some studies include prerequisites or recommendations related to prior learning this will be explained in the brochure for the studies. If there is room for you and you are admitted, you will be sent an email confirming your admission and information on adopting use of your user ID for the UAS information systems. You will also be notified if you are not accepted for the studies.

When registering for the studies, you agree to pay a tuition fee unless you cancel your participation before the studies begin in accordance with the terms of cancellation. SeAMK will send you an invoice for your studies at the beginning of your studies.

The tuition fee for the Open University of Applied Sciences is determined according to the extent of the studies. The price of one credit is 10 euros (e.g., the cost of a three credit course is 30 euros). Path studies cost 300 euros/year, and the tuition is invoiced in one or two instalments according to the student's choice.

3. Studies and student guidance

At the Open University of Applied Sciences, you will study in accordance with the curricula for Bachelor's and Master's degrees: The objectives, contents, methods of completion, requirements and teachers of the studies are the same. As a student at the Open University of Applied Sciences, you will receive the same guidance from the teacher as degree students.

As a student of the Open University of Applied Sciences, you will usually study in the same group as students completing a degree in accordance with the timetables of the degree group in question. Teaching may take place during the day or in the evening, which is specified in the description of the studies. The scope of studies is indicated as credits. One credit refers to 27 hours of work by the student. General advisory services related to Open University of Applied Sciences studies is provided by SeAMK Student Services (opiskelijapalvelut@seamk.fi) and Open University of Applied Sciences contact persons. More in-depth student guidance is recommended especially if your aim is to apply for a university of applied sciences degree programme later on. This guidance is provided by Open University of Applied Sciences contact persons in cooperation with student counsellors.

4. Assessment of studies and study transcripts

A student's performance in their studies is assessed on a scale from 1 to 5. Some courses may be assessed with a pass/fail mark. Studies you have completed at the Open University of Applied Sciences will be entered in the student management system for individual studies and you will be sent a certificate meaning a transcript of your studies by mail on request. You can request an extract of your transcripts from opiskelijapalvelut@seamk.fi.

A certificate and a transcript on studies will be sent to the student for larger study modules that they have successfully completed.

5. Social benefits for students

Open UAS studies are part-time studies and do not entitle you to student financial aid, student loans or student discounts. As a student of the Open University of Applied Sciences, you will be able to purchase lunch at the staff price from the Sodexo restaurants at SeAMK's units and Seinäjoki Areena's Eventti restaurant by showing a contract card that you will receive from SeAMK Student Services. The contract card will be valid for the period your right to study is valid.

An unemployed jobseeker should ask the TE Office in advance about how studies will affect their unemployment security. For more information on financial support-related matters, contact the TE Office.

6. Library services

The SeAMK's library provides library services to students of the Open University of Applied Sciences. See more information at <https://kirjasto.seamk.fi/en>.

7. Terms of cancellation

See the Open University of Applied Sciences' terms of cancellation at: <https://www.seamk.fi/en/study-with-us/open-university-of-applied-sciences/cancellation-terms/>



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