

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 an opportunity to complete studies at the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences in a flexible way. The studies are open for everyone. Master degree level studies require a higher education degree.

At the Open University of Applied Sciences, you can complete either individual studies or larger study modules. POLKU Studies provide a possibility to accomplish the first-year studies in your chosen degree programme before applying for a place as a degree student.

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 can be browsed and enrolled in the Open UAS online shop <https://ella.eduplan.fi/seamk>. On this website, you can see both Finnish and English studies. Please be aware that not all studies are conducted in English. The teaching language can be checked on the course information.

Application with Open UAS Studies

Studies at the Open University of Applied Sciences will not lead directly to a degree. 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 Application with Open UAS Studies is intended for students who have completed a certain number of Open UAS 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 UAS 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 Application with Open UAS Studies, you must have completed 10-15 credits of Master's degree studies at the Open UAS, 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 [Application with Open UAS Studies | SeAMK.fi](#). For additional information contact SeAMK's Admissions Services which can also provide information on your eligibility to apply (admissions@seamk.fi).

2. Enrolling for studies and study fees

Read more on the courses we offer at <https://ella.eduplan.fi/seamk> website and add the studies to your basket. Click on the enrolling button and fill the enrolment form. To enrol, you must use strong identification and accept the cancellation terms.

Students will mainly be admitted to the studies in the order of registration. If some courses have prerequisites or recommendations, for example regarding previous knowledge, these are indicated in the course information. You will receive a confirmation email for each course separately. You will also receive a payment link if there is a study fee for the course. Enrolment is binding once you have paid the study fee.

Once your enrolment has been accepted, you will be sent an email confirming your admission and instructions on how to register for a SeAMK user account, log in to the Moodle learning platform and other matters related to your studies. You will also be informed if you are not accepted for the course.

The open UAS study fee depends on the extent of the studies. The price of one credit point is 12 euros. In master's level studies, the price is 15 euros per one credit point.

Pathway studies study fee is 300 euros per year. In master's level, the Pathway studies study fee is 150 euros per one year. The study modules are priced per product, ranging from 12 to 15 euros per one credit point.

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 student group. 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 Continuous Learning Services (jatkuva.oppiminen@seamk.fi) and Open University of Applied Sciences contact persons.

You can book an appointment for study counseling if you are interested in the different options of the open UAS, you want to apply to be a degree student later on or you have questions related to practical matters regarding the open UAS studies. If you want to book an appointment, please contact jatkuva.oppiminen@seamk.fi.

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 jatkuva.oppiminen@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 can get from SeAMK Continuous learning services. The contract card will be valid for the period your right to study is valid.

Read more about Student Union SAMO's benefits, terms and conditions here [SAMO IN ENGLISH | SAMO](#).

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>.

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.

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