

UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING TO LUT STUDIES IN 2021-2022

STARTING YOUR STUDIES

1. IF RESIDING IN FINLAND

- **You must start your studies on-campus***
 - No extra online-related support will be provided for students in the on-campus programmes

***Exceptions:**

- *Biorefineries (online programme)*
- *Water Technology (online programme)*
- *Circular Economy*
- *Industrial Design Engineering*
- *Software Product Management and Business*
 - *Programmes including a lot of online studies to begin with even without COVID-19*
→ *attending will be done both online & on-campus*

2. CITIZENS OF EU-/EEA COUNTRIES

- **You must start your studies on-campus***
 - No extra online-related support will be provided for students in the on-campus programmes
- **All the students having a study place in Finland may enter Finland despite of the pandemic situation**
 - If not able to enter Finland, you must provide LUT University with a proof that the cause for not being able to arrive is due to actions of the Finnish Government

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3. IF ALREADY HAVING BEEN ISSUED OR, SOON TO BE ISSUED YOUR RESIDENCE PERMIT

- **You must start your studies on-campus as soon as possible**
 - All students issued a residence permit may enter Finland for their studies
- **While waiting to arrive in Finland, you must participate in orientation days online and start your online studies by September 6, 2021.***
 - Inform LUT Student Services at opinto@lut.fi by **August 16, 2021** about starting your studies first online and then on-campus + include the expected date for starting your on-campus studies

- **Arriving in Finland for on-campus studies is possible by October 22, 2021 if you have started your online studies by September 6.** NOTE: Arrive on campus as soon as possible since not all the courses are available online in the first period!
- **As soon as you know the date for your arrival, inform your arrival details to LUT Welcome Team at arrival@lut.fi**
- **If having been awarded a Full Scholarship:**
 - the living cost part can only be paid after you having arrived in Lappeenranta
- **If having been issued a residence permit, you must start your studies**
 - If not studying and completing the required number of ECTS credits within the first academic year, there will be severe difficulties at the time of renewing your residence permit.
 - Should you for some reason, not be not able to start your studies, you must contact Finnish Immigration Service and cancel your residence permit.

***All the courses will be offered online during Fall semester.**

No courses planned to be offered online on Spring semester.

Laboratory work cannot be offered online - will be completed while on-campus studies.

Exams originally not being online-based ones will not be done online - will be completed while on-campus studies.

4. IF NOT YET HAVING BEEN ABLE TO START THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE RESIDENCE PERMIT

- **We strongly recommend you postpone your studies to Fall 2022**
 - An exception in the Finnish University Law allowing this for the academic year 2021-2022 due to pandemic situation having affected and delayed the application process for the residence permit.
 - **NOTE: This exception applies only to the first-year students. Absence caused by COVID is not counted into the completion time of the degree for the first-year students.**
 - **Students admitted to LUT in 2020 can also register as non-attendance. The study time does not decrease during periods of registered absence up to a maximum of two terms.**
 - No residence permit to be issued on the basis for studying in 2021-2022 if the process has not yet even been started yet.
- **No specific proof/documents required by LUT University for not having been able to start the application process for the residence permit**
- **You will not lose your scholarship for the first year as it will follow you to Fall 2022**
- **If postponing to Fall 2022:**
 - Contact LUT Student Services at opinto@lut.fi asap, but **by August 16, 2021** at the latest.
 - They will change the enrolment for you
 - Contact LUT Student Union at toimistosihiteeri@ltk.fi and request your Student Union payment to be refunded for 2021-2022

Exception:

- *Double Degree and Trilateral Degree students*
 - *Not possible to postpone for Fall 2022*

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TUITION FEE?

- **If planning on studying on-campus or online, the tuition fee (when applicable) must be fully paid**
 - Pay the tuition fee by the final DL mentioned in your certificate of admission.
 - Inform LUT Scholarships at scholarships@lut.fi about having paid your tuition fee.
 - NOTE: Studying and getting the LUT account is not possible without having paid the tuition fee in full.

COURSE ARRANGEMENTS / MOODLE

- **You will first get and activate your LUT account before the Orientation Days**
 - Further instructions at [LUT User Account for Students](#)
 - Entering LUT Moodle will be available after activating your credentials. Entrance to the courses is available after you have signed up for them in SISU and the teacher has made the course visible in the LUT Moodle.
- **To be able to activate your LUT account you must be enrolled as attending**
 - studying on-campus or online (if waiting for the residence permit)
 - if having enrolled as non-attending, you will not be able to get your LUT account
- The courses are listed at [Study Guide 2021-2022](#)
 - The online courses are the same as on-campus ones, except for the fact that the lectures are either live or recorded.

ORIENTATION DAYS

- **Sessions for the Orientation Days will be provided live, streamed and/or by video sessions.**
 - Follow the updates at [Uni – Orientation Days at LUT University](#)

ARRIVAL CHECK-IN AT LUT UNIVERSITY

- **When arriving for on-campus studies, please visit the Customer Service at LUT Student Services as soon as possible.**
 - Both on Lappeenranta and Lahti Campuses
 - Be sure to have your ID card or passport with you!

COVID-19: WHEN ENTERING FINLAND FROM ABROAD & PROTECTION

- **NOTE: We strongly recommend that you get vaccinated twice in your home country before arriving in Finland.**
- **If you are not fully vaccinated, we strongly recommend a 14-day self-quarantine and distance learning before arrival on campus.**
 - During the 14-day period, most of the tutoring services are not available due to avoiding physical contact.

Please keep on following the LUT page for Coronavirus info as well as the official and national instructions related to COVID-19 situation at

- *LUT Coronavirus Info:*
<https://www.lut.fi/web/en/coronavirus-guidelines-at-lut-university>
- *Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare:*
<https://thl.fi/en/web/infectious-diseases-and-vaccinations/what-s-new/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-updates>
- *Finnish Border Guard:*
<https://raja.fi/en/covid19-info>