

Instructions for starting on-campus studies/online studies or postponing studies

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

If having been issued a residence permit, you must arrive in Finland and start your on-campus studies on time. All students issued a residence permit may enter Finland for their studies.

If waiting for your residence permit to be issued, you must participate in orientation days online ([LUT Orientation 2021](#)) and start your online studies by September 6, 2021, while waiting.

- ➔ Inform LUT Student Services at [opinto@lut.fi](mailto:opinto@lut.fi) by August 16, 2021, if starting your studies first online and then on-campus + include the expected date for starting your on-campus studies.

When getting your residence permit, you must arrive in Finland and start your studies on-campus with no delay.

Arriving in Finland for on-campus studies is possible by October 22, 2021, if you have started your online studies by September 6, 2021. However, you should arrive on campus as soon as possible since not all the courses and exams are available online. The only accepted reason for late arrival is a delay in residence permit process.

- ➔ If you have started your online studies by September 6, 2021, but still waiting for your residence permit on October 22, 2021, or if it is already known, that you will not get residence permit by October 22, please contact LUT Student Services at [opinto@lut.fi](mailto:opinto@lut.fi) with no delay. They will tell you whether it is possible to continue online studies until getting your residence permit. Please note, no courses are planned to be offered online on spring semester, starting in January 2022.
- ➔ As soon as you know the exact date for your arrival, inform your arrival details to LUT Welcome Team at [arrival@lut.fi](mailto:arrival@lut.fi).

#### 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. No specific proof/documents required by LUT University for not having been able to start the application process for the residence permit.

An exception in the Finnish University Law is allowing the postponement due to pandemic situation having affected and delayed the application process for the residence permit for the academic year 2021-2022.

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 semesters.

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](mailto: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](mailto:toimistosihiteeri@ltk.fi) and request your Student Union payment to be refunded for 2021-2022

Exception:

For Double Degree and Trilateral Degree students it is not possible to postpone their studies for Fall 2022; If you are having a delay with your residence permit, please contact LUT Student Services at [opinto@lut.fi](mailto:opinto@lut.fi).

#### COVID-19: WHEN ENTERING FINLAND FROM ABROAD & PROTECTION

- 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 10-day self-quarantine and distance learning before arrival on campus. During the 10-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>