

About Centria University of Applied Sciences

Centria University of Applied Sciences is a multi-disciplinary, dynamic and international higher education institution. We pride ourselves with offering students and staff an environment that is innovative, caring and multicultural.

Centria International administers mobility programmes, supports internationalisation at home on our three campuses as well as supports the degree programmes in their international projects.

Centria has exchange agreements with over 100 partner institutions around the world. Every year we welcome about 100 exchange students to study for three months, a full semester or an entire academic year at one of our three campuses. Similarly, every year we send out over 100 students on study exchange or work placements to partners around the world.

Campuses and region

Centria University of Applied Sciences has operations in the three towns of Kokkola, Ylivieska and Pietarsaari. We have our campuses in these three towns but only in Kokkola we offer courses for the Exchange Students within the education in English.

Kokkola, a pleasant town of 47,000 inhabitants, has ample opportunities for leisure and outdoor activities all year round.The city's bilingualism provides a rich ingredient that has played its part in promoting the internationalisation of the city and its business life.

The most notable sectors are the chemical, metal and engineering, and boat industries, with information and communications technology the most recent addition.Kokkola is also an important centre of agricultural production. In terms of the number of dairy cattle and milk profits, this is the largest milk production area in the country.





Welcome to Centria International!

We offer 8 degrees entirely in English and we have student representing close to 50 nationalities in our campus.

We are the most international University of Applied Sciences in the whole Finland (considering the ratio between foreign and Finnish students in the institution). Also, according to the surveys carried out in the recent years, we are number 1 in Finland considering how happy students are on what institutions they have selected to study. A strong focus on entrepreneurship and excellent connections with the working-life, provide a good basis for combining theoretical knowledge with career skills in a meaningful way. Centria UAS is as an international university of applied sciences that encourages innovation and entrepreneurship.



Studying at Centria University of Applied Sciences

We want to guarantee that our students are enjoying their studies at Centria UAS and that the studying is as smooth as possibly ant the information is easily accessible. We have a very close-knit student community and we want to take care of our students and their study paths.

Centria UAS strives to support and guide students' learning and professional development with proactive, well-organized and versatile aims. The target is a student capable of self evaluating and managing their own learning processes, well-endowed for working life and planning their own working career.

Studying at Centria UAS is very versatile and lectures are organized both at classrooms and remotely. Centria offers several degree programmes in Finnish and English at our campuses in Kokkola, Pietarsaari and Ylivieska. Our teachers are always ready to chat and help, and we try to support our students in many other ways as well.

The Student Union COPSA supervises the students' rights and interests. They also organize events and other activities for students and coordinate the tutor activities at Centria UAS.



Bachelor of Engineering Environmental Chemistry and Technology

The degree programme in Environmental Chemistry and Technology provides the student with a wide knowledge in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. You will get a holistic view on life-cycle thinking and material flows in industrial planning and other fields of society.

In your studies you will learn how plants should be planned, automatized and run safely for the environment - minimize environmental impact and methods of cleaning exhaust gases and wastewater as how to plan clean water plants.



Living expenses

Living costs in Kokkola are cheaper than in the capital area. See the chart below to be able to get an idea about your monthly expences.

Accomodation: 230-280€/month Food: 200€/month Study materials: 0€/month Transportation fees : 0€/month Overall : 400€/month



Bachelor of Engineering Information Technology

The degree programme in Information Technology provides you with an extensive knowledge of software engineering and communications. You acquire the skills required in building new applications and systems that respond to customer needs. In addition to regular courses, we offer students real world projects where they can challenge themselves.

IT Engineering studies consist of basic studies and professional studies in software and communications fields. You need to both to both real-world problems with software and IT systems. The engineers' work is very practically oriented. All professional studies contain a lot of learning by doing.



Erasmus Program

Students from our Partner Universities are welcome to apply for an exchange semester or the whole academic year in Centria UAS.



How to apply

Once you have found a course you want to study the next step is to apply by following the IUT admission procedure for outgoing mobility.You can refer to your international department coordinator to determine the best option for your studies abroad.

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