

UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING TO LAB STUDIES IN 2020-2021

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

If not yet having enrolled:

- Not enrolling will automatically lead into losing your study place, contact studentservices@lab.fi

2. IF BEING A CITIZEN OF AN EU-/EEA COUNTRY

You must start your studies on-campus*

If not yet having enrolled:

- Not enrolling will automatically lead into losing your study place, contact studentservices@lab.fi

All the students having a study place in Finland may enter Finland

- If not able to enter Finland, you must provide LAB University of applied sciences with a proof that the cause for not being able to arrive is due to actions of the Finnish Government, contact studentservices@lab.fi

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 the residence permit may enter Finland for their studies

While waiting to arrive in Finland, you must start your online studies by September 14, 2020*

- Inform LAB Student Services at scholarship@lab.fi by September 14 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 may not be possible after September 14, 2020, if you have not already started your online studies by Sept 14. Contact scholarship@lab.fi.

As soon as you know the date for your arrival, inform your arrival details to LAB scholarship@lab.fi

- **If not yet having enrolled:**
 - Not enrolling will automatically lead into losing your study place
- **If having been issued a residence permit, you must also truly start your studies**
 - If not studying and completing the required number of ECTS credits within the first academic year, there will be severe trouble with the renewal of 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 offered online on Spring semester.

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

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

We strongly recommend you postpone your studies to Fall 2021

- New Finnish law for the academic year 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 situation having affected and delayed the application process for the residence permit
- No residence permit to be issued on the basis for studying in 2020-2021 if the process has not been even started yet.

No specific proof/documents required for not having been able to start the application process for the residence permit

If postponing to Fall 2021 and not yet having enrolled:

- Enroll at OILI as non-attending for 2020-2021 **by August 31, 2020**
 - Enrolling as non-attending for the whole academic year is a must

If postponing to Fall 2021 and already having enrolled as attending and not able to re-enroll now as non-attending at OILI:

- Contact LAB Scholarship scholarship@lab.fi asap, but **by September 14, 2020**

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 of **september 30, 2020**
- Inform LAB Scholarships at scholarship@lab.fi about having paid your tuition fee.
- NOTE: Studying and getting the LAB account is not possible without having paid the tuition fee in full.

LAB Account and ID-number for only those new students who have to start their studies Online

You will first get and activate your LAB account before the Orientation Days

- Contact us by email studenthelpdesk@lut.fi
- Entitle your message: New student
- Attach to message:
 - your name
 - email address,
 - mobilephone number

- campus (Lahti or Lappeenranta)
- name of your degree program
- We will contact you in 2-3 working days and give you more information.

The requirement for activating your LAB account is having been enrolled as attending

- studying on-campus or online (if waiting for the residence permit)
- if having enrolled as non-attending, you will not get your LAB account
- you have paid your tuition fee

NOTE: Entering Moodle at this point is still irrelevant, as it is basically, for any possible last minute changes etc. – it is not the place where information on whether the course will be provided online or not, as all courses will be provided online as well.

ORIENTATION DAYS

Sessions for the Orientation Days will be provided streamed and/or by video sessions.

ARRIVAL CHECK-IN AT LAB UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

When arriving for on-campus studies, please visit the Customer Service at LAB Student Services

- Both on Lappeenranta and Lahti Campuses
- Be sure to have your ID card or passport with you!
- NOTE: you may have to make appointment

COVID-19: WHEN ENTERING FINLAND FROM ABROAD & PROTECTION

NOTE: When entering Finland from abroad, you may not arrive on the campus within the first 14 days

- This applies to **all nationalities and all countries, Finnish citizens included.**
- During the 14-day period, most of the tutoring services are available online.

More information on COVID-19 – please follow the updates on the following official pages:

- Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare:
[Travel and the Coronavirus pandemic](#)
- Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare:
[Coronavirus – Transmission and Protection](#)
- Finnish Border Guard:
[Guidelines for Border Traffic During Pandemic - Aug 10, 2020](#)
- Finnish Border Guard:
[Q & A About the Effects of COVID-19 on Border Traffic](#)
- THL: [Koronavirus - Tarttuminen ja suojaaminen](#)