Being International Tutor

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International Tutoring in a Nutshell

- Supports the student before they arrive in Finland and is available during orientation
- Assists in arrival practicalities: accommodation, enrolment, bank stuff, getting to know the campus and the city, fetching Starting Kits
- Brings the student along to different student events: keep them informed!
- Gives advice where to find help & information
What an international tutor is not?

- A personal assistant
  → support, don't do everything yourself
- Student counselor
  → The staff of the university and the faculties should be there to help with study planning
- A travel guide or an encyclopedia
  → you don't have to know everything!
- An inn keeper or a party host
Tamy membership

• Tamy membership became voluntary for exchange students in the autumn 2016
• The membership is nevertheless highly recommendable for exchange students, too
• Tamy membership makes life easier for tutees and tutors: FSHS (YTHS), student discounts, student card, Tamy services
• Ensure that your tutee knows about this!
• The fee (€116 for the whole year, €58 for one term) needs to be paid by 30 Sept in the autumn term or 31 Jan in the spring term
Membership benefits

- FSHS health care services
- VR and Matkahuolto discounts
- Discounts in shops, bars, restaurants, cinemas
- Blue student card is:
  - a library card
  - an access card to computer rooms
  - An access card to Unipoli Sport facilities
  - serves as a pre-paid card at Juvenes
- Tamy services:
  - Starting Kit
  - Legal counselling
  - Counselling in student-related matters
  - Van on hire
  - Board and outdoor games, winter sports equipment, tools, activities...
Finances and costs

- Remind the student Finland is relatively expensive.
- Part-time temporary work is hard to come by without knowledge of Finnish.
- The university restaurants offer affordable meals.
- Tell your tutee about flea markets, recycling centres, Recycling Room, cheap grocery shops and second-hand bicycles, Tamy’s Starting Kit
Activities

- Cooperation with Finnish tutor groups and becoming familiar with subject association activities.

- Activities in English → IS-list, the associations' own lists and websites, Tamy’s event calendar & Facebook page, Tamy’s International Students’ FB group

- ESN organizes a lot of activities and events, ranging from language groups to trips and from sauna parties to sports events. + TIPSY, too 😊

- Tamy’s events

- Information available at www.tamy.fi/en
Events to remember!

• The Orientation Course 21 - 26 Aug 2017.
  • Reserved for registering, etc. Take these dates into consideration when planning activities with your tutee!
  • N.B! Students who arrive after the Orientation Week need more support from their tutors. Remind them to read the instructions carefully already before arrival!

• Tamy & University Opening Party 5 September 🎉
• Tamy’s Downtown Orienteering 13 September
• Tamy’s Organization’s Week and Aatemarkkinat Idea Fair (week 39)
• Environmental & Development Cooperation Days 11 – 12 October
To support an international tutor

- A tutor's own subject association and its international tutoring organizer → informs, recruits, assigns groups, organizes activities
- Faculties' int. coordinators offer support → give advice on course choices and study practices
- Tamy distributes information, gives guidance and counselling
- The University's International Office guides and counsels → information on all the international students, information packages for the arrivals, reports & compensations, certificates
Remember:

1. **TOAS & flat key**
2. **Registration & info package** from the International Office situated in the Main Building lobby in room A129
3. **Paying the rent & Tamy's membership fee**
   Remember the receipt! MUST be paid either in a bank or from a SEPA area country bank account.
4. **Registering with the University.** After registering successfully you will receive your Student Certificate and your Basic User Account. The student card is nowadays ordered online after registration and paying the Tamy fee.
5. **Activating the Basic User Account** according to the instructions given at the Registrar's Office.
6. **Enrolling on courses in NettiOpsu.** The enrolling period is early especially for the Language Centre’s Finnish courses.
7. **Acquiring a travel card from Nysse’s office**
8. **Collecting the Starting Kit** from Tamy (for members only)
9. **Acquiring a (mobile phone) subscription and/or a mobile phone.**
10. **Joining the IS e-mail list and Facebook groups.**
11. **Collecting the student card from the Tamy office** roughly two weeks after enrolment.
12. **Registering one’s right of residence at Migri within three months of arrival** (students from EU and EEA countries) or at the local register office, maistraatti (Nordic countries).
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- Remember to subscribe to the international tutors’ email list: kv-tutorit@uta.fi!