



Summer Abroad 2016 at Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland (Free Housing!)

Factsheet

Overview

Lappeenranta University of Technology (LUT) located in Lappeenranta, Finland, has been a partner university of Saint Mary's University since 2005. LUT invites Saint Mary's students to join the LUT Summer School and gain an in-depth understanding of contemporary, relevant topics in business and technology while experiencing the beauty of Finland in the summer!

The program is for **graduate students** as well as **for undergraduate students in their final year** of the Bachelor Program in the disciplines of **technology** or **business**. All courses are taught in English. In the past, several of our MBA students took part in the program and gave very positive feedback about the quality of the program, the city of Lappeenranta, and extra-curricular activities (e.g., company visits, an optional trip to St Petersburg, Russia, and more). You can find past participants' testimonials from previous years at: <http://www.lut.fi/web/en/admissions/lut-summer-school/testimonials>.

During the summer school, students will also have an opportunity to get to know Finnish culture, as well as to get acquainted with other cultures represented in the summer school, through different cultural and social events. In addition to academic learning and social activities, they also want to offer students aspects of business in Finland, so will arrange company visits and invite company representatives to LUT to give presentations.

Host University: Lappeenranta University of Technology,
Lappeenranta, Finland

Program name: LUT Summer School

Program dates: The overall length of the program is 18 July - 12 August 2016.

According to the [Times Higher Education 100 Under 50 ranking](#), LUT is the 31st best young university in the world. The ranking lists the top 100 universities that are under 50 years old. This makes LUT the best young university in Finland and the Nordic countries!

Program website: <http://www.lut.fi/web/en/admissions/lut-summer-school>

Subject Areas

The LUT Summer School is a four-week academic event offering intensive Master's-level courses (which are also open to senior-level undergrad students) in the field of technology and business.

You can take a single module or combine modules, provided that the schedules do not overlap and the prerequisites for attendance are met. You can also combine modules in a way that they can stay up to four weeks. Courses will be lectured by professors from LUT and guest lecturers from US, Europe and Russia.

Courses offered:

- Creativity and Entrepreneurship in New Product Development from the Silicon Valley's Perspectives
- International Marketing of High Technology Products and Innovations
- International Human Resource Management
- Doing Business in/with China
- Doing Business in Russia
- Systematic Creativity - TRIZ Basics
- Inventive Product Design and Advanced TRIZ
- Additive Manufacturing - 3D Printing
- Advanced Course in Strategic Management
- Material Selection and Manufacturability Aspects of Energy Technology Applications
- Gadget Code Camp
- Game Design - from Concepts to Implementation
- Simulation Modelling in Industrial Management
- Solar Economy and Smart Grids
- Sustainable Systems Engineering
- Computational Engineering and Technical Physics

<http://www.lut.fi/web/en/admissions/lut-summer-school/academic-guidelines/courses>

<http://www.lut.fi/documents/27578/148066/lut-summer-school-programme.pdf>

Pre-requisite

Please check the pre-requisite for each course in the course descriptions found on the website.

Credit value: Credit values vary. Please refer to the course descriptions found on the website. For conversion purposes, 1 ECTS credit is roughly equal to 0.5 US credits (SMU credit hours).

How To Receive Transfer Credits

1. Complete "[Letter of Permission](#)" request form.
2. Attach detailed course descriptions or course outlines of the courses you want to take.
3. Take form to your [Faculty Advising Office](#) for authorization.
4. Return signed and completed form to the Service Centre, McNally Main 108 to be added to the system
5. Submit processed form to the International Activities Office, The Oaks Building

Language of instruction: English

Target group

Students in their final year of Bachelor's studies or Master's students in the fields of technology and business. Both full-time and part-time students are eligible. Eligible applicants should be in good academic standing and also be able to use transfer credits to fulfill their academic program requirements.

Tuition and fees

Undergraduate students pay the SMU rates of tuition to SMU based on the number of transfer credits that will be accepted by their SMU degree program. Graduate students' tuition amount will depend on whether your current SMU tuition is assessed on a per-course fee basis or on a program fee basis.

In order to encourage SMU students to participate in the program, **Lappeenranta University of Technology offers FREE accommodation for SMU students (valued at 400-500EUR), all learning materials, 1 lunch/day and all social events.** Fee for the weekend trip to St. Petersburg is extra, and students who sign up will pay approx. 430 EUR.

Students will also cover their own airfare, insurance, meals not covered by the program, passport/visa application fees, \$100 Study Abroad Admin Fee and personal expenses.

Housing

All international LUT Summer School students will be provided a furnished single room in shared apartments (2-3 rooms per apartment, shared bathroom/shower and kitchen) in the Lappeenranta Student Housing Foundation LOAS. <http://www.lut.fi/web/en/admissions/lut-summer-school/practical-information>

Available number of places

Up to three (3) Saint Mary's students will be invited to take part in the LUT Summer School 2016.

Visa

Canadian citizens do not require a visa for visits to Finland, provided that their stay does not exceed 90 days within the period of 6 months. Students requiring a visa should apply for a tourist visa by contacting the nearest Embassy of Finland or consulate <http://finland.ca/public/default.aspx?nodeid=36023>. For the visa application, the student has to provide a formal Certificate of Admission. As the Certificate of Admission is only issued on receipt of full payment, we recommend that you apply early and pay in full as soon as possible, as the visa application process may take a few weeks.

Note! Students participating to the trip to St. Petersburg have to apply for double-entry visa to Finland, since they will be entering Finland twice during the LUT Summer School - first entry when arriving to the summer school, second entry when returning from St. Petersburg.

Insurance

It is mandatory that you arrange for adequate travel insurance coverage. It would be best if your insurance covers not only medical emergencies but also trip cancellation & interruption. If you are covered by SMUSA's plan, please refer to the following website https://www.studentvip.ca/smusa/health_and_dental/travel/ and direct your inquiries to the SMUSA Health Plan Office at healthplan.smusa@smu.ca. If not through SMUSA, you can purchase a

comprehensive plan with your airline tickets, or you may be covered by your family's plan. No matter which insurance company will provide your coverage, it is your responsibility to ensure that your insurance is adequate for your needs, purpose and destination. Contact your insurance provider and inform your travel plan as well as discuss any concerns or pre-existing conditions. Please note that your provincial health insurance program, such as MSI for Nova Scotia residents, is not adequate for international travel. For more general information and tips, go to:
<http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/documents/travel-insurance>.

Passport

If you do not have a passport, or if your current passport is expiring before January 2017, you should apply for a passport. You may wait until your participation is confirmed before you apply for a passport, but in the meantime, you should make yourself familiar with the passport application process and guidelines. For Canadian citizens, the information is found at <http://www.passport.gc.ca/>.

Non-Canadian students

If you are a Permanent Resident of Canada, please ensure that your Permanent Resident Card remains valid for you to re-enter Canada after the program. If you study in Canada on a Study Permit, please ensure that your Study Permit as well as your entry visa to Canada remains valid for you to re-enter Canada after the program.

Also, please note that "Study and work permit holders from [visa-exempt countries](#) who received their permit on or before July 31, 2015 will have to [get an eTA](#) as of March 15, 2016 to return to Canada. Applicants who get their study or work permit on or after August 1, 2015 will automatically be issued an eTA along with their permit." (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp>, Immigration and Citizenship Canada)

Application Information

Are you interested in this opportunity? Interested students should submit the following documents by e-mail (with attachments), mail, fax or in person **by 4pm on Thursday, March 31, to the International Activities Office** (The Oaks Building <http://www.smu.ca/documents/campus-map.pdf> far right, marked "O"):

- Completed Summer Abroad 2016 Application Form (attached at the end of this document)
- Letter of Intent (one-page, single-spaced, typed), addressed to the Project Manager-International Mobility at the International Activities Office, outlining:
 - reasons for wanting to study in Finland
 - how the courses taken at LUT will contribute towards the successful completion of your degree program
 - how you hope this study abroad opportunity will impact your plans for future career and personal goals
 - what it means to be an ambassador of Saint Mary's University
 - your commitment to the promotion of international learning programs upon return
- Printout of grades from the Banner Self Service
- A current resume

For questions and information, please contact:

Ms Miyuki Arai

Project Manager-International Mobility International Activities Office (The Oaks)

(Campus map: <http://www.smu.ca/documents/campus-map.pdf> far right, marked "O")

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

T. 902 496 8725 F. 902 420 5530

E. mobility.international@smu.ca



Application Form for Summer Abroad 2016

The personal information provided in this form will be used for administration of the study abroad program only and will not be released except with your consent.

Program Location

Lappeenranta University of Technology, Lappeenranta, Finland (July 18-August 12)

Personal Details

Surname Given Name Preferred Name

Male Female **Student ID:** _____

Citizenship: Canadian Citizen Permanent resident
Other Citizenship (on Student Permit)

Contact Information (to be used for program correspondence)

Address (Street number & name)

City/Town Province Postal Code

Telephone E-mail address

Permanent address (if different from above)

Address (Street no. & name, city/town, province, postal code) Telephone

Academic Information

Faculty: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

Year of study: ____ (i.e. 2nd) # of credits completed to date: _____

Other Information

Do you have any special needs, i.e. disability, medical condition, dietary concerns? Please explain briefly below or e-mail mobility.international@smu.ca to discuss your concerns and accommodation requests further.

Do you currently hold a passport that is valid through to January 2017 or later?

Yes: ___ No: ___

If you are not a Canadian citizen, what is the expiry date of your Canadian immigration documents (e.g. PR Card, Study Permit, etc.)? _____

References

Please list contact information for two references. One of them must be your Saint Mary's course instructor. (Note: Before you submit your application, please inform your referees that 1) they are being listed on your Summer Program application and 2) they may be contacted by the Saint Mary's University International Activities Office.) Written letters are not required for this application.

1. Name and department: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

2. Name and department/organization: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Application Checklist

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Declaration

- I declare that the foregoing information is to my knowledge true, complete and accurate.
- I understand that the submission of false information may be subject to proceedings under the Discipline System for students and may result in the disqualification of my application.
- I authorize the release by Saint Mary's University of information to the host institution for purposes of program administration.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit all required application materials by e-mail (with attachments), mail, fax or in person by **4pm, Thursday, March 31, 2016** to:

Miyuki Arai (Ms)

Project Manager-International Mobility

International Activities, Saint Mary's University

T: 902 496-8725 F: 902 420-5530 E: mobility.international@smu.ca

Office: The Oaks Building (Gorsebrook Ave), Room 104 (Reception, 8:30-4:30, Mon-Fri)

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