SAVONIA



YOUR GUIDE TO SAVONIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Practical tips for a smooth visit

Address Microkatu 1
FI-70201 KUOPIO

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ARRIVAL

PLANE: Finnair https://www.finnair.com/fi-en
TRAIN: VR https://www.vr.fi/en
BUS: Matkahuolto https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en

ARRIVING BY PLANE

You can book a flight on Finnair. The Kuopio airport is located 20 km from the city centre. If you are arriving to Kuopio by plane, we recommend that you arrange the taxi by phone or app before you get on the plane in Helsinki as there are no taxis waiting at the Kuopio airport. See page 2 for taxi information.

Mon – Fri (from approx. 06:00 to 19:00) local bus number 40 operates between the airport (lentoasema) and the city centre. You can find the appropriate route and buy tickets on the Waltti app or check the journey planner here.

ARRIVING BY TRAIN

To book a train from Helsinki airport to Kuopio:

1. Go to vr.fi/en choose departure from “Helsinki airport” not just “Helsinki”, to have the commuter train ticket included in the price. You may also buy the ticket using the machine at the airport platform
2. If you checked a bag, follow the signs to baggage claim and find a screen that shows which “belt” to pick up the baggage from. Then follow the sign to exit, then to the railway station. More info here https://liveandletsfly.com/helsinki-airport-train-guide/
3. Check the screens to ensure you get on the train that takes you to “Tikkurila/Dickursby” station. This train leaves every few minutes
4. On the train, sit facing a screen to ensure you get off at Tikkurila
5. At Tikkurila take the escalator up to and check the screens for your train platform number, each escalator has the number of the track on top
6. try to be there on time because the train is (mostly) punctual

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ARRIVING BY BUS

You can check the inter-city bus connections and tickets here, or on the Matkahuolto app

IN KUOPIO

HOTELS

Lapland Hotels (next to the train station)
Hotel Scandic Atlas (next to the market square)
Original Sokos Hotel Puijonsarvi
Hotel Scandic Kuopio (close to the harbour)
Forenom Aparthotel Apartments
Hostel Matkustajakoti
Hotel Savonia (20 min walk from campus, no direct bus connection to campus)

For maps, see this page: https://internationalweek.savonia.fi/practical-information/

TAXIS

Menevä Taxi: + 358 (0)800 02120 or via Menevä app
Kuopion Taksi1: + 358 200 111 01 or via Taksi1 app
VieVie: + 358 2000 3000 or via TaksinAppi app
You can pre-order a taxi free of charge. The taxi in Kuopio costs approx. €1,65/km + basic fee €6-9. Kuopio doesn't have metros, local trains, or Uber so you need to use a bus or regular taxi. When ordering through taxi apps you may get a price estimate.

GETTING TO CAMPUS

We recommend walking while you are here, the views are beautiful year round. The distance between the city centre and Microkatu campus is about 3km. Be careful if it is slippery/icy. Savonia Microkatu campus is also easily reachable by local bus. You may find the appropriate route and buy tickets on the Waltti app or check the journey planner here. Local buses from city centre to the Savonia Microkatu campus:

- From stops "**Keskusta 1**" or "**Keskusta 2**"
- To bus stops "**Savilahti E**" or "**Microkatu**"

The bus stop back to the city centre, **Savilahti P**, is on the opposite side of the road, by the Prisma shopping centre parking.

On the bus you can pay by using contactless payment, Google Pay, Apple Pay, or the Waltti app. The ride costs less when paid with contactless payment or the apps, than with cash. Please note that a ticket is valid for 1 hour and can be reused within that time.

ON CAMPUS

LUNCH

There are three options on campus:
Restaurant Origo offers a delicious meal with a main, side, assortment of salads, coffee/tea, and a small dessert for €13.60. You can check the menu and latest prices here.

Student restaurant **Antell Round** is usually quite busy, but offers tasty meals as well, see the menu and prices here.

At **Cafe Savotta,** in campus heart, you may opt for an assortment of sandwiches or salads for about €3- €6.

You can also go to Prisma Supermarket across the road for other options.

WIFI

Wifi on campus: Savonia-guest

SMOKING

Savonia is a non-smoking campus

MICROKATU 3D CAMPUS MAP

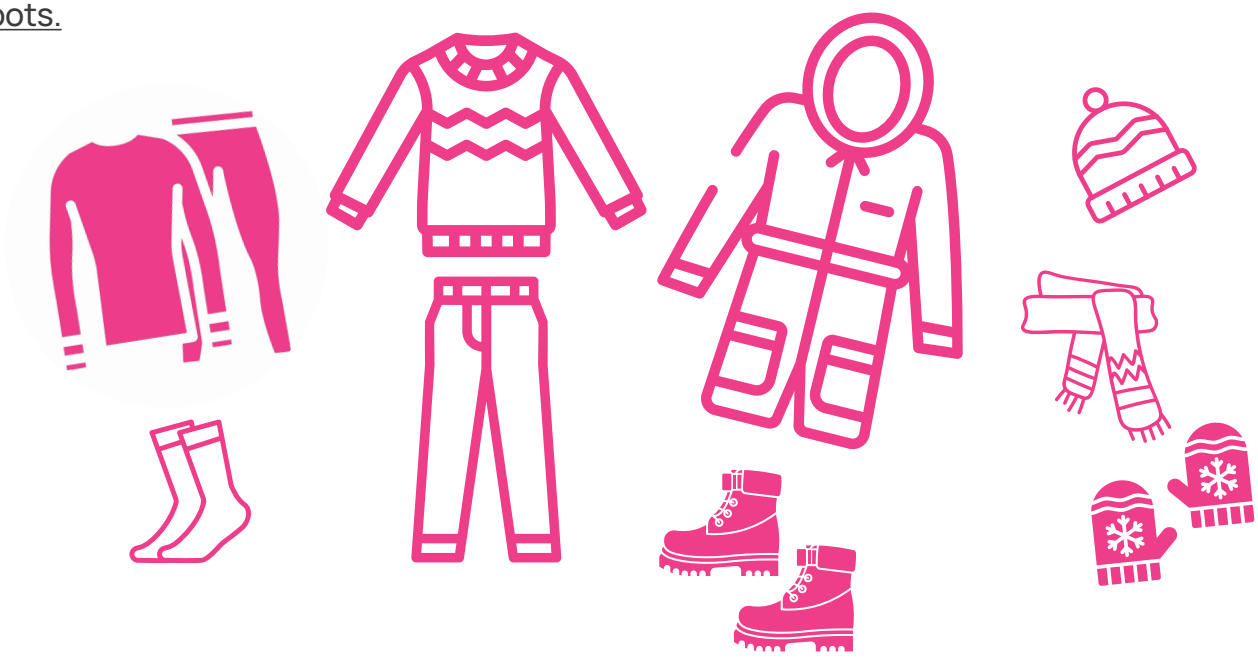
FINNISHNESS

FINNISH WEATHER

Finland is known for it's beautiful seasons. **Spring** starting off with snow and sun, sunglasses are a must to avoid the glare. Followed by blooming flowers and budding greens, just beware the rise of the mosquitos and also bring a rain jacket along.

Warm **summer** swims in the lake, a unique trip on a sauna boat, endless summer activities with long days reaching nearly 24 hours of sun. Breathtaking **autumn** "ruska", with the leaves coming alive with rich colours of red, yellow, and orange, walks in the forest taking in the beauty and the peacefulness, while being properly prepared with a waterproof jacket and shoes.

As for what Finland is most known for, our **winters** of snowy wonderlands, to enjoy the outdoors we recommend layering up. Thermal base layers under your clothes, a warm winter coat, hat, scarf, mittens (gloves might not be enough), wool socks, and non-slip waterproof boots.



Tips!

It is often **icy and slippery** in winter, but add-on shoe grips can be found in many stores. Walk carefully.



If you might visit the sauna or go swimming, pack your swimsuit, towel, and slippers (towels can be borrowed from your hotel, remember to take them back).

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Learn everything about Kuopio
https://www.kuopio.fi/en/city-of-kuopio/

Wondering where or what to eat?
https://www.hellokuopio.fi/en/eat-drink/

Where to go? what to do?
https://www.kuopio.fi/en/leisure-and-well-being/events/the-event-calendars-of-kuopio/

SHOPPING

Taitoshop, address: Haapaniemenkatu 28
Finnish crafts

Vaahteranmäen Mumma ja Pappa
Address: Shopping center Apaja, under the market place (under the street level)
Handmade crafts of local wood

Sokos, address: Haapaniemenkatu 22-24
Department store

Carlson, address: Kauppakatu 36
Department store

MORE INFORMATION

More practical information can be found at
https://internationalweek.savonia.fi/practical-information/

Emergency number: 112