Safety and security during exchange studies

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The main aim for this presentation is to give information and raise your awareness, not to frighten...

...however, we all know that we are not living in a perfect world, so bad things can happen

Four M's (in Finnish) and T's (in English)

Matkustustiedote Matkustusilmoitus Matkavakuutus Matkustusasiakirjat Travel documents

Travel notice Travel announcement Travel insurance

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Matkustustiedote, Travel notice

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Afganistan: matkustustiedote

Poistu välittömästi maasta

1.9.2021

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Alankomaat: matkustustiedote

Noudata erityistä varovaisuutta

25.2.2022

Albania: matkustustiedote

UM:n matkustustiedotteet

Matkustustiedotteet sisältävät pitkän aikavälin tietoa maan tai alueen yleisestä turvallisuustilanteesta. Tieto on tarkoitettu matkustajan oman päätöksenteon tueksi.

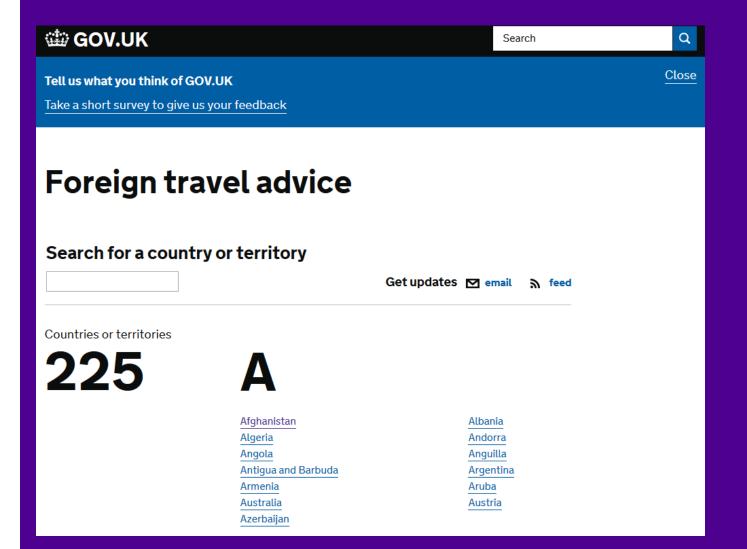
Tiedotteita julkaistaan niistä maista, joissa Suomella on edustusto tai joista edustustot muuten pystyvät hankkimaan luotettavaa tietoa:

Suomen ulkomaanedustustot >

Matkustustiedotteet ja niiden tilaaminen >



Travel Advice in English



https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice



13.4.2022

Belgia: matkustustiedote

Turvallisuustaso

Noudata erityistä varovaisuutta

Muut turvallisuustason tiedot

Belgia on turvallinen matkailumaa. Terrori-iskujen mahdollisuutta ei voida sulkea pois muiden Euroopan maiden tavoin. Koronarajoitukset ovat voimassa.

Rikollisuus

Belgia on Euroopan väkirikasta risteysaluetta ja rikostilastovertailussa Belgia sijoittuu Euroopan kärkisijoille. Katurikollisuutta esiintyy erityisesti suurempien kaupunkien keskustassa kuten myös Brysselin EU instituutioiden lähellä. Tasku- ja laukkuvarkaudet ovat yleisiä varsinkin julkisissa kulkuneuvoissa, museoissa ja kirkoissa. Matkailijoihin on kohdistunut myös lieviä pahoinpitelyjä ryöstötilanteessa. Öiseen aikaan ja humalassa liikkumista kaupungilla kannattaa välttää.

Automurrot ovat yleisiä Belgiassa. Pysäköityyn autoon ei kannata jättää arvotavaroita näkyviin. Ajaessa auton ovet kannattaa pitää lukittuna. Liikennevaloissa varkaat saattavat pysähtyä auton rinnalle ja varastaa käden ulottuvilla olevat tavarat, jopa rikkomalla ikkunan.

Belgian poliisin verkkosivu https://www.police.be/en 🗷 .

An example

Foreign travel advice

Belgium

Summary Entry requirements

Safety and security Health

<u>Terrorism</u> <u>Money</u>

Local laws and customs Travel advice help and support

Theft and pick pocketing is a problem in crowded areas. Take care of your belongings and passports at all train stations in Brussels. See <u>Crime</u>

Terrorists are very likely to try to carry out attacks in Belgium. Attacks could happen anywhere, including on public transport and transport hubs and in other places visited by foreigners. See Terrorism

Matkustusilmoitus, Registration of Finns Abroad

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https://um.fi/matkustusilmoitus

https://um.fi/registration-of-finns-abroad

Registration of Finns abroad

We urge Finnish citizens travelling abroad and especially those travelling or moving to risk-prone regions to register with us at the matkustusilmoitus.fi service.

A travel registration means that you give

- · your personal data
- valid contact details during your journey
- · your itinerary

to the Ministry to be used in case of an emergency or crisis situation.

It is important to do this, so that yo can be contacted by Finn authorities in case of emergency

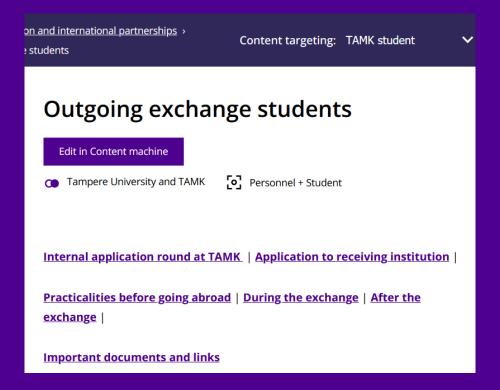
Online 🗸

As a text message (SMS message) > Registration of personal data and their handling in crisis situations > Signing up for the service is voluntary > Consular Services Act: Maintenance of a register and its use >

Matkavakuutus, Travel insurance



TAMK's instructions / insurance



Remember the insurance whenever you travel, not only now when TAMK demands it!

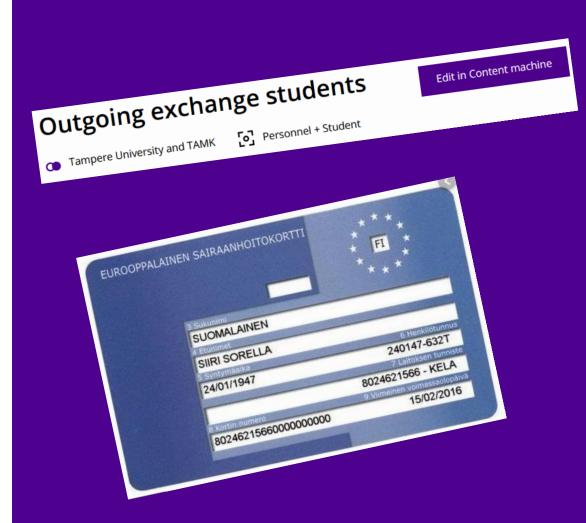
Insurances

All students going abroad for student exchange must have a broad insurance cover. Here you can see which insurances are required and whose responsibility they are:

	Student exchange / Opiskelijavaihto
Personal accident insurance (tapaturma, ryhmä)	TAMK (world wide)
Business liability insurance (vastuuvakuutus)	TAMK (not USA and Canada)
Travel insurance for free time, including medical costs, repatriation (matkavakuutus)	Student

All students must acquire a travel and health care insurance for free-time activities, this is also one condition of the grant. The grant will not be paid unless you fill in the insurance number to the grant agreement.

TAMK's instructions / EHI Card



For studying in the EU/EEA or Switzerland you need:

- •Travel and health care insurance for free-time activities (including medical costs and repatriation)
- •European Health Insurance Card which completes but does not replace the travel and health care insurance. The European Health Insurance Card is available to everyone covered under the Finnish health insurance system.

For studying outside the EU you need:

•Travel and health care insurance for free-time activities (including medical costs and repatriation)

Matkustusasiakirjat, Travel documents

Finnish citizens' passport and other travel documents

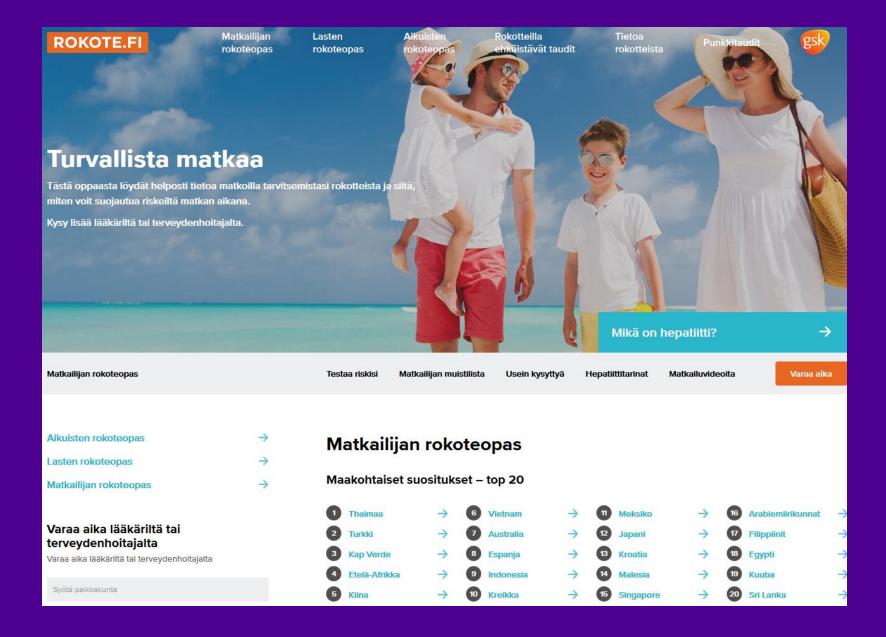
Passports and identity cards are travel documents. In Finland they are applied from the Police. A driving licence is not a travel document or an official identity card. When you need a passport abroad, you must apply for it in the Finnish mission in the country where you are staying. Finnish missions may issue also identity cards as of 1 January 2017.



Passport / ID Card Visa **Insurance Card EHI Card Tickets** Hotel bookings etc. etc.

NB! Driving Licence is not accepted as an official ID, not even in the Nordic countries

Vaccinations - make sure, that you take / have all necessary or compulsory vaccinations and do it in time before your travel



Use TAMK's Check Lists

TAMK OUTGOING STUDY EXCHANGE CHECKLIST

- 1. Attending the application info sessions
- 2. Applying for the exchange in SoleMOVE
- Confirming the exchange destination (binding!)
- 4. Applying to the receiving university according to the instructions
- 5. After the acceptance, filling in the Learning Agreement together with the International Coordinator
- 6. Completing the "Before the Take-off" section of the "Intercultural Experiences and Competences" course
- 7. Taking care of the necessary preparations
 - a. Submitting possible additional documents to the Outgoing Office
 - b. Sending a copy of the Letter of Acceptance to the Outgoing Office
 - c. Filling in the Grant Agreement and sending it to the Outgoing Office
 - d. Notifying KELA about the upcoming change in your housing circumstances
 - e. Completing the OLS language test (Erasmus+ students)
 - f. Practical arrangements (flights, insurances, vaccinations, etc.)

- 1. Attending the orientation at the receiving university and retrieving the Certificate of Arrival
- 2. Completing the "During the Exchange" section of the "Intercultural Experiences and Competences" course
- 3. If necessary, contacting the International Coordinator about changes in the Learning Agreement
- 4. If necessary, contacting the Outgoing Office in problem situations and if the duration of the exchange changes
- 5. If necessary, contacting the TAMK Financial Aid Committee regarding a lower number of credits than anticipated
- 6. When returning home, retrieving the Certificate of Departure and filling in the related forms
- 7. Practical arrangements (mailing address for the Transcript of Records, rent deposit, discontinuing existing contracts, etc.)

- 1. Filling in "After Exchange" section in SoleMOVE (Certificate of Arrival & Departure and Transcript of Records)
- 2. Completing the second part of the OLS language test and the EU Survey (Erasmus+ students)
- 3. Applying for the accreditation of completed studies through the International Coordinator
- 4. Completing the "After the Return" section of the "Intercultural Experiences and Competences" course
- 5. Attending the possible Welcome Back event

CHECKLIST

Safety in Student Exchange

- I have familiarized myself with the culture, local customs and legislation of the host country and I am aware of the current safety situation.
- ☐ My travel insurance is valid through the entire exchange period abroad and it includes health care costs and repatriation.
- My travel documents are in order. I have checked that my passport is valid (in most cases also 6 months after the trip) and I am also aware if I need a visa / residence permit for my stay in the host country. I have scanned a copy of my passport and other travel documents to my personal e-mail account and printed a copy to take with me as well.
- ☐ I know which **vaccinations** are required to the host country and I am aware of other possible health demands. In case of any long-term diseases, I have renewed the prescriptions and made sure that I have enough medication for the entire stay in the host country.
- I have an ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact person saved on my phone.
- If I travel outside the host country, I notify my friends and family about my travel plans.
- ☐ I know the contact information of local authorities (police, hospital, embassy etc.) so that I can call for help if something unexpected happens.

Good to remember:

- ☐ I will contact TAMK Exchange Student Services (outgoing.tamk@tuni.fi) if I encounter problems or I have to return to Finland sooner than originally planned.
- If there is a sudden crisis, you need to follow the instructions given by the local authorities.
- You should contact your home country's embassy if you have questions or concerns
- Travel smart and safe! You are responsible for yourself and your belongings.

Emergency number in Europe is

112

Learn what it is where you stay!

Pay attention or check an exit in: Hotel Hostel **Dormitory** Auditoriums **Classrooms** Airplane, train, bus.... Wherever you stay or live so that you know the way out in an emergency

Some pieces of advise:

- Take a picture of or scan all your important documents and send them to your email
 - Some surviving people had only their swimming suit on or what was left, when the tsunami hit them in Thailand on the Boxing Day of 2004
- In any case, do not keep all those documents and your credit card / cash in one place

- Find out in advance the contact information of the Finnish Embassy or Consulate in your destination country (or the nearest if there isn't one in it).
 - Remember that they can offer help in case of trouble, but they don't eg. pay your trip back to Finland. That's one reason why you need an insurance.

- You know the conduct norms of Finland (or your home country) but not necessarily of your destination country.
 - ask from the natives and learn from them
 - areas where it's safe to go and where not

- It's a different thing to live abroad than visit there as a tourist. As an inhabitant you need to take care a lot of things that a tourist doesn't.

You may face things that you have not even thought about before – like racism!

It's you who are a foreigner!

If something unexpected happens remember to inform your:

- Int'l Services of your destination university
- TAMK Int'l Services

In the end it's the attitude that counts!

Case TAMK student in













Long story in short. A TAMK student who lost all her money, passport, bank card etc. when they were stolen from her temporarily accommodation in a hostel in Glasgow, UK.

She loaned some money from GSA Int'l Office, to come to Finland to sort things out and went back because...

"... otherwise than that everything is so damn well and fine here!"

Have a safe and secure exchange period!

Not to forget keeping the safe distance, wearing a face mask, remembering hand and coughing hygiene and all other possible necessities concerning Coronavirus matters!

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