



The Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland (www.isyy.fi) is an independent organisation, although closely linked with the University. The purpose of the Student Union (ISYY) is to look after the rights and interests of both Finnish and international students at the University. Student unions around Finland are working towards making the daily life of students better and negotiating better rights and benefits for all students. In addition, the Student Union (ISYY) arranges a variety of social activities and events on the campus and provides students with affordable sports services (Sykettä).

Street address of the Student Union (ISYY) Office, Joensuu Campus:

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Yliopistokatu 7
80100 Joensuu

Contact numbers:

+358 50 346 9159 or +358 50 341 6346

Opening hours:

Monday 10-15
Tuesday 10-15
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 10-15
Friday 10-13

Membership Fee and Student Card

The Student Union provides various services for the UEF students. Under the Student Union Act, all undergraduate **degree students** (completing Bachelor's or Master's degree at the UEF) are required to join the Student Union. **Exchange students** studying at the University of Eastern Finland are welcome to join the Student Union, but are not obliged to do so.

You can join the Student Union (ISYY) by paying the membership fee, which is 126e/full academic year 2018-2019 (If you are a first year master's degree students you are obliged to pay the Student Union membership fee for the whole academic year), and 65e/one semester (autumn 2018 or spring 2019).

10 good reasons to join the Student Union (ISYY):

1. Student Health Service (FSHS - general, mental and oral health care services)
2. Student discounts (discounts on long distance transportation, discounts at a number of shops, restaurants, etc., student priced meals at the University restaurants)
3. Excellent array of sports services and fitness classes (Sykettä Sports Programme)
4. Opportunity to hire survival packages, skates, skis, frisbees and other sports equipment
5. ESN activities (trips, parties, cultural events etc.)
6. Student Union events (Sports Afternoon, May Day celebration, City Orienteering etc.)
7. Leisure activities (Student Union clubs and sections)
8. Information and advice services in English at the Student Union office
9. Your interest representative (solving problems related to educational and social affairs)
10. An efficient way to get involved in Finnish student life

More information about the Student Union (ISYY) and its services can be found at www.isyy.fi/en/

How to join the Student Union (ISYY):

STEP 1: Pay your membership fee

The Student Union membership fee is **126€** for the whole Academic year (First year master's degree students are obliged to pay the Student Union membership fee for the whole academic year),
65 € for one semester (Autumn 2018/Spring 2019)
Please pay the exact amount (note possible transaction fees)

The account details for the Student Union are as follows:

Recipient: Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland (ISYY)

Recipient's address: Yliopistokatu 7, FI-80100 Joensuu, Finland

Bank name: Osuuspankki/OP Bank//Pohjola Bank Plc

Bank address: Koskikatu 9, FI-80100 Joensuu, Finland

Account number (IBAN): FI37 5770 0520 2461 63

Banking Code (BIC/SWIFT): OKOYFIHH

Reference number: 50005 (Please use this reference number when you pay)

STEP 2: Register your membership

Once you have paid, register your membership by bringing the payment receipt to the **UEF Student and Learning Services**, Aurora Building, entrance A. (If you are a Master's degree student and have registered online you do not have to show the receipt at UEF Student and Learning Services.)

STEP 3: Order your student card online at frank.fi

Order your student card online from **Frank** at: <https://frank.fi/en>. We recommend you order **the plain plastic blue student card** (without payment facility). However, if you have a Finnish Personal Identity Code(= henkilötunnus, made up of your date of birth and a mixture of letters and numbers and given to you by the Finnish authorities, DDMMYY-XXXX) you may order the student card with the MasterCard payment facility. Also, **if you have a Finnish Personal Identity Code (FPIC) and you have registered your FPIC in Student Register (WebOodi), you may download Frank App free of charge (for Android/iPhone) which functions as a digital student card.** Make sure you use only Finnish alphabet when filling in your personal details or your order might not go through, you can check the spelling from WebOodi.

Make sure that the following things are okay before ordering a student card:

1. You have enrolled for the next semester
2. You are a member of the Student Union of UEF (ISYY) (you have paid the membership fee and registered your membership)
3. You have a profile picture that is
 - Square shaped (1:1 ratio) jpg (no png or pdf), size at least 300 x 300 px
 - Similar to passport photo but with colors
 - No hats, sunglasses, quirky backgrounds or other disturbances
 - Note: If you upload a bad photo, it cannot be used as a student ID!
4. A payment instrument to pay for the order. You can pay for the student card order using debit/credit card with online payment, e.g. Visa, VisaElectron or MasterCard.

The price of the plain plastic student card is 15.10e + delivery fee (info 6.3.2018).

Once you have ordered your card wait 2-3 weeks, the student card will be posted to your home address, please make sure you've changed your address/notified your Finnish address to Posti.

Collect the semester sticker from ISYY's office – Bring an official ID (with a photo, e.g. passport).

Please note: the student card is not valid without a valid semester sticker.

If you have any problems with your student card order please contact Frank by email: info@frank.fi.

How to Get Involved

The Student Union (ISYY) culture in Joensuu is rich and diverse, and there are several ways to get involved. If you are interested in student politics and would like to influence the way things are for students, the Student Union (ISYY) is here to lead the way. But it is not just about politics - there are so many ways to have fun and fill your free time here in Joensuu! Why don't you start by joining some of the organisations and/or clubs available in Joensuu.

Student Organisations

One highly visible dimension of student life in Joensuu is the organisation culture, as most students belong to their very own student organisation. Student organisations are usually subject specific. For instance, if you study chemistry you are invited to join Bunsen Ry, the organisation for chemistry students in Joensuu. These organisations (more than 50 of them in total) are the link between the student and their department, and also organise a lot of activities and events for their members. In order to find out what is the name of your student organisation and where and when they meet up, please have a look at our website www.isyy.fi/en/get-involved/student-organisations/

Student Union (ISYY) Clubs

Student Union Clubs come in various shapes and sizes. The clubs are run by students for students, and they organise various activities for their members. Joining a club is another great way to get involved in student life and to make new friends. Some of our popular clubs are the Board Games Club, the Debate Society Club and Woodwork Club Puu(ha)kerho, to mention a few. Find out more about the Student Union (ISYY) clubs on our website: www.isyy.fi/en/get-involved/student-clubs/clubs-at-campuses/ . If you cannot find anything that inspires you, you can also start up your own club. The Student Union (ISYY) staff will help you with all the practical matters and you may also apply for funding in order to organise club activities and events for fellow students!

ESN Joensuu – The International Club

ESN Joensuu is a Student Union (ISYY) club dedicated to serve the interests of the international students. The most important task of ESN Joensuu is to introduce Finnish culture and lifestyle to international students and to give Finnish students an opportunity to gain international experiences in Joensuu by organising diverse events and activities. In addition, ESN Joensuu is active in promoting intercultural understanding on campus and in Joensuu.

ESN activities include: Get to Know Each Other-party at the beginning of the semester, sports events (bowling, table tennis, cycling, frisbee golf etc.), cultural events (international dinner, charity events, music evenings) and trips to Lapland, Russia, Sweden and Norway.

All members of the Student Union (ISYY) are automatically members of ESN Joensuu. Most of our events and activities are free of charge - all you need is a valid student card. We warmly invite everyone to join ESN Joensuu, regardless of your field of study or background – we are here to make your stay in Finland more meaningful and more fun!

Please read more about ESN Joensuu on our website <http://esnjoensuu.fi> and join the **ESN Joensuu group** and like the **ESN Joensuu page** on facebook to keep up-to-date with our activities. You can also befriend our adorable mascot **Susi van Wolf** on facebook who will give you regular updates about events.

Sykettä Sports Programme

Sykettä is an active lifestyle programme for the Student Union (ISYY) members. Check the Sykettä website www.syketta.fi/joensuu for more information as well as the sports programme and fitness schedule. Before you can start using the service, you need to create a user account and buy a sports sticker at the ISYY office. Sticker price depends on the package you choose. Sticker prices:

-Ball sports & gym: 33e/year or 17e/semester

-Group exercise package: (fitness classes, ball sports & gym) 66e/year or 35e/semester.

Communication Channels

Weekly Feed Newsletter

Weekly Feed is the Student Union's (ISYY) electronic English language newsletter. It is sent on Tuesdays (excluding holidays) directly to the e-mail addresses of those who have subscribed to it. **Weekly Feed newsletter is a useful point of reference to our international students** as it combines local events, news and anything that might be relevant to our students – all in one place and in English language.

If you would like to receive the Joensuu campus Weekly Feed to your e-mail you can subscribe to it by going to our website www.isyy.fi/en. Once there, go to "Shortcuts" and click on "Subscribe to Joensuu campus Weekly Feed". The newsletter will be sent to your e-mail address the next time it is published. If you experience any problems with joining the Weekly Feed subscription list, please contact kv.joensuu@isyy.fi

Other Communication Channels

English language news and information can be found both on our website www.isyy.fi/en and on facebook www.facebook.com/fbISYY. You may also ask our Secretary for International Affairs Heli Siponen to be your friend on facebook www.facebook.com/international.joensuu and follow her posts about life and studying in Joensuu.

Help and Advice

The Student Union (ISYY) Secretary for International Affairs is here to help you with any matters related to student life. Her job is to look after the interests of UEF international students and to get their voice heard on the campus. You may turn to Heli (study leave substitute until 31.7.2018) or any of the other secretaries who work at the Student Union Office (Haltia Building) whenever you need help or guidance – there is no such thing as a stupid question! Just pop in to the office, give us a ring (+358 50 346 9159) or send an email to kv.joensuu@isyy.fi.

Mailing List

We recommend for you to join the ESN Joensuu Mailing List if you would like to keep up-to-date with news and events in English. The Mailing List is used for ISYY/ESN related information only and your email address will not be passed on to any third parties or used for advertising. We normally send max. one email per week as we do not want to spam you. In order to join the mailing list, please send an email to kv.joensuu@isyy.fi with the title "I would like to join ESN Joensuu Mailing List".

We are here for you and work hard to ensure you are happy with your life and studies during your time in Eastern Finland. We sincerely hope you will make yourself at home at the Student Union (ISYY) by joining the organisations and clubs. **You only have one (student) life – make the most of it!**