

## **Study and Holiday Periods for the 2024–2025 Academic Year**

The autumn term courses will primarily be held from September 16 to November 29, 2024, and the spring term courses from January 7 to April 28, 2025. There will be no classes during the autumn break from October 14 to 20, 2024, the winter break from March 3 to 9, 2025, and the Easter break from April 18 to 21, 2025. Any exceptions to these schedules will be noted in the specific course information.

## **Course Fees**

The study fee varies by course, as does any potential material fee. All study fees will be invoiced. Public lectures are open to everyone and free of charge.

We have funding from the Ministry of Education that allows us to reduce course fees for certain groups. During the autumn semester, seniors (aged 63 and over), pensioners, those with a low level of basic education, and the unemployed can apply for a voucher that reduces one course fee by 50%. For the spring semester, the possibility of a discount will be determined based on the usage of funds during the autumn semester. The voucher will be granted within the limits of the funds received from the Ministry of Education.

In addition, the unemployed can receive a 50% discount by presenting the teacher with a payment receipt from Kela or the Unemployment Fund for the previous month or a certificate from the TE Office. Children also receive a 50% discount if both parents are unemployed. Students receive a 50% discount on course fees as well. Please inform the adult education centre's office of your discount or note it in the "additional information for the organizer" section of the online form.

You can also pay with the following methods: Tyky-seteli, Epassi, Smartum, and Eazybreak. These can be used to pay for all your courses except language and cooking courses. If you use these payment methods, please contact the principal's office at 0405949143 before making a payment to ensure it is allocated to the correct invoice.

We also accept the Kaikukortti, valid at least until the end of 2024. All courses marked with "Kaikukortti accepted" are free for Kaikukortti holders. The Kaikukortti can be used for up to two courses per academic year.

## **Enrollment and Course Start**

Enrollment for courses begins on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 9:00 AM at [uusi.opistopalvelut.fi/vierema](https://uusi.opistopalvelut.fi/vierema) or by phone at 040 594 9143 and 0400 370 152. Enrollment cannot be done via email, voicemail, or text message. Binding pre-registration is required for most courses, except for Kyläkööri, Veteraanikuoro, and Haajaisten kuntovoimistelu, by September 1, 2024. For individual music lessons (solo singing, piano, drums, guitar, and kantele), binding pre-registration is required from August 15 to August 30. Registration made in the fall for year-long courses also covers the spring term. If you wish to participate only in the autumn term, please notify the office to cancel the spring term.

Most courses require a minimum of five pre-registered participants to start. For special and short courses, the minimum number of participants may be higher or lower.

The minimum age for courses is 13 years, except for individual music lessons (piano, kantele, guitar, and drums), where it is 7 years.

For courses lasting the whole semester or year, there is a one-time right to try the course. There is no trial period for short courses.

### **Cancellation of Enrollment**

Enrollment is also a commitment to pay the study fee! If you cannot attend a course, cancel it immediately. To avoid unnecessary invoices, cancellations must always be made directly by phone at 040 594 9143.

### **Cancellation of a Class Session**

A group that meets weekly can cancel one session in the autumn and one in the spring (e.g., due to teacher illness) without compensating students. If there are more cancellations, a substitute will be arranged, or a make-up session will be held later. Students will be notified of class cancellations via text message.

### **Distance Learning**

The adult education centre also offers video-mediated instruction. The Russian online course, Nypläys (lace making), Kehonhuolto, and specifically announced lectures can also be followed remotely. To participate, you need an internet connection and a computer. Instructions and a link to access the program will be provided by the principal or the teacher.