There are nearly 100 clubs organizing activities in TUT. All guilds, clubs and sports clubs are sub-organizations of the Student Union. There are professional clubs that are organized around a certain profession or study specialization. Some of these are radio club TTRK, electronics club TELOK, and medical engineering club Pollex.

There are also hobby clubs. Hobby clubs are centred around a certain hobby or interest of teekkaris. For example there’s wine club Château, space technology club Castor, role-playing game club Excalibur and electronic music club Spinni. You can find information about some clubs from www.ttyy.fi/en/student-union/clubs

Maybe the most interesting clubs for a foreign student are the international clubs. There are six international clubs organizing various activities in TUT. They are AIESEC, IASTE, BEST, EESNTU, ESTIEM and ESN INTO. You might already know some of them, but there will be more information about them during autumn. The most prominent for incoming exchange students is ESN INTO. The club’s main purpose is to work as a bond between its members, and promote their societal, social, and intellectual aspirations and their aspirations regarding studies and students’ status in society. Should you encounter any problems concerning these issues during your studies in TUT, you may contact the Student Union Board (ttyy@ttyy.fi) or the responsible for International Affairs in the board (teemu.viljamaki@ttyy.fi).

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The Student Union also offers benefits and services. Probably the biggest benefit is the student card. The application form for the card is sent to you with your acceptance letter. The card is your access to all student discounts in Finland including public transport. You can check all of the discounts in Tampere region from www.opiskelijantampere.fi.

In Finland and in TUT everyone is active in some way. Clubs are the way for a teekkari to be active. In autumn, there’s a sports fair and a clubs fair, where all the clubs present themselves. That’s the best time to get to know all the activities you can participate in TUT.

TUT’s sports services are provided by a student club TUrVoKe. It governs a big sports hall that can be used to play badminton, volleyball, basketball, floor ball, and many other games as well. In addition, TUrVoKe has two gym halls with modern equipment, climbing wall, tatami and small skate ramps. There’s also an outside beach volley field and a group exercise hall in which you will be able to practise dance or aerobics.

Three universities of Tampere combined their sports services in 2013 and they now serve all students of Tampere under the name Unipoli Sport. This means that you may use sports facilities at any campus of Tampere with the same sports fee. Unipoli Sports sport fee is 65€ for the whole academic year (autumn semester 38€, spring semester 42€). The sports fee includes the access to the gym and the group exercise classes organized weekly. If you want to learn from all the sports opportunities in Tampere Universities, see http://sport.unipolitampere.fi/indexen.html

There are also many sports clubs or teams that play different sports at various skill levels. More information about all the sports activities available will be given to you when you arrive to TUT. Find the one interesting yourself in www.ttyy.fi/en/Student%20Union/Clubs/Sports.

Student Union provides certain services through companies it partly owns, for example Juvenes student restaurants on campus; Others include healthcare services by YTHS (FSHS, Finnish Student Health Services) and student apartments by TOAS (see www.toas.fi). TOAS office is located close to city centre, in case of trouble you can also seek help from the Student Union’s representative for Social or International Affairs.

Remember to order your student card in time! The application form must be filled and sent back to the international office for you to have your card when you arrive to Tampere. The card costs 7 €, which is paid when you get the card from our Student Union office. The Student Union membership fee is 97,90 € for the whole academic year.


## TEKKARI CULTURE

First year students in TUT are called fuksis (freshmen). During their first year they have to participate in student activities in the university to become true teekkaris. “Teekkari” means a student of technological university. All fuksis are dipped in the rapidis of Tammerkoski to become teekkaris on Wappu (May Day, on 1st May). To be dipped, you’ll need to have at least 300 fuksi points in your fuksi passport, given to you after your arrival. You will get more information about all this during your orientation week. Be an active fuksi, see a lot, experience a lot and feel the true teekkari spirit! Those fuksis, who don’t go to Tammerkoski are called ikifuksis (“forever fuksi”) and no-one wants to be an ikifuksi.

There are also other interesting aspects regarding teekkari culture. In the next paragraphs, the guilds, overalls, singing culture, sitsit parties, sauna, kyykkä and wappu are described. Other clubs, and sports services are described on the last page.

**Wappu** is the student’s best time of his life. As mentioned above, Wappu is the time when a fuksi becomes a teekkari. But the celebration isn’t just for one day. Wappu lasts for two weeks and there are dozens of different interesting events and a lot of teekkari spirit. Wappu gathers all old and new teekkaris together for a joyful and action-packed event. It is said that fuksi-Wappu can be lived only once and it’s an experience to remember for the rest of your life!

**Kyykkä** is a weird, originally Karelian, outdoors game. The teekkaris have adopted it as their own, and now the Academic Kyykkä Championships are held in Tampere yearly. The championships attract around 2000 contestants to the campus area. In the game teams of four players throw a big stick called karttu to smaller wood pieces called kyykkäs. The team that manages to throw most kyykkäs away from the game field is the winner. It is as important to bribe the judge as to throw well.

**Singing culture** is somewhat similar for all university students in Finland. Among teekkaris, and especially in Tampere, it is more important to sing much and loudly to sing well. The songs are mostly humorous versions of well known songs. Singing is a teekkari’s must have skill.

**Sauna** is a sacred place for all Finns. Teekkaris like to have a sauna and when they are having sauna-evenings, it is sure that the sauna will be packed full and the teekkaris will sing a lot! Sauna is an experience you’ll have a chance to try already during your orientation week. Have your towels ready! Student Union’s own sauna by the campus is called Teekkarisauna or Mörrimöykky.

**Sitsit parties** are a kind of academic parties, where the participants follow formal dining etiquette sitting at long tables, but with a teekkari twist. You’ll sing a lot and whenever you sing, you have to toast and when you have to toast, you need to sing. Altogether there are dozens of sitsit parties during the academic year. They’re definitely events to try out.

**Teekkari cap** (teekkarilakki) is the sign of all teekkaris. It’s a white student hat with a black tassel. Fuksis get the teekkari cap when they’re dipped during Wappu. It is worn respectfully and with pride.

Overalls denote to which guild or club you belong to. You can see to which guild or university the student belongs to just by the colour and logos of the overall. Exchange students in TUT have their own overalls which are bright green. Degree students should get the overall of the guild he/she belongs to.

Guilds are student clubs of different study programmes in TUT. Finding your own guild will be one of the first tasks for you when you start your studies. The guilds are listed on the following page with a little bit of information about them, like the study programme and the colour of their overalls. All the guilds have guild rooms with cosy sofas, coffee, music and most importantly good company of like-minded teekkaris. All the teekkaris know English very well and all the guilds have a person responsible for international affairs, so feel welcome to visit any guild room at any time!

Guilds and clubs offer a very good chance to get to know Finnish students of your field of study/common interest and to get to know Finnish student culture. Don’t miss this opportunity!

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The guild recommendations for international degree students are distributed according to the major study line you’ll have in TUT. If you need help with choosing, contact teemu.viljamaki@ttyy.fi. The guild recommendations are as follows:

- **Architecture**
  - TamArk
- **Automation Engineering**
  - Autek
- **Bioengineering**
  - Bioner
- **Electrical Engineering**
  - Skilta
- **Industrial Engineering and Management**
  - Indeces or Mi@ger
- **Information Technology**
  - TiTe
- **Materials Engineering**
  - MIK
- **Science and Engineering**
  - Hiukkanen