



TY Y International Council

Our agenda today

- Who is who and news from the organisations
- Feedback from the previous session
- What's new in TYY & UTU?
- Planning our survey



Feedback from the previous session

- How to find the international students in each Faculty:
<http://www.utu.fi/fi/Yliopisto/avaintiedot/opiskelutilastot/opiskelijat/Sivut/ulkomaiset-kalenterivuosi-2017.aspx>
- April: international tutors invited to TYY International Council
- Autumn: international coordinators invited to TYY International Council



What's new in TYY & UTU?

- Applications for UTU Master's degree programmes
 - <http://www.utu.fi/en/news/news/Pages/Applications-to-University%E2%80%99s-International-Master%E2%80%99s-Degree-Programmes-Doubled.aspx>
 - 13 programmes, 968 applicants, 72 % non EU students
- Schedules for scholarships
 - Programmes suggest receivers by 19 March
 - 22 March receivers decided
 - 27 March official decision
 - 18 April student must accept the scholarship and the study place
 - If the receiver declines: 2nd and 3rd rounds 4 and 22 May



Spring of TYY

February

- 22 February TYY International Council
- 23 February Anniversary of reunion of TYY & TuKY

March

- 2 March Development Cooperation Wing: Beyond Poverty Eradication
- 7 March Development Cooperation Wing:: Because I'm a girl
- March: Updating international tutor guide: your organisation to:

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- 14 March Working in Finland seminar

April

- Exchange study survey
- 11 April Lost in Turku
- 17 April TYY International Council vol 2
- 24 April International tutor training

May

- Updating TYY Guide for international students
- Requesting Welcome letters from organisations



Workshop time!

Faculties	Bachelor& Master Students (2016)	Outgoing exchange students (2016)	% in exchange at the moment
Humanities	2725	194	7,1 %
Education	1839	59	3,2 %
Medicine	1519	60	3,9 %
Science and Engineering	2719	75	2,8 %
Law	1058	82	7,8 %
TSE	2905	300	10,3 %
Social Sciences	1396	103	7,4 %

Background:

- Internationality is for all but are all equal to go for exchange studies?
- How about students in Pori & Rauma?



What to do?

- Think in 3 groups problems and challenges that student might face...
 1. Before exchange studies
 2. During exchange studies
 3. After exchange studies
- ➔ Come up with questions and ideas related to these
 - "Were you able to find enough information about your exchange destination before going?"
 - "Were you able to recognize the courses you did during your exchange?"
- Time: $\frac{1}{2}$ h for the group work, $\frac{1}{2}$ h for the results



The results

1. Before exchange studies

- Why did you apply/ why not? What restricted you?
- Where are you from/ Faculty/age
- Language related questions (should you have studied it etc.)
- Apartment, sub-rent or how
- Money: from UTU (grant), KELA (Did you get enough information about it)
- Transferring the credits are you able to do it? Clear instructions?
- What kind of fears did you have?
- Enough info about practicalities
- Communication: did you feel welcome in advance, did you get help and how much? (which uni did you?)
- Contact with people who did exchange in the place before
- Schedule of the semester: start/end? Mandatory courses? Possibility for vacation?
- Student residence permit
- How many options did you have to go? How many options did you apply?
- Did you find the place yourself? (not partners with UTU)
- Did you find info about the place where you applied? How? E.g. "friendship university"
- Requirements: language/ grades...were they visible or hidden?



The results

2. During exchange studies

- Social relationships in Finland (communication w family for example), free time, possibility to visit
- Bank account
- Support network in the place (tutor, someone else, who?)
- Health care: what if you end up in hospital? Vaccines before
- Integration: how well did you get integrated? Local student life? Only exchange students or also locals? Did you meet any locals at all?
- Culture shock?
- Language problems? Did you have anyone who to communicate with? In some Faculties students don't have as much possibilities for languages than others!
- Are they offering enough courses in English if you are going to non-English speaking country?
- Weather
- Navigating in the city, transportation, distance between your home and uni (was it in campus or far away?)
- Enough courses, schedule?
- Do you have to go back home during your exchange to take some exams? (if the course is only given at certain time!)
- Student life, hobbies, did you get any help? Did you find hobbies you had in your home country?
- Travelling: did you travel during your exchange and where?
- Did you visit Finland during your exchange?



The results

3. After exchange studies

- Support after coming back? Did you get depressed? Culture shock?
- Bureocracy, apartment, was it easy when coming back?
- Credits transferred (problems?)
- What kind of support did you need? From who?
- Would you do it again? Why yes, why not?
- Did you extend your exchange time? How and why?
- Problems after returning? For example post office losing things? Bureocracy...
- Integration back to Finland, expectations about coming back.
- Benefits about exchange: did you benefit and how?
- Are you in contact with people you met?
- Did you make contacts with professors, student organisations, university staff...?



Thank you!

- Remember to check out our guides:
<https://www.tyy.fi/en/students/guides>
- See you next time 17 April!



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Any questions?

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