

Go Global!

Utilising ISEP and north2north for student mobility with the USA

TAMPERE.

FINLAND

- The second largest urban area
- The largest inland city in the Nordic countries
- The [most attractive](#) city in Finland over the past few years
- A “city of students”, the “sauna capital of the world”, the “hometown of ice hockey”





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Tampere University (TAU)

- Established in 2019 through the merger of two universities
- Second largest university in Finland with 22,500 students
- Three campuses in Tampere, all within a tram ride of each other
- Second in Finland in outgoing student mobilities (after Aalto University)
- First in Finland in outgoing student mobilities to the USA (2023 - 25)

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Tampere University (TAU)

- “Top Producer of Fulbright Awards” ([most awards in the last 10 years](#))
- Coordinates four The Academy of Finland’s Centres of Excellence (CoE)
- World university ranking: [301-350](#) (Times Higher Education)
- Best young universities: [54](#) (Times Higher Education)
- Best young universities, millenials: [12](#) (Times Higher Education)

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Bilateral partner universities in the USA

• University-wide agreements

- Murray State University
- University of Idaho 👍
- University of Oregon 👍
- University of Texas at Austin 👍
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 👍

• Faculty-level agreements

- Adelphi University
- North Park University
- University of Nebraska at Kearney

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Two exchange programmes to the USA

- **north2north**, coordinated by the Finnish National Agency for Education
 - Involves 12 northernmost countries and 13 Finnish HEIs
 - Includes 6 US universities: 3 in Alaska, 2 in Maine, 1 in Washington
- **ISEP**, coordinated by American ISEP Global in Arlington, VA
 - 300+ ISEP universities in 50+ countries, 140 US universities

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USA among our exchange destinations

- USA is the 2nd most popular non-European destination (2019-25)
 1. South Korea, **2. USA**, 3. Japan, 4. Singapore, 5. Canada, 6. China, 7. Mexico
- USA is the 7th most popular exchange destination (2019-25)
 1. Austria, 2. Germany, 3. Italy, 4. Spain, 5. South Korea, 6. France, **7. USA**
- About 75 % of outgoing students go to the USA through ISEP
- The remaining go through bilateral agreements & north2north



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ISEP exchange programme at TAU

- Member of ISEP since 1982 with good experience 👍
- Second largest exchange programme after Erasmus+ (2019-25)
- ISEP is mainly used for exchange studies in the USA
- ISEP exchanges are always for one semester only
- We welcome ISEP exchange students from all over the world (USA 70 %)

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Top ISEP exchange destinations 2023-25

- Virginia Tech
- Colorado Mesa University
- University of North Alabama
- Butler College
- Montana State University
- San Jose State University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Boise State University
- Goucher College
- San Diego State University
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- University of Vermont, Burlington
- Rhodes College
- Miami University
- University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Chapman University

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ISEP

Pros of ISEP exchange (last five years) 👍

- More placements in the USA: excellent campuses and academia
- Additional ISEP support: easy-to-navigate ISEP portal
- All-inclusive and cost-effective: no housing / health insurance stress
- Dream destinations available: California (and even Australia)
- Additional exchanges worldwide (not widely advertised at TAU)

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 ISEP

Cons of ISEP exchange (last five years) 🙄

- Marketing challenges: unclear placement process ("algorithm-based")
- Uncertain placements, expensive language tests
- Administrative burden: extra work for incoming and outgoing mobilities
- Housing and placing issues with incoming ISEP students
- No academic collaborations or connections with host US universities



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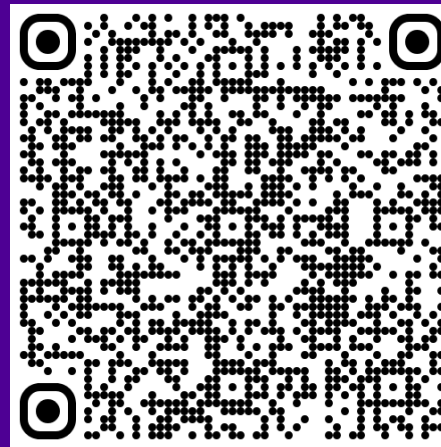
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- See our exchange brochure 2025-26 (pdf) for incoming exchange students:



- Or check our website tuni.fi/tau-exchange



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Potential
Unlimited.**