



Itä-Suomen yliopiston ylioppilaskunta

STUDENT UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND - ISYY



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isyy.fi: [International Students](https://isyy.fi)



What **ISYY**?

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The Student Union of the University of
Eastern Finland



The Student Union is YOUR UNION

An independent organisation, although closely linked with the University

The main purpose of ISYY is

- **to look after the rights and interests of both Finnish and international students**
- **negotiate better rights and benefits for all students at the University**
- **provide services, social activities and events on campus**
- **provide affordable sports services (SYKETTÄ)**



***Students making decisions
for other students!***



ISYY Membership

- International degree students must join (completing a bachelor's or master's degree) just like Finnish students
- Exchange students (and post graduate students) are welcome to join – and most do!



How joining ISYY works in practice?



Membership fees – spring 2024

Degree students and exchange students

40 €

PhD students

31,5 €

Payment

- Exchange and PhD students can pay the fee to ISYY's bank account (isyy.fi: [Membership](#))
- Degree students can pay online in Oili with a credit card when registering as a present student to UEF
- However, if online payment is impossible, students can pay with cash/card at ISYY office (NB: The largest banknote we accept is 50 €)

Remember to register your membership



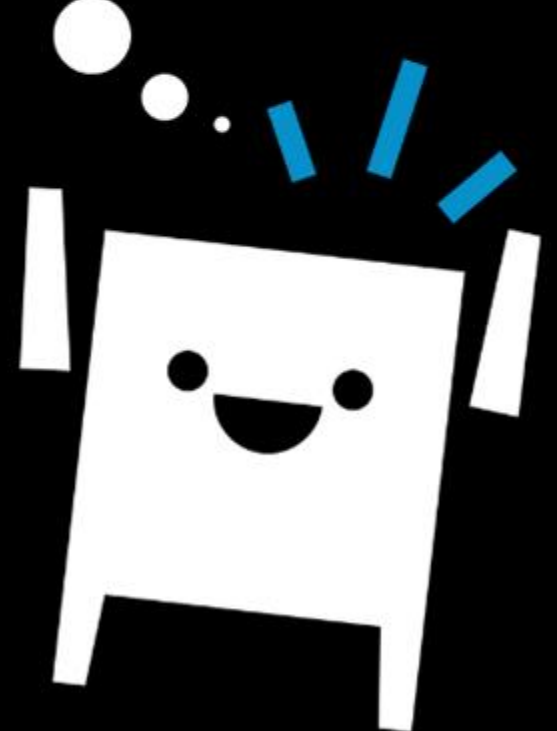
If you are a degree student and pay your ISYY membership fee in Oili, your ISYY membership is automatically registered and no further actions are required.

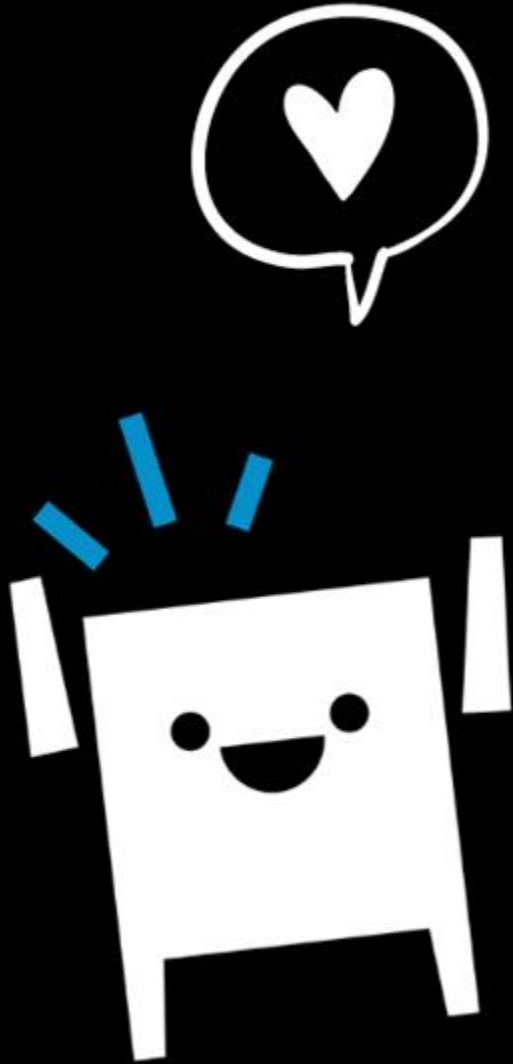
At the Student & Learning Services, link to registration [in UEF Kamu](#)

- Attach your ISYY membership payment receipt (bank transfer) to the online UEF registration form (all students)
- If you have registered to UEF, but did not attach the receipt to the registration form, send the receipt via email to opiskelu@uef.fi. Please include your name and date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) to the email (exchange students)
- If you want to pay at the ISYY office, take the receipt to the Student & Learning Services' customer service desk in person (all students)

ISYY's services are...

- SYKETTÄ Sports Services
- Sports equipment loans for free
- Customer service in English
- Weekly Feed newsletter
- Interest Advocacy Services
- Anti-Harrassment Contact Person
- Survival Packages
- Services for student organisations
- ISYY & UEF products for sale
- Second-hand kitchenware for sale
- Book Exchange shelf





ISYY's benefits are...

- Student discounts
- Digital student card for free
- Fun events and a variety of free-time activities
- Membership of ISYY clubs
- Free ISYY student calendar
- Free Welcome Bags available in Joensuu
- Venue hire discount
- Chances to get involved in our organisation

Survival Package

- For exchange students who have joined the Student Union
- Rental period in spring is 8.1.-10.6.2024
- Price: 50€ (includes 30€ deposit)
- Booked by sending an email to:

Joensuu: kv.joensuu@isyy.fi

Kuopio: kv.kuopio@isyy.fi

“Survival Package reservation + campus city”

Everyone needs to book their survival package personally from the International Coordinators of ISYY



Read more: isyy.fi [Survival Packages](#)

ISYY Offices

Please note that ISYY offices are closed during the holidays 14.12.2023-7.1.2024.

ISYY Office is open:

- Monday 10-15
- Tuesday 10-15
- **Wednesday 12-16**
- Thursday 10-15
- Friday **CLOSED**

Joensuu office: Haltia building, 2nd floor (Yliopistokatu 7)

Kuopio office: Lukema, Studentia building (Yliopistoranta 15)

Kuopio



Joensuu



ISYY Offices

- Purchase SYKETTÄ Sports Services membership
- Book exchange shelf
- Free sports equipment loans, check [the selection](#)
- Free board game loans
- ISYY & UEF merchandise for sale
- Shelf of second-hand items for those who cannot get a survival package
 - Mostly kitchenware, but also some towels and bedding items
 - Prices: 1 item = 0.50 € / 3 items = 1 €



ISYY Clubs

- ISYY Clubs are non-profit communities that operate under the Student Union (ISYY)
- Are there to bring more joy and meaning to student life, and every member of ISYY is welcome to attend any activities and events organised by the clubs
- ISYY members may also establish their own clubs and can apply for funding for the club activities from ISYY

List of ISYY Clubs on [ISYY's website](#)



International Club in Joensuu

- All ISYY members are also ISYY's clubs' members!
- Actively organises events for both international and Finnish students
 - Bowling, picnics, Halloween, International Dinner, Got Talent show etc.
- Based on volunteering – students helping students
- Want to get involved? Have brilliant ideas?
 - New board members are selected in the end of January

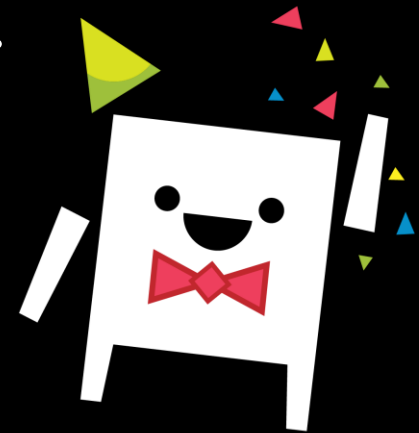


Follow on social media to get notified of upcoming events!

Facebook: [ESN Joensuu](#) | Instagram: [@esnjoensuu](#) | Weekly Feed [newsletter](#)

ISYY events & activities in spring 2024

- **SYKETTÄ Sports Service's free trial period** (Joensuu)
 - A chance to try out SYKETTÄ university sports services for free
- **Sports afternoon 13.2.2024**
 - A variety of different exercise options are available both indoors and outdoors
- **Vappu 30.4.2024**
 - Vappu (May Day) is the biggest student event of the academic year in Finland. Vappu is celebrated in a carnival-style manner in both Joensuu and Kuopio, often for several weeks at a time. ISYY has its campus-specific Vappu traditions.
- **Language Cafés**
 - Are informal language classes taught by students for students in an informal and friendly environment.
 - [The Cafés](#) are based on volunteer work and they give students an opportunity to learn a language they are interested in. Possibility to earn ECTS credits.



Communication channels

- Weekly Feed is ISYY's electronic English language newsletter.
 - Published on Tuesdays on both campuses
 - Sent to subscribers, can also be read on ISYY's website
 - Info about ISYY and UEF's current news, events, parties, job opportunities, language learning possibilities etc.
- Subscribe to the international students' "local newspaper" isyy.fi: [Weekly Feed](#)
 - First Weekly Feed of the spring semester 2024 is sent on 9 January
- Follow ISYY on Facebook ([@fbISYY](#)) and Instagram ([@isyyuef](#))



Any questions?

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