

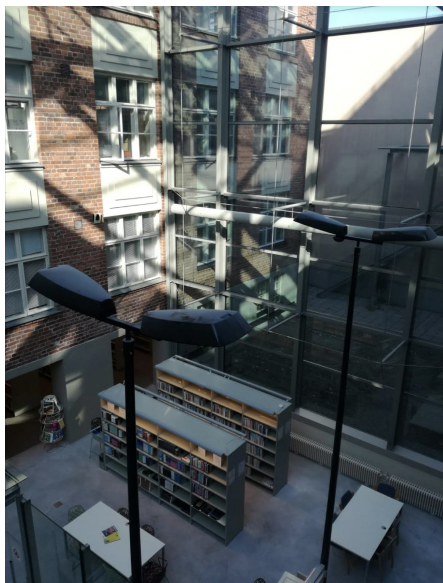
# NOVIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Campus Allegro  
Jakobstad

I was jumping out of my skin, when I got to know that I got the chance to spend a semester in Finland. While many of my friends asked if I'm sure about being frozen to the marrow in winter (and in autumn too) and bearing longer nights than daylight?! I have to tell that, there was a time when I wasn't sure about it either - but then I had imagined seeing the Northern lights, reindeers, the forests of Lapland and then all my doubts seemed so small! Not to mention that I wanted to have a peep in the well-known Finnish education system and get impulses from the northern areas.

So mainly these were the reasons why I had decided on choosing Novia - and as far as I know, it was one of the best decision of my life!

Novia offers education in a large amount of fields - such as Engineering, Business Administration, Health Care in Vaasa; Maritime Management and Operations in Turku; Music, Visual- and Performing Arts in Jakobstad. The building of Campus Allegro was completed in 2013 - no wonder why Google Maps shows a building site! When I stepped into the university, my first impression was that it's a labyrinth! The elevator wasn't even a helping hand with the floors named 1A and 1B (but after a few days it didn't feel like walking in circles). There are huge open places with glass walls and roof, little corridors, places for temporary exhibitions for students: White Box - and also you can find art pieces from artists while walking to class. But also there are other places, such as the library, the Black Box and the Schauman Hall for performing arts and music concerts.



library



cafeteria



view from the 3rd floor



Schauman Hall

All the artist departments are gathered in the building; they are quiet isolated from each other but the same time, all road leads to the cafeteria! There you can have lunch (which is 2.60 € with the student card - you can ask for it at the international office). Diets and allergies are not excuses to skip lunch, because vegan, gluten- and lactose free meals are matter-of-course.

Moreover the university offers a lot of programs, team building events and a quite different timetable as you got used to in Hungary - but I will go into details later! 😊