

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOUSING**

A dormitory built in 2002, is located at Raatuse 22 (10 min walk from the university main building, 5 min to the city main square). Each residence unit consists of 3 double study-bedrooms, with a shared kitchen and bathroom. Bedrooms will have basic furniture and bedding (no pillow). Kitchen is not supplied with cookware or utensils.

**Services available:**

- Washing and drying facilities
- Café
- Video rental
- Internet connection
- Car parking



**practical info**

**SPORTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TARTU**

The activities are held for both amateur and professional teams with instruction by the Academic Sports Club of the University of Tartu. Sports available during the semester usually include aerobics, badminton, basketball, body building, fitness, boxing, football, gymnastics, karate, alpinism, powerlifting, tennis, volleyball etc.

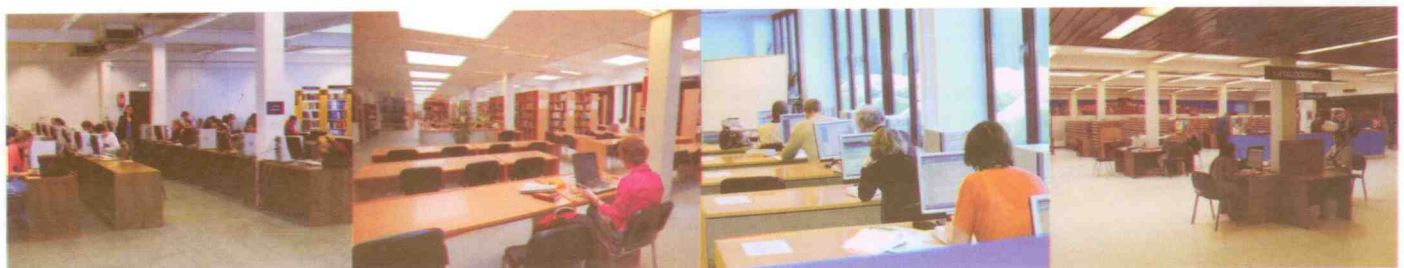
**Sports Facilities:**

- stadium and gym, located next to the sports hall (Staadioni St. 21).
- tennis-court, located in Toomemägi (Baeri St. 6).
- gyms for wrestling, gymnastics and general purpose (Lai St. 37).
- rowing, located at Emajõe rowing base (Ranna tee 1)
- AURA swimming pool (city health center)



**UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

- Oldest and biggest library in Estonia
- Most universal and comprehensive research library
- Over 3 million books in inventory
- Interlibrary and international book rentals available
- Wireless Internet
- Computer labs
- Laptops for rent (for use in the library)
- Copy, print, scan services
- Book restoration and binding
- Consultants, training and help desk



## MEALS

Most Faculties and study buildings have a small cafeteria where basic meals can be purchased at about \$3-4. Student dorms are equipped with kitchens, with one kitchen for each 3-room unit. Besides that the city of Tartu offers numerous options for eating inexpensively and quickly, count on \$3-4 for a generous portion hot meal. Students should plan on spending \$250-300 a month on food.



## CULTURE AND TOURISM

During the semester international students will get e-mails with invitations for various events and trip offers that will help them to get to know Estonia, Estonians, some other cultures and make the most of their time in Tartu.

### Spring 2007 sample program:

#### Trips:

- **Cottage Weekend** as a get together for new international students offering excursion over South-Estonia. Program includes Visit to Sangaste Castle, enjoying two Finnish saunas, a smoke sauna and a unique tree-climbing track (not included in price). 400 EEK (\$35) price includes meals and a cosy sleeping place in Sokka.
- **Pearls of North-West Russia** (trip to Pechory, Izborsk, Pskov, Novgorod, St Petersburg). Price 2500 – 3000 EEK (\$220-260) includes transportation, accommodation in twin rooms in three star hotels, board, excursions and sightseeing according to the program, guide and group leader service in English. Museums in St Petersburg cost extra.
- **Estonian Tourist Board** more tourism options from [www.tartu.ee](http://www.tartu.ee), [www.visittartu.com](http://www.visittartu.com)

#### Events:

- **FilmShow** at EuroCollege every Wednesday.
- **Student Days** – program with over 200 events provides fun things to see and do: Night Song Festival, Beach Aerobics, Student Fair, Rubber Boat Race, Self-made Aircraft Contest etc.
- **International Food Fest** is a chance to present national food and drinks from a home country and to try ones from other countries.
- **International guest lecturers in different fields (50+ each semester)**
- **Tandem**, a language learning project that brings people together to teach one-another language they know.
- **Carousel of Cultures Market** allows people to represent their own country in the huge tent at the Town Hall Square. Last year Poles organised a potato peeling contest, Germans made a football shooting contest, Italians gave out pasta, etc.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SPEAK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN TARTU



*I really enjoyed my five months' stay in Tartu and at the University of Tartu. I met many people from all over the world and made new good friends. It was an experience I will always remember, even when I am old! Tartu is a small but very nice and peaceful city where every student has a great time. There are always many events taking place. If you want to study in a good university and have fun in the same time, Tartu is the best choice for you!*

Karine Clause,  
ESC TROYES, FRANCE



*Life here went beyond my expectations. Estonia turned out to be a very advanced technological society, with free wireless Internet in places where you would not expect to find it, e-banking and other services, even in public sector. While Tartu is an academic capital of Estonia, I also found it to be very friendly and lively, compact and easy to get around.*

Minna Mero,  
UT MEDICINE DEGREE STUDENT, FINLAND



*It is a unique experience that I have gained here and I would recommend studying at the University of Tartu to anyone. I did not know much about Estonia and Tartu before coming here. The university provided me with information about accommodation and courses before I arrived here. Also, there was an Orientation Course just after my arrival to Tartu, which helped a lot.*

Naoki Takemura,  
WASEDA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

