

ELECTION DECLARATION

University of the Arts Student Union Representative Council elections 2025

The Student Union of the University of Arts Helsinki will hold Representative Council elections in the fall of 2025, in which 15 full members and 15 deputy members will be elected to the Student Union's Representative Council for a 2-year term. The Representative Council is the highest decision-making body of the Student Union. It decides, among other things, on the Student Union's membership fee and constitution, approves the action plan and budget, and elects the Student Union Board, Secretary General and student members of the University of the Arts Helsinki Board.

Standing for election

All members of the Student Union can stand as candidates in the Representative Council elections. Members include all Uniarts Helsinki students admitted to studies leading to a bachelor's or master's degree (both those enrolled as present and absent) and all other students who have voluntarily joined the Student Union (e.g. postgraduate and exchange students) and paid the membership fee. Nominations must be submitted by sending the electronic candidate announcement form by 2 PM on October 6. Candidates may also form electoral coalitions, if they so wish, by giving their consent to join the electoral coalition in their candidate announcement form or through their proxy representative. Electoral coalitions, on the other hand, can form electoral alliances in the same way.

Candidate announcement forms, electoral coalition agreements and electoral alliance agreements are filled in electronically, and they are available on the Student Union's website (taiyo.fi) from Monday 25.8. onwards. A form sent electronically is interpreted as a document submitted to the Elections Committee. Documents are received electronically by Jane Kärnä, Secretary General of the Student Union, and Suvi Vendelin, Office Secretary of the Student Union. All documents submitted to the Elections Committee must be received by Monday 6.10.2025 at 2 PM at the latest. According to the Student Union's election order, documents submitted late cannot be processed.

The preliminary list of candidates for the elections will be published to the Student Union's official notice board at the web address www.taiyo.fi no later than Tuesday 10.10.2025 at 4.00 p.m. In addition, the list of candidates shall be made available without undue delay at least to the following places:

- Bulletin boards of the Student Union in the M and N buildings of the Sibelius Academy (Töölönlahdenkatu 16 C, 3rd floor, Helsinki; Nervanderinkatu 13, 4th floor, Helsinki)
- Student Union notice board in the lobby of the Theatre Academy (Haapaniemenkatu 6, Helsinki)
- Academy of Fine Arts lobby (Sörnäisten rantatie 19, Helsinki)
- Sibelius Academy Kuopio campus (Kuopionlahdenkatu 23 C, Kuopio)
- Sibelius Academy Seinäjoki campus (Nyykoolinkatu, Seinäjoki).

After the publication of the preliminary list of candidates, voters (whom it concerns) can submit correction requests for one week, which will be sent by e-mail to taiyo.vaalit@uniarts.fi no later than Friday 17.10.2025 at 4.00 PM. After this, the final list of candidates will be published on the Student Union's official notice board (www.taiyo.fi) no later than Thursday 23.10.2025 at noon and without undue delay also to the other places mentioned above.

Voting in the elections

All University of the Arts Student Union members who have enrolled as attending for the academic year to Uniarts Helsinki have the right to vote in the Representative Council elections. The Representative Council elections will be held electronically on three voting days: the advance voting day is Thursday 30.10.2025, and the actual election days are, based on the election order, Tuesday 4.11.2025 and Wednesday 5.11.2025. Electronic voting is open on the day of advance voting and on the actual election days from 8 AM to 8 PM. A link to the electronic voting system will be delivered to the members of the Student Union by email and via the Student Union's website.

The right to vote is verified and voting is carried out using the data in the university's student information system and the user IDs of the university's information systems in a separate voting system.

According to the election order, persons appointed by the Elections Committee who are not candidates in the election supervise the electronic elections in accordance with the instructions of the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee decides on procedures in possible exceptional situations.

Election advertising starts on Friday 10.10.2025 and ends on Sunday 9.11.2025. The Elections Committee will separately issue more detailed instructions on election advertising before it begins.

Helsinki 11.8.2025

THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY OF ARTS STUDENT UNION

More information:

- Secretary General Jane Kärnä(taiyo-paasihteeri@uniarts.fi, tel. 040 710 4296).

This election declaration is available at least on the official noticeboard of the Student Union of Uniarts Helsinki at the web address www.taiyo.fi and also at the following places:

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