



Welcome to the University of the Arts Helsinki and its student community!

University of the Arts Student Union (TaiYo) congratulates and welcomes you to study at Uniarts Helsinki! As a student completing a degree at Uniarts Helsinki, you are automatically also a member of TaiYo, i.e. University of the Arts Student Union.

What Student Union?



In short: TaiYo is the advocacy organisation and community of all the Uniarts students. The task of the Student Union is to keep students' voices heard in the university's decision-making, build a sense of community across academy borders and speak on behalf of art students and art in society at large.



In order to register for the academic year as attending at Uniarts Helsinki, you must first pay the Student Union membership fee. In other words, it is not a university tuition fee, but it is used to finance the activities of the Student Union and the benefits and services it offers. The membership fee of the Student Union is 85 euros for the next academic year. Read more detailed instructions here: <https://taiyo.fi/jasenille/jasenmaksu/>

In addition to the Student Union membership fee, each degree student **must pay Kela a separate health care fee**, which entitles them to healthcare provided by the Finnish Student Health Service FSHS.

So what does the Student Union do?



One of the most important tasks of the Student Union is **to take care of the status, rights, equity and well-being of students at Uniarts Helsinki.** To promote these issues, TaiYo meets regularly with the university's management, takes a stand on issues discussed by students and elects student representatives to the university's decision-making bodies.




Another important task is to **promote a sense of community** at the Uniarts Helsinki level: for example, TaiYo organises various events already this autumn, where you will have the opportunity to get to know students from other degree programmes and academies. **At least book 17th August in your calendar for the Orientation Day picnic!**




Thirdly, TaiYo advocates for **art students and art at a national level** in cooperation with other student unions and the National Union of University Students in Finland (SYL). In addition, TaiYo offers its members various services and benefits, and **as a member of the Student Union, you are entitled to numerous discounts, such as student lunches and cheaper travel tickets.**

How to keep track of the Student Union's activities?


 **Follow your email!** We communicate about matters that concern all students in TaiYo weekly newsletters sent by e-mail

 Check out our website at **taiyo.fi** and the Student Union's column in **Tuudo**

 Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @**taiyoartsu**

Where can you find the Student Union?

 **TaiYo's office – welcome to visit:** Nervanderinkatu 13, 4th floor. Tel. 040 710 4298, taiyo-toimisto@uniarts.fi

 **TaiYo's Board of Directors – go and say hi:** Mikko Aaltio, chairperson (SibA), Victoria Sofia Gasca (SibA), Baraka Issabu (SibA), Markus Snellman (SibA), Mathias Waenerberg (SibA), Milena Albanese (SibA), Tea Sirén (KuvA)


Vapaan Taiteen Tila

An artistic project on your mind, but no space to make it happen?

Vapaan Taiteen Tila is an art space maintained by the Student Union of Uniarts Helsinki and funded by Uniarts Helsinki. The space is used for making art – works, performances, gigs, exhibitions, festivals, workshops, evenings and more – and can only be booked for events where the main content is art.

The Student Union is here for you!

If you have any questions, call, email or visit TaiYo's office! An easy way to get to know the Student Union is to join events or apply for an open position of trust, so follow our communications about events and open positions of trust on TaiYo's website and weekly newsletter.

 Quick tip! You can get a free 6-euro prepaid phone subscription from TaiYo to get you a Finnish phone number and get your Finnish life started! You can pick up your subscription from our office or at the Orientation Day picnic on the 17th of August!

See you soon!! : TaiYo