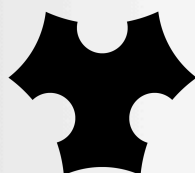


FRESHMAN GUIDE

2026





Hello new student!

It's great that you found your way here. Welcome to our community! At TEK, students are an important part of our community. Tekniikan akateemiset TEK is a community of around 83,000 professionals, including Master of Science in Technology graduates, architects, computer scientists, mathematicians and natural scientists, as well as university students in these fields.

So, what is Teekkari culture all about? You can find the Teekkari ABC and great stories from its history at teekkarit.fi. Join Tekniikan akateemiset TEK as a student member and learn more about all the benefits of membership! Membership is completely free for students.

Get to know us better on Tuudo or join us right away at www.tek.fi/join. You'll receive a student belt as a joining gift! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

See you on campus!
Best regards



Sara Parkkinen
Opiskelijayhdyshenkilö / Oulu
sara.parkkinen@tek.fi
TG @OulunTykki



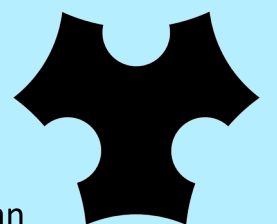
Table of contents

- 4 Greetings from the Freshman Director and Freshman Helper
- 6 International Committee
- 8 Mark your calendars and get ready for
- 9 What is OTY
- 10 OTY Chairman column
- 12 Teekkari guilds of Oulu
- 28 A word about being a Teekkari
- 31 Teekkari Cap
- 33 Freshman Cap
- 34 Freshman Pass
- 36 Teekkarihymni



Freshman guide

Publisher: Oulun Teekkariyhdistys ry
Printed at: Monisto Oy
Distribution: 15 pcs
Texts: TEK representative of Oulu, OTY chairman
-26, IA Committee -26, Freshman Committee -26, old editorial staff
Layout: Arttu Lahti
Cover image: Jenna Väänänen



Greetings from the Freshman Director and Freshman Helper

Hi there, and congratulations on getting accepted! It's great that you've chosen to study engineering in Oulu—welcome!

You have an unforgettable freshman year ahead of you on your journey to becoming a Teekkari, during which you'll get to know your new hometown of Oulu, your new classmates, university life, and us—who are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new freshmen. This magazine is meant to guide you at the start of your studies, so you'll know what kind of community is here to help and guide you through your first year of college. So be sure to check out the magazine's content—that way, by the fall, some of the faces and standards might already be familiar to you.

Starting university can feel really exciting, and during the first few weeks you might feel overwhelmed by the flood of information, but you're not alone in this situation. It's a good idea to take things in small steps by actively participating in small-group orientation sessions. So there's no need to worry, because here you'll be greeted by an amazing group of students who will welcome you with open arms into student life!

When you step into the university world for the first time, you'll be greeted by your own tutor. Tutors will guide you through the start of your studies, introduce you to student life, and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to ask your tutors absolutely anything that comes to mind! They can tell you all about student life, student restaurants, getting a bus pass, course registration, and even how to fill out your Kela application. During your freshman year, you'll also get to know your own guild,

whose purpose is to promote students' interests both in their free time and in their studies. The guilds organize a wide variety of activities during free time as well, and the coming year is definitely not going to be boring! It's definitely worth stopping by your guild room—for example, between lectures and exercises—to grab a cup of coffee, play various games, work on school assignments, and, of course, the most fun part: getting to know your fellow guild members, including us older students!

In addition to the tutors, each of the eight engineering student associations has freshman directors and freshman assistants who are also happy to help with any day-to-day concerns. The student association's freshman coordinators and assistants, together with the freshman director and freshman helper, form the Freshman Committee. The Freshman Committee's mission is to oversee freshman orientation and organize all kinds of awesome events for you!

During your first year of study, you are not yet a Teekkari; you become one through various traditions. At the beginning of your freshman year, you'll receive a freshman pass, in which you'll collect freshman points throughout the year. This is your key to becoming a Teekkari. You'll get to be part of traditions that have continued for decades! The freshman pass brings joy and adventure, and helps you grow into Teekkari culture. Make the most of your freshman year — you're welcome here just as you are!

If, before the Oulu Teekkaris' Wappu celebration, you've collected enough

freshman points in your passport and proven that you're worthy of the title "Teekkari," you'll get to take a dip in the natural waters of Åström Park on Wappu Eve and wash away your freshman status. You'll receive your Teekkari cap on Wappu morning during the capping ceremony, after which you can wear it throughout your studies. Remember to order your Teekkaricap in time so that it arrives in time for the ceremony! Your personal tutor will surely guide you through this as well. You'll become part of traditions that have continued for decades, as well as the unique Tupsufamily!

Student life is full of all kinds of student events. Especially at the beginning of your freshman year, it's a good idea to get involved in as many events as possible and don't be too shy about

it. There, you'll get to know your new fellow students and make friends. Alongside all the great fun, it's also important to focus on your studies and well-being! The first few weeks might feel really overwhelming, with information and events coming in through every door and window, so remember to take a break now and then! You don't have to remember everything right away, so don't worry. That's what we (Matti and Jesse) and the other Freshman committee members, as well as the tutors, are here for! Feel free to reach out to us— we're happy to help!

We want to wish you an amazing and memorable freshman year, and we hope we'll get to see as much of you as possible at our events!



You can recognize the members of the Freshman Committee by the logo and the ribbon in this color, which is located on the right trouser leg of their overalls.

Matti Damski (left)

Freshman Director
Oulun Teekkariyhdistys ry
fuksihjaaja@oty.fi

Telegram: @Dam_sk1

Jesse Pitkänen

Freshman Helper
Oulun Teekkariyhdistys ry
fuksiapuri@oty.fi

Telegram: @Jjessepp





International Committee



Hello, I'm Salla, OTY's International Affairs Manager. I'm a third year student in process engineering and therefore a member of the Process guild. I love the word sage because it's my favourite color but also has many other beautiful meanings.

You might find me crocheting around campus. If you have any questions, feel free to ask!

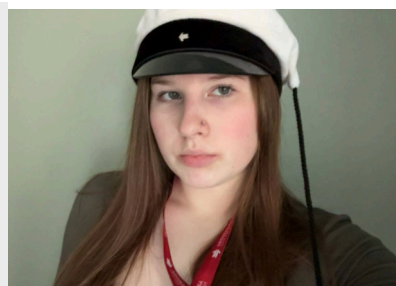
Hi there, Tiger! We're Emily and Kairo, and we're both fourth-year architecture students at the University of Oulu. This year, we're representing the Oulun Arkkitehtikilta (Oulu Architecture Guild) in OTY's International Committee. Besides drinking coffee and playing The Hunchback of Notre Dame, we're both Pitbull fanatics. Inspired by the one and only Mr. 305, our favourite quote is: "Bada bim, bada boom, Mr. Worldwide, when I step in the room...". We're looking forward to meeting you all this autumn!



Hi! My name is Helmi and I'm starting my second year of construction engineering. I'm a member of Ympäristörakentajakilta also known as YRK (the Environmental Construction Guild).

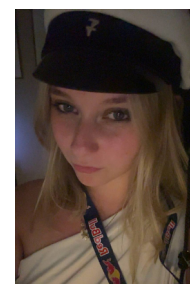
My favorite phrase is delulu is the solulu. That's the kind of mindset I like!

Hi! I'm Tilda and I'm the international affairs manager of the Process Engineering Guild. I'm starting my second year of studies there. My favourite quote is "Been there done that" said by the one and only Pitbull. When I'm not studying I like to go on walks, cycle and go to UniMove workout classes. I also like to read but unfortunately I rarely have time for it.



Moro moro! My name is Tia, and I am a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering student and the International Affairs Officer of the Mechanical Engineering Guild. One of the best things about this role has been meeting people from all over the world and helping international students feel welcome in Oulu. My favourite quote is: "At the end of the day, it's night." In my free time, I enjoy acrobatics, reading, travelling, and spending time with my friends. See yall!! <3

Hi there! My name is Matti and I'm the International Coordinator from SIK. I'm also the Freshman Director over at OTY so I'll be arranging a wide variety of events for all of you new freshmen with the help of our amazing freshman section. I'm starting my fourth year at uni so I would dare to say I have a lot of experience on all things student. Feel free to come say hi and have a chat whenever! My favourite English word is definitely lollygag no explanation needed.

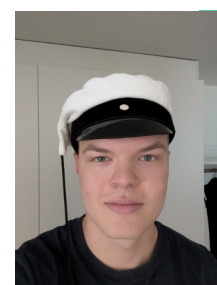
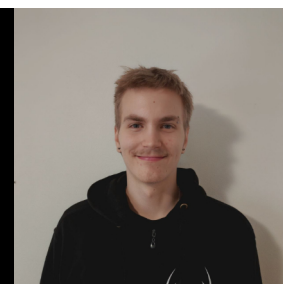


Hello everyone! I'm Hanna and I am starting my second year of Computer Science and Engineering, so I'm a proudly part of OTiT. You can spot me by my black overalls and the little red car on the side of them. My favorite word is "quesadilla" because it's my signature dish if I want to impress someone, and it just sounds funny. In my free time, I like to go for a run or play football. You can always come say hi if you see me somewhere!

Konsta Hynynen 2025 OTiT

You miss all the shots you don't take

In my freetime I like to play the electric guitar, but not so much that I'd actually get good at it. I also attend as many metal concerts as my time and wallet allows



Hi! I'm Otso Kallio and I'm the Kummi Student for OPTIEM. I'm starting my second year of studies in the autumn and I mostly spend my free time with music, games and exercising.

Favorite quote: "As long as there is delusion, there is hope"

Hi all! My name is Hugo and I'm the international affairs manager of OLTO. I'm starting my second year of studies this fall in the biomedical engineering bachelor's program. This year I am also tutoring our new bachelor's freshmen. I am also originally from Oulu so if you have any questions about our city or anything else really feel free to ask. See you soon! Oh, and my favourite quote in English Definitely Maybe.



Mark your calendars and get ready for

18.9. OTY International Sauna

At the Sauna you'll become an expert of student culture and traditions, sauna culture, and of course, you'll learn what it means to be a "Teekkari". This event is free of charge!

23.9. OTY International city tour

We'll be exploring the city together and getting to know the hidden gems of the city.

11.10. Oulu Odyssey

Your goal is to collect as many points as possible with your team. The team with the most points wins!

30.11. OTYxOTE Halloween Sitsit

Halloween themed international sitsit.

Calendar for year 2026

January							February							March							April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31								29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

May							June							July							August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	4							1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
31																					30	31					

September							October							November							December							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31			

What is OTY

Oulu Teekkari Association (OTY), more commonly known as OTY, is the umbrella organization for all Teekkari students in Oulu, also known as an "umbrella guild," and it also serves as a cooperation body for Teekkari guilds. OTY's responsibilities include organizing events for Teekkari students, maintaining cooperation with other Teekkari communities in Finland, students from other fields, other faculties, and our professional organization, Tekniikan Akateemiset (TEK).

After paying OTY's lifetime membership fee, you will receive various benefits as a member. As proof of membership, you will receive a membership sticker that entitles you to discounts, for example, on admission fees to events organized by OTY. The membership fee also includes Laulukalu, the very own songbook of Oulu's Teekkari students. As a member, you also have the opportunity to order the traditional Oulu Teekkari cap.

Located in Kaijonharju is Teekkaritalo, which was built as a result of OTY's house project. The house was completed in 1993 thanks to numerous donations of materials and money, as well as, naturally, an immeasurable number of hours of volunteer work.

Although the House is fully functional, it still requires regular maintenance, which is handled

Website:

www.oty.fi

Telegram:

OTY Info

Instagram:

[oulunteekkariyhdistys](#)

Facebook:

[Oulun Teekkariyhdistys](#)

Member magazine:

[Teksuutimet](#)

by TeekkariLupi, an organization operating under OTY. The House is also rented to external parties, but there is always room for students to spend an evening together, as that is what the House was built for. OTY's office is located on the upper floor of Teekkaritalo.

OTY's communication channels include its website, noticeboards, email, and Telegram. Make sure to join your guild's mailing list, as this is the most reliable way to receive information. In addition, OTY has its own magazine, Teksuutimet, which is published approximately four times a year.

In addition to the board introduced on the following page, OTY also includes various committees, such as the Fuksijaos, which organizes events aimed at first-year students; the WappuComitea, which prepares for Wappu; TeKoLupi, which takes care of matters related to studies; and the Tempaus- ja kulttuuritoimikunta (TeKuToKu), which promotes and maintains Teekkari culture. If you are interested in organizational activities, you are more than welcome to join us!

During the academic year, OTY holds office hours at Teekkaritalo on Mondays from 11:00 to 14:00. More information about the office hours will be announced on OTY's website and by email. Welcome to visit Teekkaritalo!

OTY is:

- An association with over 4,000 members
- The umbrella organization for Teekkari guilds

OTY organizes:

- Oulu Teekkari Wappu
- Teekkari cultural events
- Leisure activities

In addition, OTY:

- Owns Teekkaritalo
- Coordinates overall and Teekkari cap orders
- Preserves Oulu's Teekkari traditions

Welcome to study the Technical field in Oulu!

And welcome to be a part of our Technical students community. During your freshman year you will meet a lot of different people, and get to familiarize yourselves with a new culture and ways of doing things. You will also encounter new, maybe a bit exciting, and even inspiring things. This is the year when you should definitely try everything, even when it might seem a bit frightening or strange to you, to find which parts of our student culture are the most important to you. You don't need to like everything, but you shouldn't say no before you try.

You will hear from your freshmen guides and tutors about all the wonderful things about your freshman year, so I will leave those and talk to you about Teekkarius instead. You will hear words "Teekkarius säilyy ainiaan", which basically means that being a part of our community lasts forever, and it's not essential to understand what it means yet, but you will probably experience an epiphany at some point, like so many before you, and understand "this is what that really means".

In the centre of being a Teekkari is our wholesome community, our ways and our culture, which have existed long before you and hopefully will exist long after you too. Sittnings "sitsit", practical jokes "jäynät", stunts "tempaukset", Teekkari caps "Teekkarilakit", cap permissions "Lakkiluvat" and many other things might seem very far and foreign to you, but I promise that none of us understood them before we got to know the culture. In other words, first we experienced, then we learned and then we started to teach the ways to younger students. So don't worry - you will get

to know all of our traditions, even faster than you might think!

"Fuksi kuin fuksi" or "Freshman as freshman" - we all were once in your shoes (some of us even more often than just once). The older students might seem a bit scary at times, but all of us still remember the day we walked through the university doors for the first time. So don't be scared off by the academic experience, but instead embrace everything it has to offer and ask for advice regarding the student life as well as your studies. These older students are also an excellent bridge to get to know the student life in Oulu, so whether your freshmen friends attend an event or not, go and experience it for yourself! The foundation of our community are our members and you are a part of this community now.

I would like to finish this column by saying to you, that even though the culture and events might sweep you off your feet, remember to focus also on your studies! Unfortunately, if you don't spend time on your courses, you will find them in front of you next year. The studies require work and time, but fortunately you have your fellow students and our community to help you on your journey. Still, try to also remember that there is more to life than just studying - it's not supposed to take up all of your free time!

So enjoy your journey towards being a Teekkari and have the courage to try everything that Oulu and the student life have to offer. Once again, a warm welcome to all of you to be a part of our Teekkari family and we shall meet soon!

Tärkeintä elämässä on, ettei tee virheitä.



Salla Rissanen

Chairman

Oulun Teekkariyhdistys ry

puheenjohtaja@oty.fi

Telegram: @Smrissa





Oulun Arkkitehtikilta

Studying Architecture

The Architecture Unit is located in Linnanmaa, on the University of Oulu's main campus, together with the other fields of engineering. First-year students have their own drawing studio, next to which is the studio for second-year students. In the drawing studio, architecture students can choose their own personal desk where they can store their belongings and work. The Architecture Unit also has other study spaces, such as computer rooms and an art studio. Working in the same space with other first-year students is rewarding, and there is always someone to take a break with or ask for help. The Oulu architecture student community is relatively small, but very active and close-knit. We have our own Guild House, and the weekly guild evenings provide a great opportunity to get to know students from older years. You can also

spot them at the university in the guild room, making coffee. Feel free to approach older students, as they are always happy to help and encourage you throughout your courses.

Guild

The Oulu Architecture Guild was founded in 1959, making us the oldest guild among Oulu's Teekkari guilds! We cooperate extensively with other Teekkari guilds, and there are plenty of events for Teekkari students throughout the year. There are also plenty of interdisciplinary activities between different faculties and student organizations, so there is certainly no shortage of things to do. Our own guild also organizes plenty of activities and social events. The Guild House of the Oulu Architecture Guild is located in Pikisaari, close to the city center.

Viivi Rintelä (right)

Freshman Director

Telegram: @viivirin

Fanni Hämäläinen

Freshman Shepherd

Telegram: @fannihamalainen



Founded: October 1959

Annual intake: About 50 Bachelor freshmen and 15 masters

Overall colour: Painters white

Guild magazine: Alkkari

Guild website: www.oulunarkkitehtikilta.net

Guild instagram: oulunarkkitehtikilta

Guild freshman point: Guild house community work

Guild room location: In Agora, between Konekatu and Tekniikankatu.

The log house was originally built in the city center in the 19th century, and was later moved to its current location by the guild members. All guild members are welcome at the Guild House, and occasionally, for example during Wappu, all students are welcome as well.

Events

Our guild's interdisciplinary events include Barbaariset Bakkanaalit, Makia-appro, and the

launch party for the Wappu magazine Ööpinen. Within the guild, we also occasionally organize guild flea markets, sitsit, and excursions, meaning visits to various destinations. Every month, we also have a guild weekend, when the Guild House is open to guild members throughout the entire weekend. The guild also has sports sessions twice a week. Your first year is guaranteed to be unforgettable and full of exciting events!

Welcome <3





Oulun yliopiston Ympäristörakentajakilta ry

Hi Freshman!

Huge congratulations on your study place, and a very warm welcome to Oulu!

Oulun yliopiston Ympäristörakentajakilta, or YRK for short, is the guild for students of both Environmental Engineering and Civil and Community Engineering. Our guild was founded in 1959 on the basis of Rakentajakilta ry, making us the second-oldest Teekkari guild in Oulu. This year, a total of 164 freshmen will begin their studies in our degree programmes: 104 in the bachelor's programmes, 40 in the master's programmes, and 20 in the English-language programme.

Studies

Students of Civil and Community Engineering choose Structural Engineering, Community Engineering, or Mining Engineering as their study orientation during their bachelor's studies. At the diploma stage, students can additionally specialize in Building Health. Environmental Engineering students, on the other hand, choose between Sustainable Energy Systems, Industrial Environmental

Engineering, or Water and Environmental Engineering during their diploma studies. Both degree programmes represented by our guild are excellent fields for the future, with excellent employment prospects.

How can you recognize us?

We are easy to recognize by our three-coloured overalls, featuring blue, red, and yellow. In addition, our Teekkari caps are decorated with a cockade featuring our guild's logo. Besides our colourful overalls, you can also recognize us by our red sauna, which is transported entirely by human power. Around Wappu, YRK's calendar is also published by the Calendar Committee. The freshman tutors of YRK's freshman team can be recognized by their colourful vests, while the freshman representative stands out with their magnificent cape.

YRK's Guild Room

Our Guild Room is located right in the heart of the university, behind the green coat racks near the central lobby. At the Guild Room, you can, for example, work on your studies, meet new

people, take a nap, sip coffee, or simply hang out in good company. The atmosphere is warm, although we cannot guarantee the quality of the conversations. The calendar on the Guild Room wall also features all the upcoming events for the current month, which are of course also announced also through our guild's communication channels. You are always welcome to drop by the Guild Room whenever you find a suitable moment in your day!

From Workwear to Evening Gowns

At the beginning of the academic year, we organize Akateemiset Alkajaiset together with the Oulu Production Engineering Teekkari Guild (Optiem), and later in the autumn, Puhtsariappro together with the Electrical Engineering Guild (SIK). At the Rakasitsit organized by our guild, you can channel your inner construction worker and put on your workwear. We also organize FanttiFest together with Optiem, where the guilds compete against each other in an elephant ball tournament. We also take part in organizing Viini- ja lauluilta together with Optiem and the Process Engineering Guild. A couple of times a year, we celebrate YRK-SIK Days together with our neighbouring guild, SIK. During these days, the door between our guild rooms is opened, allowing the two guilds to mingle. During Wappu, we organize Patioappro, where you can enjoy the spring weather and try out different outdoor terraces in preparation for

the summer. In addition to these events, our guild organizes various activities for its members, such as sitsit, excursions, company visits, and leisure activities.

Where can I find out more??!!

Be sure to check out our guild's awesome new website, as well as our Instagram and TikTok posts. In addition to photos, our website contains more information about our guild, contact details, and study materials. Your freshman year will undoubtedly be unforgettable, while also flying by in the blink of an eye. So make the most of it! The autumn, and the entire year, will be filled with events that are definitely worth attending, as they offer unique experiences, new friends, and, of course, those highly coveted freshman points. Don't be afraid to join in and try new things! In addition to the Freshman Committee, your own tutor is already looking forward to the start of the autumn and will help you get started with university life. It is completely natural to feel nervous about a new situation, but you are not alone! There are plenty of us here, and we are all here for you freshmen! So don't hesitate to ask if something is on your mind — there are no stupid questions.

Have the best freshman year, everyone! See you very soon! <3

Founded: 4.12.1959

Annual intake: 109 + 40 masters

Overall colour: Blue-red-yellow

Guild magazine: Nakertaja

Guild website: www.ymparistorakentajakilta.net

Guild instagram: ymparistorakentajakilta

Guild TikTok: yrkoulu

Guild freshman point: Freshman soccer

Guild room location: In the catacombs, behind the green coat racks

Tomi Seppänen

Freshman Captain

Telegram: @tomiseppanen

Hallahelinä Evinsalo

Freshman Assistant

Telegram: @hallahelina

Lumia Routama (left)

Freshman Assistant

Telegram: @lumiaroutama



Oulun yliopiston Prosessikilta ry

Hello there! Massive congratulations on getting accepted, and welcome to Oulu!

Oulun yliopiston Prosessikilta ry, more commonly known as Prose, is the student guild for students of process engineering and mining and enrichment engineering. Prosessikilta is the third oldest Teekkari guild in Oulu, which was founded a whopping 65 years ago. Although our guild already has a bit of age, it is still very youthful and boldly pushing forward. You recognize a student from Prose from the crowd by the already slightly darkened "pure white" overalls and from the "Kaikki Virtaa" ("Everything Flows") arrow, which decorates every one of our student's cockades on the Teekkari cap.

Studies

Process engineering studies consist of a bachelor's degree and from the master's phase, from which one graduates with a master's degree in engineering. The Bachelor's phase includes basic and subject studies, which deal with the basics of process

engineering, mathematics, chemistry, physics, Swedish and English, as well as various natural phenomena, getting to know the topics of advanced studies and on-the-job training. The master's phase includes the advanced studies of your choice according to specialization. The fields of study are chemical engineering, automation technology, bioproduct and bioprocess technology and process metallurgy.

Guild room

It's easy to find Prose members in droves on weekdays in our guild room, which can be found along the Prosessikäytävä in the basement of the V1 staircase. In our guild room you will find the largest TV in the Teekkari guilds, a foosball table, several board games, a kitchen, and sofas so comfortable that they sometimes feel difficult to get up from. On the side of the back room there is a dart board and a bigger table and chairs for studying. It's worth coming to the guild room between lectures to get to know other students and drink a cup of coffee, if not two.



Gabriella Slewa (above)

Freshman Captain

Telegram: @gabriellasleywa

Alina Joensuu

Freshman Henchman

Telegram: @alinajoensuu

Founded: 13.3.1961

Annual intake: 70

Overall colour: Pure white

Guild magazine: Porle

Guild website: www.prosessikilta.fi

Guild instagram: prosessikilta

Guild TikTok: prosessikilta

Guild freshman point: Guild room community work

Guild room location: Along Prosessikatu, from the V1 staircase to the Catacombs.

Events

Our guild organizes two big events during the year - MallasAppro in the fall and Kirkkovenesoudut in the spring. Mallasappro, more commonly known as Mappro, is one of the biggest student events in Oulu. The event organized in October gathers students from all over Finland to tour the bars in the city center. Kirkkovenesoudut, more commonly known as Soudut, are organized as part of Teekkari Wappu. University subject organizations and local companies participate in the rowing to compete for the dominance of Oulujoki. After the rowing, the day continues in the city center with Jälkisoudut. In addition to these, our guild organizes many other events and activities during the year, both among guild members and with other guilds. We organize, among other things, theme parties, sports events, skiing trips, sport trials, excursions (i.e. company visits), parties, company evenings and much else!

What else?

There's a lot going on in our guild, so it is worth following our social media and information channel right from the get go, so you will be informed about everything possible! It's worth talking to older students about summer jobs, because they are

happy to tell you more. There is a good buzz in the guild room during the winter regarding summer jobs and at the same time you can hear really valuable advice and tips for summer jobs.

Upcoming fall

Freshman year is a unique year and we encourage you to make the most of it. Student events offer a good counterweight to studies and make it possible to meet new people, getting to know each other and creating lifelong friendships. Have the best and most memorable year of your life!

Wishing you a fun and eventful freshman year!
– Gabriella and Alina





Oulun yliopiston Koneinsinööriky

Hello Freshman!

Welcome to the Kone (Mechanical Engineering) pages! This year, you'll be welcomed by Freshman Director Eetu and Freshman Shepherd Toni. The Mechanical Engineering Guild of the University of Oulu, known as Konekilta - or more briefly (and loudly) KONE - is the guild for friends wearing bright red overalls. You can recognize its members not only by these overalls, but also by the large cockade on their Teekkari cap and their eye-catching vehicles! You'll easily run into Kone members at events throughout the year and around the university, as we are one of the largest guilds.

Vehicles

As mentioned earlier, and as you will likely notice, it's not uncommon to come across an unusual red vehicle or two in Oulu's student scene. The vehicles of Kone are prized treasures of our guild, including our oldest member, the fire truck Ykä (-28), the Land Rovers Mellakka and Korppu, and a Jawa motorcycle. It's possible to ride in any of these - just ask the driver if you're even a little

interested! In addition to motorized friends, Kone members also get around the university corridors on red scooters, the largest and loudest of which is Lauri. You can't miss it.

Studies

It's easy to assume that Mechanical Engineering is all about working on cars and wearing gasoline scented sneakers, but there's much more to our guild! There are more specializations than you can count on one hand: Automotive and Construction Machinery Engineering, Mechanical Design, Production Technology, Technical Mechanics, Materials Engineering, and Mechatronics & Machine Diagnostics. During the first year, the focus is on basic studies, which are the same for everyone. These include introductory courses in mathematics, statics and strength of materials. You can tackle these together in the guild's study room KO155, located at the top of the guildroom stairs. After the basic studies, in the second year, you choose your specialization for the remainder of your studies—but remember, you're never alone! Each specialization has its own courses, but there are also shared courses that continue well into



Eetu Lassila (right)

Freshman Director

Telegram: @elassila

Toni Koivukangas

Freshman Shepherd

Telegram: @KoivuG

Founded: 27.9.1965

Annual intake: 90

Overall colour: Red

Guild magazine: Kampiakseli

Guild website: www.konekilta.fi

Guild instagram: konekilta

Guild freshman point: Organizing Laskiainen

Guild room location: Along Tekniikankatu near 2S-door in the catacombs

the later years of your studies.

Events

Kone members aren't just seen at general events—throughout the year, Konekilta also organizes its own events, which are naturally some of the best of the year! The biggest and most traditional event is Kone's Laskiainen, held annually on Shrove Tuesday. Kone freshmen earn a "Shrove Tuesday Organization" point for their freshman pass during this event. In addition to Laskiainen, Kone also hosts the Shrove Tuesday Pub Crawl, affectionately called L'approt. We also organize all kinds of other events, such as parties, pub crawls, excursions, and more, often together with other student associations. A great example is the large autumn scavenger hunt, Orientteerinki, organized together with OAMK's engineering students. Events are an excellent way to meet new people, have fun with friends, or just spend time socially. Beyond the freshman points and memories, they also create connections that expand your network even further. So make the most of your time as a student!

Guild Room

The guild room is our guild's own living room, located in the basement at the end of the mechanical engineering corridor. For guild members, it's like a home on campus, where

you can hang out together between lectures and labs. Spending time at the guild room is a little everyday luxury—you can have morning coffee with friends, catch up on news, sew patches on your overalls, work on assignments, or even play Mario Kart!

In Conclusion

First-year studies are challenging—few manage them without help. However, guild members are there to support you every step of the way, so it's worth getting to know others, attending events, and above all, having fun! The freshman year concludes at Wappu, when freshmen are "reborn" as Teekkaris and get to wear the bright white Teekkari caps. Freshman year only happens once, so make it unforgettable! As your freshman director, shepherd, and tutors, we are always ready to answer your burning questions, so don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it. We are here for you! Finally, as an extra note, our guild's website has a photo gallery, more information about the guild, and a comprehensive amount of study material.



Hello there, new freshman, and electric congratulations on the start of your university journey!

Sähköinsinööri, better known as SIK, is the student organization for students of Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering at the University of Oulu. SIK members can be recognized by their electric-blue overalls and the lightning-bolt cockade decorating their Teekkari caps. Other trademarks of SIK include, among other things, three-person NeverSki skis and a set of children's wheels equipped with a subwoofer and car entertainment technology, known as the MöykkäWaunut. The guild's Freshman Captain carries a Norwegian flag. Whenever the flag is waving, the Freshman Captain has something to say to the freshmen.

"...when the freshmen see this flag, let them know; that they should gather around the flag.."

Guild Room

Hidden away in the catacombs of Fysiikankatu, you will find our Guild Room, serving the

electrical engineering students. At the Guild Room, you can relax in good company, listen to music, study, or even play darts. Coffee is almost always ready, and the kiosk has snacks available for when you get a little hungry. If you have questions or problems with your studies, there is usually someone at the Guild Room who can help. It is also an easy place to get to know students from older years.

Electronics Club

Every Monday, the Electronics Club gathers at the prototype workshop next to the Fab Lab to build all kinds of fascinating gadgets. Anyone can join the Electronics Club, and best of all: it is completely free for everyone! You can also work on your own small projects using the freely available tools and components found at the Electronics Club. (Note! This is the place to make yourself the coolest and most street-credible LED lightning-bolt overall patch!)

Sinssi

In our guild magazine, you can read the hottest

Iiris Pelkonen

Freshman Captain

Telegram: @iirisp

Markus Holma

Freshman Shepherd

Telegram: @Etunimi_Sukunimi



Founded: 7.10.1965

Annual intake: 85

Overall colour: Electric blue

Guild magazine: Sinssi

Guild website: www.sik.fi

Guild instagram: [sik_oulu](https://www.instagram.com/sik_oulu)

Guild TikTok: [sik_oulu](https://www.tiktok.com/@sik_oulu)

Guild freshman point: Guild room community work

Guild room location: In the catacombs along Fysiikankatu, near the J2 door

student tips and reviews, as well as many other articles where the only limit is your imagination. The magazine is published approximately four times a year, and you can also contribute by opening up your own treasure chest of stories and submitting your own writing for publication!

Events and Excursions

Every year, SIK organizes several different events for freshmen and other students. In the autumn, the most exciting events for freshmen are probably the Freshman Excursion, a bus trip and party journey to a mysterious destination, and the Freshman Sitsit, which is traditionally organized together with the Architecture Guild. SIK also organizes Ympärihiidot and Pultsariappro together with other Teekkari guilds. The most electric parties of the year, and probably of your entire life, can be found at Sähköpäivät, which is organized together with our sister guilds from Aalto University, Vaasa, Tampere, and Lappeenranta. This year, Sähköpäivät will be held at Aalto University!

Final Words

Your freshman year is a unique year in your life, so make the most of it! The freshman pass you will receive contains a list of the most important Teekkari events, and you should collect stamps and marks from your tutors and

Freshman Representatives throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns about events, studying, or life in general, you can always ask your tutors, Freshman Representatives, or Freshman Tutors for help. You will also make friends with students from different years and guilds, because we Teekkaris always stick together. Courage, curiosity, and a slight touch of madness are all good qualities to have here, and everyone is welcome just as they are. When Wappu arrives, put your Teekkari cap on and wear it with pride!

Sähköinsinööri wishes everyone a wonderful freshman year!



T Oulun Tietoteekkarit ry

Hi new CSE freshmen!

Congratulations on your admission and welcome to our group of Oulun Tietoteekkarit! Oulun Tietoteekkarit ry, more commonly known as OTiT is the guild of computer science and engineering students at the University of Oulu. The guild organizes events for guild members, promotes community and groups likeminded people together. Here it begins!

The Guild Room

The guild room, or kiltis, is naturally the center of the guild's activities. It's located in the winding catacombs underneath the university, accessible via the stairs along the Kauppakatu corridor. The door is bright orange and covered in stickers, so you can't miss it. Inside, you'll find plenty of essential amenities, including console games, board games, a pool table, study spaces, and most importantly, a coffee maker. At the guild room, you'll also bump into fellow students who can help with your studies or just chat. The room is hugely important to the guild members, so the board always keeps it stocked by keeping the fridge full of soda and

the counter packed with snack bars. They're also constantly working to make the space even cozier. It's a great spot for both studying and hanging out, so make sure to drop by whenever you're on campus!

Events

Throughout the year, the guild organizes numerous events for both its members and other students. The most important autumn events for freshmen are the Freshmen Sittnings, and the Freshmen Excursion, which offer a great introduction to Teekkari culture. In the autumn, there is also the Guild room tour, where you can explore the guild rooms of other student organizations. The afterparty takes the form of Citytour, a bar crawl crowned with a pub quiz. The guild's biggest event of the autumn is PikkuWappu, where you get a taste of the atmosphere of the upcoming Wappu. January marks the beginning of a new season of OTiT – Tournaments is Tournaments, or OTiTOTiT for short. Throughout the year, students battle for the title of TitaaniTeekkari, with competitions ranging from kyykkä and 8-ball pool to PC games. For many, the highlight



Kalle Alasaarela (vas.)

Fuksiasiaiministeri

Telegram: @keppana3

Aapo Koivumäki

Fuksiasiainsihteeri

Telegram: @Kor1pallo

Founded: 26.9.1988

Annual intake: 100

Overall colour: Black

Guild magazine: Terminaali

Guild website: www.otit.fi

Guild instagram: [ouluntietoteekkarit](https://www.instagram.com/ouluntietoteekkarit)

Guild freshman point: Participation in one subcontest of OTiT Tournament is Tournaments

Guild room location: In the catacombs along Kauppakatu

of the spring is Titeenien Taistelut, which gathers computer science and engineering students from all over Finland into one city to compete for the title of the top guild. Next spring's destination is Tampere, and you should definitely join in to represent the guild!

Getting Involved

If just attending events isn't enough and you're interested in organizing them, it's worth asking active members about their experiences and attending the autumn kähmintä-event, where you can learn more about the guild's board and official positions. The election meeting is held according to the rules every autumn, and anyone can run for a position. Active volunteers are always needed, and getting involved is a great way to meet many amazing people both

within and outside the guild. Plus, being an active member doesn't look bad on your CV either!

In Conclusion

Remember that your freshman year is unique, and most people only get to experience it once in their lives, so make sure to make the most of it. We encourage you to bravely jump into everything, having fun makes the year pass by faster than you'd ever believe. By throwing yourself into the crowd, you'll make lifelong friends and acquaintances you can always rely on for advice in life. Before you know it, you'll be happily looking back on your freshman year with a black-and-white tasseled cap on your head. And of course, don't forget to study, too!





OPTIEM - Oulun Tuotantotaloustekkarit ry

Hello there new freshmen!

Optiem is the guild for Industrial Engineering and Management students at the University of Oulu. The name Optiem comes from Oulu Presents The Industrial Engineering and Management. Although we are the youngest and second-smallest engineering student guild after the Biomedical Engineering Guild, we also have a long history behind us. In fact, next autumn we'll be celebrating our 35th Anniversary Ball! Our guild is known for its amazing community spirit and our members actively take part in all kinds of engineering student events with enthusiasm and good vibes.

Guild Room

Our guild room is like a second home for many members. It's a place where you can hang out between lectures, spend your evenings, or just relax with friends. We have board games, a pool table, and the biggest TV of all the guild rooms on campus. The guild room is open not only to our members but also to all engineering students and freshmen. Feel free

to drop by to ask questions, buy overall patches, or simply play some games. Chances are you'll find people competing in a game of JetPunk or Contexto, so don't hesitate to join in!

Events

Optiem organizes a wide variety of events throughout the year. The autumn party season kicks off with Academic Freshmen Kickoff (Akateemiset Alkajaiset), one of our biggest events, organized together with the Environmental Engineering Guild. It's definitely a party you don't want to miss! During the spring semester, we co-organize the popular Fanttifest together with YRK. In addition to these larger events, we organize company visits (excursions), sauna evenings, movie nights, LAN parties, academic table parties (sitsit), weekly sports sessions, and pretty much anything our members are interested in.

Laatta

Our guild magazine, Laatta, is published at least four times a year. Reading Laatta is one



Silja Kilpi

Freshmen Captain
Telegram: @missfux

Sisu Mäkinen

Freshman Assistant
Telegram: @sisumakinen

Founded: 20.5.1991

Annual intake: 50

Overall colour: Mint green

Guild magazine: Laatta

Guild website: www.optiem.fi

Guild instagram: [optiemry](https://www.instagram.com/optiemry)

Guild freshman point: Industrial Engineering Feedback Day

Guild room location: In the catacombs, accessible via the V1 staircase along Prosessikatu.

of the best ways to get to know our guild, our members, and all the amazing events we organize. Every engineering student guild receives a copy, and you're guaranteed to find something that will at least make you smile, if not laugh out loud.

Sports

Optiem members are generally very active in sports. Together with Yrkki and Prose, we organize weekly sports sessions that have become very popular among our members. We also gladly accept challenges from other engineering student guilds, as our competitive spirit is strong! This is reflected in our own annual tournaments, such as Sähliem (floorball), Pokeriem (poker), Pesisiem (Finnish baseball) and Beachiem (beach volleyball). We regularly organize opportunities to try new sports and activities, including karting, fencing, and paintball. If traditional sports aren't your thing, many of our members also enjoy eSports and classic LAN parties.

Studies

So, what do Industrial Engineering and Management students actually study? In simple terms, IEM combines engineering and business. In practice, however, it's much more

than that it's about solving problems, improving processes, and managing complex systems. An Industrial Engineering graduate understands technology while also speaking the language of business. You'll get off to a great start with the introductory courses in Industrial Engineering and Project Management, which also attract students from many other guilds. These courses provide an excellent foundation in the field's concepts and terminology, and the Project Management course even awards you an official certification. If you ever have questions about your studies, don't hesitate to contact Optiem's Academic Affairs Officer, Roope! His contact information, as well as those of all our active members, can be found on the Optiem website.

Freshmen

Our freshmen are looked after by our Freshman Captain, Silja, and Freshman Assistant Sisu. You can always come to us with any questions, anytime and about anything, whether you're an Optiem member or any other engineering freshman looking for help.

Congratulations to all our future engineering students. We can't wait to see you at all the events this autumn!

Oulun Lääketieteen Tekniikan Opiskelijat ry

Hello there all freshmen, congratulations on your study place and welcome to OLTO!

Guild

Oulun lääketieteen tekniikan opiskelijat ry (Medical technology students of Oulu) a.k.a. OLTO is a guild founded in 1993. OLTO is the guild for Biomedical engineering students and all the other students of University of Oulu who are interested in medical technology and engineering. OLTO maintains relations both inside the University of Oulu, (to the student union and other guilds) as well as other universities and sister guilds, without forgetting

companies and experts in the field. OLTO has over 800 members across different study fields. Joining OLTO is free and you can do it on our website.

Events

OLTO organizes different events to its members during the school year, such as bar parties, pre-parties, sittings and a christmas party. We also have excursions such as RekomBIONaatio that gathers bio- and medical technology students from all over Finland. OLTO's events are open to all members of OLTO unless specified otherwise.

Saara Pitkänen

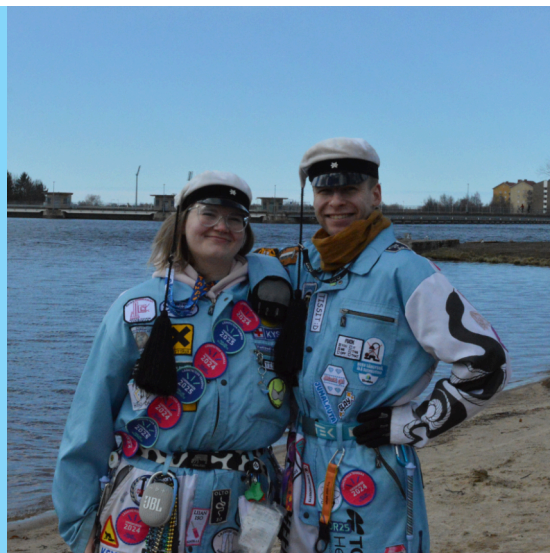
Freshmen Coordinator

Telegram: @stressedsarppa

Lauri Liesoja

Freshmen Helper

Telegram: @LiesOfLauri



Founded: 17.11.1993

Annual intake: 50 Bachelors and 50 Masters

Overall colour: Babyblue and white

Guild website: www.olto.fi/en

Guild instagram: oltokilta

Guild freshman point: Taking part in OLTO's alumni panel

Guild room location: YY2022, Above the restaurant Foobar. You can get in from ATK-katu. HOX! The corridor is locked, so you will need access!

Studies

Biomedical engineering can be studied already from the bachelor's degree or jump into the studies in the master's degree phase. The bachelor's is organised in Finnish, whereas the master's degree is international and studies organised in English. You can choose one from the three study paths: Medical data-analysis, biomaterials and imaging or the internet of medical things. In Oulu there are a lot of companies in the medical technology field, such as Oura Health and Polar. There's also a lot of research being done on the field,

especially by our university.

I still have questions, who do I contact?

Last but not least, our own introduction. We are Saara and Lauri, OLTO's representatives in OTY's freshman committee. We take care of the appropriate Teekkari education of both our bachelors' and masters' freshmen. We organize events for freshmen and try to make sure you feel right at home studying biomedical engineering. If you have any questions or doubts, don't hesitate to contact us, we are here for you!



A word about being a Teekkari

Although the activities of older students may often look rather intense and wild, that does not mean that Teekkaris are allowed to do whatever they want or behave however they please. This is something even a freshman should keep in mind.

Being a Teekkari is a special status in itself. Teekkaris are generally seen as students who sing the strangest songs, enjoy Teekkari humour, including pranks, are enthusiastic partygoers, and occasionally make quite a bit of noise. The other side of the coin might look something like this: Teekkaris get drunk, sing obscene songs, make a mess and vomit everywhere, commit vandalism, and steal traffic signs. This is hardly an image worth promoting, so even as a freshman, you should learn to take responsibility for your own behaviour and, when necessary, for the behaviour of your friends as well. Especially when out in public wearing a Teekkari cap and overalls, you should consider what kind of image you are giving of the group you represent. In principle, it does not matter what kind of stupid things you do without your “uniform”, as long as you do not advertise yourself as a Teekkari (although you probably still should not tell, for example, a police officer that you are a mathematician). Here are a few things worth remembering:

Respect for the Cap:

The Teekkari cap is governed by the Cap Law and Regulations, which every Teekkari should know and every freshman should learn. As a freshman, you can practise wearing the cap

with a freshman cap. You should also learn about the history of the Oulu Teekkari cap so that you can answer questions such as:

Why is your cap different from those of other Teekkaris? Why do you have knots in the tassel cord?

Respect for the Environment:

It is even more financially sensible to return empty bottles to the store than to throw them at traffic signs. In addition, people running barefoot from the nearest sauna may injure their feet on broken glass. Even small children know that rubbish belongs in a bin, so this should not be too much to ask of a Teekkari or freshman either.

A Clean Appearance and Clothing:

Taking a shower every now and then is always a plus (swimming in the Laanaoja stream does not count as taking a shower). A fresh scent might even improve your chances of success in your mating rituals. If you have to kick your overalls to find out whether someone is inside them, it might be time to consider giving them a little cleaning.

Knowing Your Own Limits:

A Teekkari should know their limits when it comes to alcohol and know when they can safely choose to cross them, if they really want to. Even after nine drinks, you do not own 60% of the men or women in the bar, and a dance partner is there for dancing, not for drunken leaning.

Appropriate and Polite Behaviour Towards Everyone (and Animals):

A professor or teaching assistant is rarely deliberately trying to make your life difficult. It might be worth looking in the mirror and considering whether you could have prepared better. Also respect the bouncer who is doing their job while dragging you outside by the scruff of your neck. Teekkaris have many old and wonderful traditions that every Teekkari should know. It is also useful to understand what older students mean when they talk about things such as jäynät and tempaukset. Of course, sauna culture is also part of Teekkari life, although Teekkaris cannot claim to have invented that tradition. In Teekkari circles, mixed-gender saunas are the norm.

Singing:

Teekkaris would rather sing enthusiastically than perfectly. Singing is perhaps the most important and noticeable part of Teekkari culture. The Laulukalu songbook, shared by Oulu’s Teekkari students, contains a suitable song for practically every situation. You can practise singing at song evenings and other events where even a single Teekkari is present. The Teekkari Hymn is always sung at midnight.

Tempaus:

Large-scale demonstrations or activities carried out collectively by a large group of Teekkaris, intended to attract public attention, promote general well-being, or simply be fun. Tempaus is one of the oldest Teekkari traditions, and according to oral tradition, Teekkaris originally invented the Finnish word “tempaus”, which has since become an established part of the Finnish language. A tempaus can be used to take a stand on global issues, sometimes even

political ones, raise money for charity, or simply work together to achieve something such as a world record.

Jäynä:

Teekkari humour at its best. Jäynät are mischievous but good-natured practical jokes carried out by an individual Teekkari or a small group. They should not physically hurt anyone or leave permanent psychological trauma. A good jäynä is fun for the pranksters, any audience, and the person being pranked — at least afterwards. The national jäynä competition is held in autumn, while the local Oulu competition takes place in spring before Wappu.

Speksi (Latin: spectaculum):

A humorous, full-length interactive musical theatre performance. The audience can influence the course of the performance by shouting instructions to the actors. When the audience shouts “omstart”, the scene is performed again as an improvisation, requiring the actors to have exceptional improvisational skills in addition to singing ability. Traditionally, the Oulu-based PahkiSpeksi takes place in late spring.

Sitsit:

An academic dinner party closely associated with a long table, singing, snaps, speeches, and, of course, good food and drinks. People usually dress more formally than usual for sitsit; the dress code is often cocktail attire and sometimes even a dark suit or evening gown. Good manners and politeness are expected during the meal. One purpose of sitsit is to teach participants how to behave at events such as Teekkari annual celebrations.

Excursion:

A study trip to another location in Finland or abroad. An excursion can last for a day, a week, or even several weeks. During an excursion, students visit companies in their field, get to know students and locals in other places, and have fun together and separately. For domestic excursions, the usual means of transportation is a bus.

The best way to learn about Teekkari traditions is to actively participate in guild activities and other Teekkari events. Teekkari culture has strong traditions that we all have a responsibility to preserve and maintain! Teekkari culture is not merely about drinking culture — when necessary, we also know how to have fun completely sober.



Photo from 2023 Teekkariexcursion. Photographer: Tuukka Lehtinen



Photo from 2025 Tuutorsittning. Photo: Frans Härkönen

Teekkari Cap

The Teekkari cap holds a similar position of significance among Teekkaris as the Finnish blue cross flag does in Finland. Caps with a tassel have served as a symbol of Teekkaris since 1893. The Oulu Teekkari cap differs considerably from the caps of other Teekkari cities, as it is based on the traditional four-winds hat. As a result, unlike caps from other cities, the Oulu Teekkari cap has a “tip” at the top, from which the tassel cord also begins. The traditions associated with the cap also vary between different Teekkari cities. The cap should be worn according to the rules of the respective city. The use of the Oulu Teekkari cap is regulated by OTY’s Cap Law and Regulations, which can be found on OTY’s website. However, here are some of the most important things to know about wearing our cap.

A knot is tied into the tassel cord for every Teekkari Wappu spent in Oulu. This means you can determine a Teekkari’s year of study directly from the tassel cord. The cord can hold only four knots in succession, so during the fifth Wappu, a looped draw knot is tied to mark the fifth year. When a Teekkari graduates as a Master of Science in Technology or an architect, the knots are untied during the graduation ceremony. A cap without any knots is therefore a sign of graduation.

Each guild has its own cockade, worn on the front of the cap. This means that you can also tell from an Oulu Teekkari cap which guild a Teekkari belongs to, and therefore what they

study. The cap may not be worn without a front cockade, and only one front cockade may be worn on the cap: the one belonging to the guild of which the student is a member, with the exception of the Kone Guild’s board members. Teekkari caps become unique through their knots, cockade, and natural patina, but all other forms of “customization” are prohibited. There is an exception to this rule, as most engineering guilds and OTY have separately approved board and position cockades. These cockades are placed on the tip of the cap above the tassel cord, or on the front of the cap, replacing the regular guild cockade.

The most common position cockade is the board cockade, which is shaped like the guild’s logo and is worn on the tip of the cap. This is worn by both current and former members of the guild board.

The Teekkari cap may be worn during the summer season from the declaration of Waatto Teekkari Wappu until the last day of September. At that point, the general permission to wear the cap ends during Lakinlaskijaiset, the cap-lowering ceremony. To wear the cap during the winter season, a separate permission must be applied for. This permission has already been requested by the organizers for most events, but you can also apply for one yourself. Instructions for submitting an application can be found on OTY’s website, and the permission is granted by the OTY board.

But how do you get a Teekkari cap?

In order to put your brand-new Teekkari cap on your head at Rauhala on Wappu morning, May 1st at 5:00, you must complete the necessary steps to earn your cap. The steps are explained in more detail in the graphic on the following page, but you will almost automatically earn your cap by participating in activities throughout the year — in other words, by being part of the Teekkari community, attending events, and learning the most important aspects of Teekkari culture.



Freshman Cap

In order to know how to wear your Teekkari cap properly on Wappu morning and understand the traditions associated with it, you should practise wearing a cap as a freshman using a freshman cap! The freshman cap is a precursor to the Teekkari cap and should be worn with the same dignity as the actual Teekkari cap. It is not a humiliation or hazing cap, but a genuine practice cap that everyone uses to learn how to wear and take care of the Teekkari cap. The freshman cap may only be worn at events where there is permission to wear caps, and all the same rules that apply to the Teekkari cap also apply to it. So be careful not to accidentally get, for example, knots in the tassel cord.

Unlike the Teekkari cap, the freshman cap can only be obtained on one specific day. This had to be relaxed during the COVID years, but as things currently stand, the autumn will proceed as normal. Freshman caps are handed out at Fuksilakitus, held at the end of September before Lakinlaskijaiset. If you started your studies in January, it is still possible to get a freshman cap by contacting a member of the Freshman Committee. It is worth paying attention to this, as getting a freshman cap allows you to collect several freshman points. What are those? Freshman points will be explained in their own section on the following page.

The Oulu freshman cap already has a long tradition. In 1977, a strike by the employees of Wahlman, the company that manufactures Teekkari caps, happened to coincide with Wappu and prevented that year's freshmen from receiving their Teekkari caps on Wappu



morning. As a temporary solution, the newly initiated Teekkaris wore white Miranol painter's caps with wool tassels attached to them instead of Teekkari caps. Since then, similar painter's caps have been used as freshman caps. Nowadays, the colour of the freshman cap has changed to blue, as white painter's caps are no longer commonly manufactured.

Over the years, various traditions have become associated with the freshman cap. One of the newest is the ceremonial cremation of the freshman caps at Teekkari House on the evening of Wappu Day. The ashes are collected by OTY's Superfreshman into an urn, which is then taken for a ceremonial dip in Lake Kuivasjärvi after Wappu has ended. The freshman cap does not have a separate cockade. Instead, the guild's emblem is drawn on the front of the cap. Similarly, when serving on the guild board, you may draw the board emblem on the right side of the freshman cap, where the board cockade would be located on the tip of the Teekkari cap.

A separate freshman cap is specifically an Oulu tradition. In other Teekkari cities, freshmen spend their first year either without a cap or wearing a customized Finnish student cap (YO cap).

Freshman Pass

The Freshman Pass is a foldable cardboard installation, a true masterpiece of engineering, where freshman points are collected in nine different categories for a wide variety of events, tasks, and activities. Every freshman receives their pass from their tutor at the very beginning of the autumn. The pass must be assembled correctly and kept intact — so don't put it in the washing machine! You should also try to avoid losing it, meaning that when heading out to events, it is a good idea to leave the pass at home.

Assembling the Freshman Pass

Cut along the dotted lines to get three pieces of cardboard, the largest of which has eight slots. Thread the piece labeled “1. Achievement” through the slots on the left edge of the largest piece, alternating between the different sides of the strips so that page 1 ends up on top of page 3. Thread the second piece through the opposite edge, but start from the opposite side compared to the previous piece, so that page 6 ends up underneath page 4. You now have your very own 12-page Freshman Pass!

What Are Freshman Points?

Freshmen collect the required number of points in their passes in order to receive their Teekkari cap during their first Wappu. To do so, you must collect 32 freshman points and participate in the freshman swimming event. Different events award different numbers of points according to the colour coding in the pass: 3 points for the top category, 2 points for the next two, and 1 point for the remaining categories. The exception is the joker category, which can award a maximum of 3 points. Point

collection begins immediately in the autumn and continues all the way until the swimming event. However, opportunities to earn points decrease as events pass by, so it is worth being active from the very beginning. A freshman who only wakes up to the situation just before Wappu can still earn points as a last resort by helping organize Wappu or taking on various volunteer tasks offered by the guilds, but you should not rely entirely on these opportunities when collecting your points. The number of points you collect directly affects the order in which members of the guild participate in the swimming event on Waatto. In addition, all Teekkari guilds compete to see who collects the most freshman points and earns the prestigious title of Superfreshman on Wappu.

Requirements for Receiving the Teekkari Cap

You become a technology student as soon as you accept your study place and walk through the university's front doors, but you can only receive the Teekkari cap — and the title of Teekkari that comes with it — at the earliest on Wappu morning. The title of Teekkari comes with the responsibility of knowing Teekkari traditions. For this reason, we require you to collect at least 32 freshman points in your Freshman Pass, with at least 4 points in each of the first eight columns. The ninth column is optional. Collecting freshman points is easy and mostly fun, so it is worth being active!

What If You Don't Have Enough Points?

If you do not have enough points or fail to complete the swimming event, you will receive your cap at the Mother's Day Cap Ceremony.

The same may happen if you happen to fall asleep on the night before Wappu Day and therefore fail to show up at Rauhala to collect your cap at 04:00 on Wappu morning. Remember, however, that freshman points, the Teekkari cap, and the right to call yourself a Teekkari are not meant to be pursued with a furrowed brow. The whole point is to enjoy the experience with a positive attitude and a cheerful spirit!

Freshman Points

Freshman points are awarded either directly at the event or afterwards, provided that there is a Teekkari witness or compelling evidence of completion, such as a video or photograph. So-called “good guy points” are not awarded.

Joker Points

The activities marked in the joker section are only suggestions for tasks that can be completed to earn points, with the number of points awarded shown in parentheses after each task. Joker entries can be supplemented with multiple events, up to a total of 3 points. Joker points cannot be entered into any sections other than those specifically marked as joker sections.

How Many Points Do You Need to Collect?

You must collect at least 4 freshman points in each of columns 1–8 of the Freshman Pass (column 9 is optional), for a total of 32 points. Once you have collected enough freshman points, you can participate in the Waatto swimming event (the night before Wappu) and “drown” your freshman status. After this, you are entitled to receive your Teekkari cap on Wappu morning. If you have any questions or uncertainties, contact the Freshman Committee or OTY's Freshman Coordinator at fuksiohjaaja@oty.fi.

Who Can Award Freshman Points?

Maximum of 3 points per award:

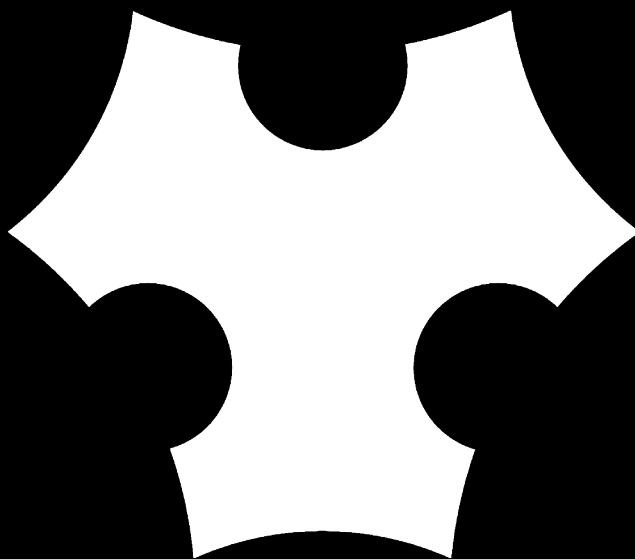
- OTY Board
- Freshman Committee
- Chairs of Teekkari guilds
- Board of TeekkariLupi

Maximum of 2 points per award:

- Tutors
- Teekkari guild boards and OTY's senior officers

NOTE! Freshmen who are members of a board do not have the right to award freshman points!

UKSIPASSI 2026 Oulun Teekkariyhdistys	3. Yhdistystoiminta	4. Kiltatoiminta	Pisteidenanto-oikeudet:	1. Ansiot	6. Urheilu
	PK/Kuvis	Sitsit	1-3p: OTYn hallitus, Fuksijaos, Teekkariiltojen P.J.t, Teekkariilun hallitus 1-2p: Tuutorit, Teekkariiltojen hallitukset, OTYn ylemmät toimihenkilöt Pisteidenanto-oikeudet eivät koske virkoja toimittavia fukseja	Excursio	Fuksilakin käyttö
Nimi	Kilta-aktiivi	Juttu kiltalehteen		20 opintopistettä	Fuksiturheillukset
Kilta	Fuksilauluilta	Laulumarathon		Kiltiskierros	
Sähköpostiosoite	Teekkariarran käyttäminen	Oman killan jäsenyys		Teekkariaperinlento	Kyykkä
	Teekkarihaalarit	Laulunäyte		KV-toiminta	Fuksi-info
	Kähmintätalaisuus	Kiltissivous		Pienryhmäohjaus	OTYmpialaiset
	Oikein koottu passi	Wappuinfo		Kotiruokakurssi	Hallituksen kokous
	Jokeri	Jokeri		Jokeri	Jokeri



Teekkarihymni

Yö kuin kaamos Pohjoisen on pimiä,
Takajoukko nukkuu vain, nukkuu vain.

Tarhapöllön ääni kimiä,
Kuuluu pappilasta päin, kuuluu päin.

Ja taas ja siis ja
Yks, kaks, kolme, neljä, viis.