How to survive in Tartu

A quick guide for students and those new to Tartu

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What’s Covered

• Estonian People
• Weather
• University Life
• Shopping
• Sports
• Leisure
• Nightlife
• Support/Links
Estonian People

• The first question to expect

• Estonians are always happy to meet new people, especially in Tartu

• Very friendly when you make the effort

• Obviously filled with local knowledge

• Boys haircuts

**Warning**
The Estonian Weather: Winter

- Short Days
- Enjoy the Dark
- Bye Sun
- Bye Stars
- Enjoy overcast weather
- Frozen Emajõgi
- Get used to regular minus temperatures

- But summer is on the way 😊😊😊
The Estonian Weather: Summer

- Long days
- Sun! Sun! Beautiful sun!
- 14 degrees avg heading into Summer
Tartu Ülikool

• Classes can start as early as 08.00

• May also run to as late as 20.00

• Typically 30 minute break between classes

• If you have any problems with a class, email the professor/teacher

• Use formal language with any correspondence

• Be punctual

• Many places to print for example Student Hostel and Teleprint

• Photos for ID cards etc. can be obtained from large shopping centres too
Shopping

Department Stores:

• Kvartal
• Kaubamaja
• Tasku
• Zeppelin
• Lõunakeskus (bit further away)

Markets

• Tartu turuhoone
• Tartu avaturg
Supermarkets

- Co-market
- Konsum
- Rimi
- Maxima
- Toidumaailm

Mostly open until 22:00-23:00 (except weekends)
A client card is available almost in every supermarket (some of them are free of charge).
Rubbish/Recycling

Usually sorted into 4 categories:

- Paper/Cardboard (magazines, notepads, paper bags etc.)

- Biodegradables (any foods, vegetables, fruit meat, eggs, bread etc.)

- Packaging (cleaned: glass jars, tin cans, empty bottles, metal, plastic etc.)
  **(all of the above that doesn’t have the refund letter on the label)**

- Household waste (anything that doesn’t come under above category such as wet cardboard, liquids, containers half full of food etc.)

- Batteries also have a special location to be recycled too

- Collection points for all waste at large shopping centres

- Raatuse 22 Student Hostel has large bins sorted this way too
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Sports

• https://www.facebook.com/TartuUltimate/

• https://www.facebook.com/groups/ESNTartuSports/

• Tartu also offers a range of sports such as basketball, tennis, swimming, football, volleyball, table tennis, rugby and many more

• There will be 4 excursions to UT Academic Sports Club soon ^^^^^^^^^

Some Common Gyms:

• University gym
• Myfitness
Leisure

• Many walking/cycling tracks available: https://loodusegakoos.ee/where-to-go/search-options

• Tartu Student Days 25th April-5th May

• Sauna and swimming: https://www.aurakeskus.ee/

• There’s always festivals going on around Estonia: https://goo.gl/Fd3arz

• ESN organised events: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ESNTartuSpring2018/
Nightlife

• Möku
• Püssirohukelder (Gunpowder cellar)
• Naiiv
• And many other bars located on Rüütli st (just off town square).

• For avid club-goers:
• Shooters
• Illusion
• Atlantis Club
Places to Eat

Restaurants: La Dolce Vita, Tokyo Sushi Bar, Chez Andre, Aparaat, Vassilissa, Hot pot

Check all daily menus in Tartu at a quick glance: https://xn--pevapakkumised-5hb.ee/tartu ranging from 3-6 Euros

Coffee and Cake: Werner, Krempel, Armastus, Café Truffe Sada

Fast Food: Fasters, Statoil, Metro, Hesburger, McDonald’s
Support and Useful Links:

• Bus tickets  https://www.tpilet.ee/en
• Second hand items: https://sisu.ut.ee/gettingstarted/tips-international-students/second-hand-shops

https://www.facebook.com/groups/FleaMarketTartu/about/

Basic Free Estonian Language: https://www.keeleklikk.ee/et/welcome

• TRAVEL!
• Get yourselves an ESN card for discounts!
• Tape water is safe to drink 😊
• Make the most of your time here
• Support each other