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# FINLAND – A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY



To succeed in a constantly changing world, you have to change as well. Finland has reinvented itself in just one short century – and we're still at it. Our national character and Northern heritage have boosted us to the top of many kinds of country rankings from education to quality of life. As there are so few of us – only five million – world-class education is available for all.



As a Nordic welfare state, Finland ensures equal access to high-quality education and training. Quality, efficiency, equality and internationalisation are the keywords of the system here. Education has made Finland into a world-class, knowledge-based society, in which higher education is provided by 14 universities and 24 universities of applied science (also known as polytechnics). These offer over 450 degree and non-degree programmes in English.



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# **THE BEST PLACE TO STUDY IN EUROPE**



Finnish higher education institutions are autonomous, but largely funded by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Finland stands out in student satisfaction surveys as Europe's number one place for international students. In a study by the global platform StudyPortals, Finland was given an average satisfaction rating of 9.2 out of 10. Finland also came top in the Student Satisfaction Awards 2014, gathering positive reviews from nearly 7,000 international students on Finland's academic standards. Highly positive feedback was also given on services provided for international students.



Degrees from universities of applied sciences generally cover 210 - 240 credits (ECTS), meaning 3.5 - 4 years of full-time study for a Bachelor's degree and 60 - 90 credits (ECTS) achieved within 1.5 - 2 years for a Master's degree. At universities, students can study for lower (Bachelor's) and higher (Master's) degrees and scientific or humanities postgraduate degrees (leading to a doctoral degree). It is also possible to study specialist postgraduate degrees in medicine. One year of full-time study corresponds to 60 credits. The Bachelor's degree covers 180 credits and takes three years, while the Master's degree covers 120 credits.



Finns always look for a practical solution – turning setbacks into steps forward. Problem-based learning is at the core of the tuition offered by Finnish universities and universities of applied sciences. Teaching methods are far from authoritarian, with learning being based on discussion, student participation and working together. Graduates of Finnish institutions are experts with transferable skills and often have multidisciplinary expertise.





# EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR WORK AND FUN



International students particularly appreciate Finland's study facilities, such as its well-equipped libraries and campuses, IT services and support services; they are also guided through their studies by professional student services. Affordable student housing is offered to international students. As nobody else understands Finnish, you will find that most Finns know English.

Student unions and student associations arrange tutoring and informal leisure activities. Excellent opportunities for sports and cultural activities are available almost everywhere. You may find us a bit quirky, but never boring.



## **LEARN MORE ABOUT STUDYING IN FINLAND**

General information about Finland as a study destination:

[www.studyinfinland.fi](http://www.studyinfinland.fi)

Application portal:

[www.studyinfo.fi](http://www.studyinfo.fi)

Ministry of Education, Science and Culture :

<http://www.minedu.fi/OPM/Koulutus/?lang=en>



## **FACTS AND FIGURES**

A study published by the international study choice platform StudyPortals reveals that, with an average satisfaction score of 9.2 out of 10, Finland came top in the Student Satisfaction Awards 2014:

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