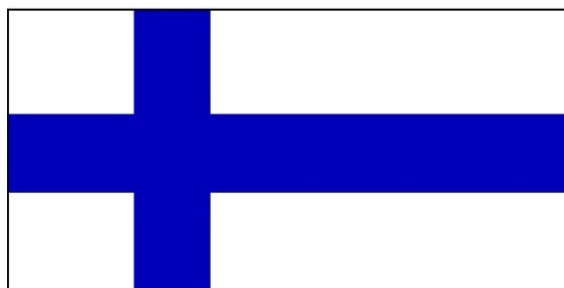




Study Abroad in Finland



Higher Education in Finland

- Finland has 2 main types of higher education institutions that include universities of applied sciences/polytechnics (UAS) and universities:
- Applied universities, known as UAS (Polytechnics), offer mostly vocational/professional degrees. They also offer the majority of degrees taught in English (around 100 of these)
- Universities offer mostly humanities subjects and offer only a few degrees taught in English
- There are 13 universities and 23 polytechnics.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

- Some universities require applicants to apply direct to the university; others require applicants to use a centralised system.
- Applications for undergraduate degrees are usually submitted at Studyinfo.fi between late November and mid-January, for studies starting in September. You can apply for up to 6 degrees. Some degree programmes can however have their application periods outside this main application window.
- At some UAS's it is also possible to apply in August-September for courses starting the following spring, but only for selected programs.
- As well as proving your academic credentials, you may also need to pass an entrance examination, this may need to be taken in Finland, check with the institution.

Highest World Rankings

University of Helsinki (104)

Aalto University (112)

University of Turku (295)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

National language

The two national languages in Finland are Finnish and Swedish and both are used in university tuition. It may also be possible to take courses taught in English, though this is more common at graduate level than for bachelor's degrees. Many of the undergraduate courses that are offered in English are found at UAS's.

Fees

If you are from outside the EU/EEA area, you are required to pay [tuition fees](#) for bachelor's and master's level programmes which are taught in English. The annual tuition fee depends on the university and the degree programme, varying between 6,000€ and 20,000€ approximately.

Students from the EU, EEA and Switzerland do not pay tuition fees.

Visa

This depends on your country of origin. Applicants from the EU/Nordic countries/Switzerland/Liechtenstein, do not require visas or residence permits but must obtain a certificate of registration from the police within three months. You will also need to prove you have adequate funds to cover your stay in Finland. There are no restrictions on how many hours you can work.

Applicants from outside the EU/Nordic countries/Switzerland/Liechtenstein must obtain a residence permit from the Finnish embassy in your country of residence or online before entering Finland, for which you will need a letter of acceptance from a university. This is renewed annually and your financial position is checked to make certain there will be enough funds to cover the costs for the year. You will be permitted to work for a maximum of 25 hours a week during term-time, and there are no limits on the hours you can work in the holidays.

Further Information

A comprehensive guide <https://www.studyinfinland.fi/>

QS Study guide <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/europe/finland/guide>

Study in Finland <https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/>