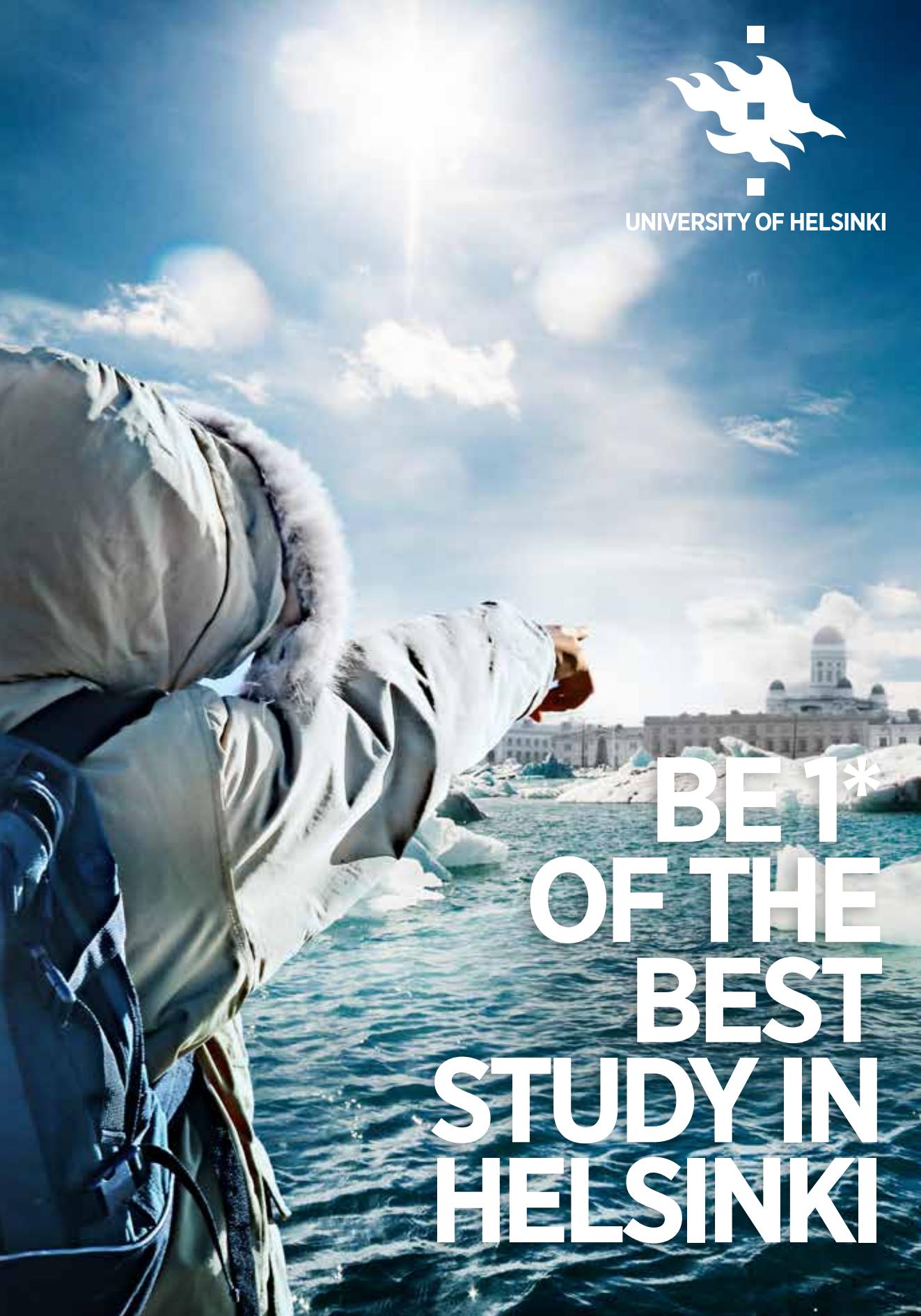




UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

A close-up photograph of a person's face, wearing a light-colored parka with a fur-trimmed hood. The person is looking towards the right side of the frame. In the background, there is a body of water with several large, blue-tinted icebergs floating. In the far distance, across the water, a classical-style building with multiple domes and a flag is visible under a bright, slightly cloudy sky.

BE 1*
OF THE
BEST
STUDY IN
HELSINKI

DEAR FRIEND, WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI



Either you have already decided to study abroad or are at least considering it. This will be quite possibly one of the most important choices you have made in your life so far and I would like to congratulate you for it! But not only that, I will try to convince you to make the most of this experience by choosing the University of Helsinki as your study destination.

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

If you are interested in advancing your career options by getting world-class education in a leading European research university featuring excellent infrastructure for your studies and free time, the choice is obvious. If you want to be taught by leading academics that remain accessible to you during your time in Helsinki, you are on the right track. If you think you will thrive in an international environment fostering critical thinking and independence of thought, look no further!

The University of Helsinki has so much to offer and I would like challenge you to learn more about us and what we stand for.

Tervetuloa/Welcome!

MARKUS LAITINEN,

Head of International Affairs

A TRULY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The University of Helsinki is a significant international player and a multicultural institution. Some 13% of the research and teaching staff and nearly a third of the doctoral trainees and postdoctoral researchers come from abroad. International students typically choose the University of Helsinki because of the excellent reputation for high-quality research and teaching. The University of Helsinki offers a wide range of master's programmes taught in English.



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MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

ENVIRONMENTAL, FOOD AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Agricultural, Environmental and Resource Economics
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Food Sciences
Forest Sciences
Human Nutrition and Food Behaviour
Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology
Plant Biology

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Contemporary Societies
Economics
English Studies
European and Nordic Studies
Global Politics and Communication
Intercultural Encounters
International Business Law
Linguistic Diversity in the Digital Age
Russian Studies

HEALTH SCIENCES

Life Science Informatics
Neuroscience
Translational Medicine

NATURAL SCIENCES

Atmospheric Sciences
Chemistry and Molecular Sciences
Computer Science
Data Science
Genetics and Molecular Biosciences
Geography
Geology and Geophysics
Materials Research
Mathematics and Statistics
Particle Physics and Astrophysical Sciences
Theoretical and Computational Methods
Urban Studies and Planning

WHAT MAKES HELSINKI SUCH A COOL PLACE?

A close-up photograph of a young woman with blonde hair, smiling broadly. She is surrounded by several large, white, spherical objects that resemble balloons or stylized flowers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

"I FELT IMMEDIATELY AT HOME IN HELSINKI. THE CITY HAS A FRIENDLY AND WARM SPIRIT AND ONE CAN NEVER GET BORED HERE."

ANNA YUKHTENKO

International Master's programme in Economics

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CITY HELSINKI

Helsinki is a very safe, modern, and green city with half a million friendly folks. Everything here is within easy reach and things work here. Helsinki is a good place to explore the cool urban culture, surrounding nature and the sea that makes its presence felt everywhere in Helsinki.

In addition to being the capital city of Finland, Helsinki has a reputation of being a vibrant city for students. With several higher education institutions in the Helsinki area and 60 000 university students, it is well set up to cater to the needs of students from all walks of life. A wide range of international study programmes welcome new students to Helsinki from all over the world.

LIVELY METROPOLIS
Culture is always a worthy pursuit, and in Helsinki it is easy to find. Tango in the park, herring in the market, walking tours of hidden courtyards or urban dance in the art museum. Helsinki offers unique happenings all through the year and for all tastes!



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FINLAND.FI**

FEEL HELSINKI

There always seems to be something happening, from major festivals to smaller-scale events such as the Restaurant Day, when residents open their kitchens to strangers. Helsinki bustles with innovation and modern design, while preserving the largest concentration of Art Nouveau buildings in Northern Europe. Helsinki's many parks, green areas, coasts and islands provide beautiful natural settings for a wide range of outdoor activities. Don't forget to try a real Finnish sauna!



BETTER THAN 99 %

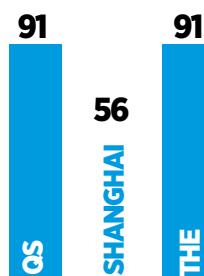
THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN RANKED AMONG THE TOP 0.1% OF THE WORLD'S 17,000 UNIVERSITIES.

The Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities, which measures the academic success and research results of universities, placed the University of Helsinki on the 56th position. The University has set a goal to rise to the top 50 of this list by 2020. Top and innovative research forms the way to this objective. Reaching the goal requires cooperation with both the surrounding Finnish society and international partners. The constant development of learning environments and teaching are also vehicles that can take the University to the top.

Top research and high-level education attract committed and motivated students, who, as studies have shown, have excellent employment prospects after graduation. The university's 11 faculties have 35,000 undergraduate students and 5,000 doctoral students. Of the student body, 2,000 are international students. Teaching is provided by 4,000 teachers on four campuses in Helsinki and in several other locations, from the southernmost tip of Finland to its northernmost corner. The University has research stations in Kenya and on Madagascar, among other places.



UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI IN INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS IN 2016



35,000
DEGREE STUDENTS
6% INTERNATIONAL



IMAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

BASED ON A SURVEY CONDUCTED AMONG
UNIVERSITY INTEREST GROUPS AND THE GENERAL
PUBLIC, THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI IS:



INTERNATIONAL



TOP UNIVERSITY



FORERUNNER



DEVELOPS AND REINVENTS ITSELF



PROMINENT SOCIAL FORCE



TRADITIONAL AND STABLE

6,000

DEGREES ANNUALLY
= MORE THAN 10 MASTER'S
DEGREES PER WORKING DAY

8,000

EMPLOYEES

55% TEACHING AND
RESEARCH STAFF

13% INTERNATIONAL

200,000

ALUMNI ALL OVER THE WORLD

UNIVERSITY IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

FROM KENYA TO LAPLAND, THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI IS PRESENT IN MANY CORNERS OF THE WORLD. WITH ITS FOUR CAMPUSES, THE UNIVERSITY MARKS ITS PRESENCE IN THE CAPITAL OF FINLAND.

MEILAHTI CAMPUS

3,400 STUDENTS

Known as a centre of top-level research in medicine. Our strongest area is cancer research, in which Finland is a global leader. The University of Helsinki is ranked among top 50 medical research institutions in the world.



KAISANIEMI
BOTANICAL
GARDEN



KUMPULA
MANSION

KUMPULA CAMPUS

5,800 STUDENTS

Finland's leading centre of expertise in the exact sciences and the largest centre of natural sciences in the Nordic countries.



KAISA, THE
UNIVERSITY MAIN
LIBRARY

CITY CENTRE CAMPUS

19,700 STUDENTS

The largest concentration of faculties lies in the historical city centre. Situated amidst ministries and important public institutions, here the focus lies in society: education, law, social sciences, arts and theology.



10 MIN WALKING /
800 METERS

VIIKKI CAMPUS

6,400 STUDENTS

Surrounded by wide expanses of green fields, the biosciences campus works towards the sustainable use of natural resources, the well-being of both humans and animals and preserving diversity in nature.



INSPIRING STUDY ENVIRONMENT

The reason which makes international students choose the University of Helsinki is the university's good reputation and the high level of research and teaching. Research funding, honours and prizes awarded to our researchers are an indication of the wide-spread esteem among the global scientific community.

In the International Student Barometer, our international students

ranked technology, our learning spaces, and above all, our laboratories to top positions globally.

The University of Helsinki is committed to provide excellent library and information services to all students and researchers. There are modern libraries on all four campuses, the latest being the award-winning City Centre Campus Library.





LEARNING BY DOING

Helsinki Think Company is a meeting place for new kind of entrepreneurship in the middle of the city and on the Viikki Campus, where students, researchers and business-minded people can build networks. It is a communal workspace, a scene of events and a passage to service. Think Co. is a new platform for creating business out of ideas streaming from the university.

THINKCOMPANY.FI

A CUP OF COFFEE AND A SLICE OF SCIENCE

Think Corner welcomes everyone to see, hear about and experience university research and teaching. Built around scientific themes and individual events, Think Corner's programme deals with the versatile world-class research conducted

at the university as well as with topical, red-hot issues. Open all year round to the university community, Think Corner arranges information sessions, panel discussions, workshops, and exhibitions in a less traditional manner. You can also enjoy goodies and treats at the Think Corner Cafe and wander around the Think Corner Shop.

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SUPPORTIVE STAFF AND LAIDBACK ATMOSPHERE

The University of Helsinki has a laidback atmosphere leading to a relaxed study environment. Even though academic freedom is highly valued, it does not mean the students are left alone. Feedback from our international students states that it is surprisingly easy to approach the professors and the teachers at the university if in need of help or consultation.

HELSINKI.FI/EN/STUDYING/NEW-STUDENTS

HEAR THE STUDENTS
We asked our international students about their experiences and how they have benefited from their education. Nearly 90 % would recommend the University of Helsinki for other bright minds.



BE CURIOUS

Regarding what is likely to be the main goal in your life, studying at the top ranking university gives you numerous opportunities for your professional life. The University of Helsinki has an immaculate reputation and education received here is highly valued anywhere. It makes sense to study: especially, a degree earned at a reputable institution makes seeking employment much easier.

ON THE WAY TO THE TOP

Career Services provides you with guidance and support from the very start of your studies until one year after the completion of your degree. Career Services offers individual career counselling, courses about career planning, and workshops that focus on job-searching skills. In all of these, there is a strong emphasis on self-assessment and how best to express one's strengths and areas of expertise. Career Services coordinates a group mentoring programme together

with the alumni association and alumni office.

IMPROVE YOUR NETWORKS

As a University of Helsinki student you will be our alumni and can take part in our alumni activities. Different types of events from casual get-togethers to interesting lectures and more formal occasions are frequently organized on our four campuses. The university organizes events also abroad so the alumni connection can stay strong even after graduation.

The alumni contact managers also plan and execute alumni activities and meetings for students and alumni through mentoring and alumni lectures. We are looking forward to developing our international alumni activities together with the students and the alumni. Let us know, if you have some ideas!

Being part of the alumni network offers many opportunities to make new connections!

AFTER GRADUATION
The graduates of the University of Helsinki have been successful in finding jobs that enable them to use their skills and knowledge acquired during their studies. Study-related work experience and the ability to speak Finnish have proved the most important factors for international students to find employment in Finland after graduation.

TRY HARD, MAKE MISTAKES, LEARN, AND TRY AGAIN

HELSINKI THINK COMPANY IS A COMMUNITY THAT FOSTERS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Want to take your academic knowledge into action and change the world? Build a team to develop academic, entrepreneurial ideas and projects, or just pop in and work with your laptop at Think Company's open space.

Helsinki Think Company organizes various events that are open for everyone. Here is a snapshot into a few:

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Been There, Done That is an event that brings interesting entrepreneurs to Think Company to tell their story and provide inspiration and guidance to entrepreneurially minded people. Very casual. A great first event to attend. Dates to be confirmed.

BECOMING AN ENTREPRENEUR IN FINLAND - FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Did you know that as a foreign student in Finland, you can start your own company already during your studies? Come to hear what it takes to be an entrepreneur and how to tackle the bureaucracy involved.

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STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN ENGLISH

INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

The University of Helsinki offers a wide range of Master's Programmes, taught entirely in English. The scope of our programmes is 120 ECTS credits, completed with two years of full-time study. Some programmes are organized by the University of Helsinki along with other Finnish and foreign universities. All programmes comply with the national legislation governing university education and are, therefore, recognized globally. In addition, a number of regular Master's degrees can also be completed in English.



HEAR THE STUDENTS



VALUABLE DEGREE

"I decided to apply to the University of Helsinki because the Religion, Conflict and Dialogue (RCD) programme seemed like a unique and interesting way to enrich my knowledge and understanding of religion and conflict from a different perspective.

After my studies my plan is to be able to work in a well-known international institution or as a foreign affairs analyst for the government. So it will give me the opportunity to be actively engaged in global conflict management."

JIBRIL TAUFIQ



MOTIVATING ATMOSPHERE

"The University of Helsinki has a truly international environment and motivating atmosphere. It regularly reaches the Top 100 in the global university rankings and it is one of the world's leading universities in the field of multidisciplinary research. The professors are competent and friendly, they always have time for a discussion. The contents of every course represent a combination of basic knowledge about the subject, but also modern trends and innovative patterns of the field."

VERONIKA KISELEVA



THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

"There is no doubt that the University of Helsinki provides excellent studying programmes. The whole environment at the university is amazingly student friendly and I love the challenging classroom debates with my teachers and schoolmates. All this makes me think outside of the box."

BARBORA CZÓKOLYOVÁ



GREATER GOOD OF HUMANKIND

"What motivated me to study Computer Science was the fact that computer related technologies have become the force that is revolutionizing all aspects of our lives. During my studies, what motivated me were the interesting studies provided by the university, and the brilliant people around me."

TIANYAN LIU



GREAT RESEARCH, BETTER FUTURE

"Before starting this Master's, I had never thought I would continue with academic research as my career. Thanks to having experienced what it means to do academic research, I have now placed it as part of my plan for the future."

OLSI DUDUMI

HOW TO APPLY?

To start your application, go to the Studyinfo.fi joint application site.

Applicants are required to have a Bachelor's degree in the same or related field of study that they are applying for at the University of Helsinki as well as good English language skills.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED WHEN APPLYING:

» Your university diploma or certificate and a transcript of your studies which indicates the grading system of the university. The documents have to be officially certified (attested) by either the institution, which issued the documents or by a notary public. All documents must be in English, Finnish or Swedish (or translated by an official translator and marked as such).

- » An English language test. To indicate your English language skill, you must undertake a recognized standard language test such as IELTS (6,5), TOEFL (580/92) or PTE (62). Detailed information on acceptable language tests and other ways of indicating your language proficiency, is available at the "How to Apply" website.
- » Some programmes may require additional documents (e.g. CV or academic reference).

Only those applications that include all of the documents listed above can be considered for admission. All copies and translations must be officially certified. Please check the detailed information on legalizing application documents and the country-specific features on the "How to apply" website.

**HELSINKI.FI/EN/STUDYING/
HOW-TO-APPLY
STUDYINFO.FI**



LEARNING FINNISH

Though the University is an international academic community, it makes sense to learn some Finnish. It will help you in your stay in Finland and finding a job. There are multiple options to choose from and some courses are even specially designed for new international master's students.

BE 1* OF THE BEST – SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The University of Helsinki offers scholarships for excellent students from outside the EU/EEA area, who want to do a Master's Programme at the University of Helsinki. There are four categories in the Be 1* of the Best – Scholarship Programme covering the whole tuition fee or half of the tuition fee; in addition, living cost grants are also available. The scholarships are easy to apply for at the same time as applying for the Master's Programmes. The University of Helsinki also offers other scholarships for its degree students that can be applied in the first year of study.

**[HELSINKI.FI/EN/
STUDYING/HOW-TO-APPLY/
SCHOLARSHIP-PROGRAMME](http://HELSINKI.FI/EN/STUDYING/HOW-TO-APPLY/SCHOLARSHIP-PROGRAMME)**

TUITION FEES

If you are a citizen of a non-EU/EEA country and don't have a permanent residence status in the area, you are liable to pay tuition fees. The fees for the University of Helsinki Master's Programmes vary, depending on the programme.

**[HELSINKI.FI/EN/STUDYING/
TUITION-FEES](http://HELSINKI.FI/EN/STUDYING/TUITION-FEES)**

COST OF LIVING

On average, the total monthly living expenses for a single student can range from 700 to 1000 euro. Your student status, especially your Student Union membership, entitles you to various services at affordable prices as well as to abundance of student discounts. Be also prepared to pay 400–600 euro per month for housing.



DOCTORAL EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI HAS FOUR DOCTORAL SCHOOLS, WHICH OFFER A TOTAL OF 32 DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES. THE SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMMES COOPERATE IN RESEARCH AND DOCTORAL EDUCATION.

Doctoral degrees offered by the University of Helsinki are of a high quality and enjoy international recognition. Doctoral graduates from the University of Helsinki possess excellent skills and knowledge for research work and other demanding expert positions in both Finnish and international businesses and organisations. Would you like to be one of them?

The University has 4,700 doctoral students, one-fourth of them international students, and awards some 450 doctoral degrees annually. English is the primary language of study in doctoral education.

JOIN US!

CHECK OUT THE ASSOCIATION OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI AT BLOGS. HELSINKI.FI/PHD-ASSOCIATION

DOCTORAL SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMMES

ENVIRONMENTAL, FOOD AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Food chain and health
Interdisciplinary environmental sciences
Microbiology and biotechnology
Plant sciences
Sustainable use of renewable natural resources
Wildlife biology

HEALTH SCIENCES

Biomedicine
Brain & Mind
Clinical research
Clinical veterinary medicine
Drug research
Integrative life science
Oral sciences
Population health

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Economics
Gender, culture and society
History and cultural heritage
Language studies
Law
Philosophy, arts and society
Political, societal and regional changes
Psychology, learning and communication
School, education, society and culture
Social sciences
Theology

NATURAL SCIENCES

Atmospheric sciences
Chemistry and molecular research
Computer science
Geosciences
Materials research and nanoscience
Mathematics and statistics
Particle physics and universe sciences

**[HELSINKI.FI/EN/RESEARCH/
DOCTORAL-EDUCATION](http://HELSINKI.FI/EN/RESEARCH/DOCTORAL-EDUCATION)**



HELSINKI SUMMER SCHOOL

HELSINKI SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERS MOTIVATED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND GRADUATES A TRULY INTERNATIONAL, STRONGLY ACADEMIC SUMMER SESSION WHERE THE RESEARCH-BASED TEACHING AND TALENTED YOUNG MINDS MEET AND MINGLE TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW.

Helsinki Summer School will be organised in August with a course offering that covers a wide range of academic fields and multi-disciplinary topics. The courses are designed to challenge and inspire you in a learning environment that promotes equality.



JOIN US!
Helsinki Summer School is perfect for you who have completed at least 2 years of university-level studies and wish to learn more about an interesting topic, freshen up your professional skills, and carry out a short study period abroad.





WELCOME TO HELSINKI SUMMER SCHOOL

"The Helsinki Summer School courses offer you a great possibility to get to know our diverse range of study fields and to participate in the academic life in Helsinki. Helsinki Summer School has established itself as a highly valued academic summer event. Now is the perfect chance for all of you to learn more, make new friends, and, above all, experience everything Helsinki has to offer!"

ANNA MAURANEN

Vice Rector, University of Helsinki

MIND-OPENING SUMMER IN FINLAND

"It's mind-opening. The people, the course, this study and even the professors, lecturers, they've exceeded my expectations. I can honestly say that I've gained a lot from what I've experienced so far, and this was my main goal, to come here and experience Finnish education."

I did not expect that there'd be a lot of people from different countries. I thought that it was going to be mainly European countries. It's a summer school in Finland, but there are also students from the United States, from America and other Asian countries, and they're all here."

FARAH

Helsinki Summer School student,
Indonesia

EVENTS & FESTIVALS
HSS arranges a wide range of social events to help students get to know their colleagues and Finland better while having fun.



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WE LOVE OUR STUDENT UNION



The Student Union of the University of Helsinki (HYY) is the students' own benefits and services organization that looks after your interests at the university and in society. As a member of the Student Union, you are a holder of a student card that provides you with numerous discounts in Helsinki and Finland, including public transportation, cut rate student lunches, and so forth. Basic degree student members are also provided free or highly affordable health care services by the Finnish Student Health Service (FSFH).

Several student events are organized during the academic year, from the Opening Carnival and HYY's Anniversary Week to the celebrations of May Day and Flower Day in May. The Student Union is also the university students' own community, with some 250 diverse associations organizing thousands of events every year.

HYY.FI



Helsingin yliopiston ylioppilaskunta
Studentkåren vid Helsingfors universitet
Student Union of the University of Helsinki



HEAR THE STUDENTS

"Workshops are the best events in Ylioppilaskamerat, a student camera club. We shoot and bat around ideas: together we make something more. Workshops are for learning new things, because we all see the world around us in a different way and also have a personal touch in taking pictures. The finest moments are shooting trips to near and far. It's worth waiting for what everyone has saved on film and memory card. Ylioppilaskamerat is the students' own camera club for every kind of shooting activity, from retro to modern."

VENLA

chairwoman of Ylioppilaskamerat

"The best part is the weekly club night and interesting games. It was especially great to participate in an academic dinner party which was also at the same time a live-action role-playing game."

VALTER

chairman of Alter Ego,
the university's role-playing games club

"The greatest things in "Marthaing" are new experiences and learning together. A youthful association, the Martha Organization, provides its members diverse activities from cooking and handicrafts to culture and sports."

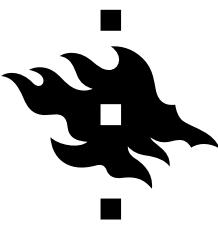
REETTA

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