



UNIVERSITY OF  
EASTERN FINLAND

# One **smart** decision

**INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES**

**UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND JOENSUU | KUOPIO**

# 5 smart reasons to choose the University of Eastern Finland

## #5

### FINLAND IS UNIQUE

- › Saunas, Santa Claus and so much more
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## #4

### ENDLESS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- › Studies for exchange students
  - › International Master's degree programmes
  - › Doctoral School
  - › Professional development training
  - › Summer School
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## #3

### EASY LIVING

- › Student Union
  - › Services for students
  - › Student accommodation
  - › Health care and well-being
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## #2

### QUALITY OF EDUCATION

- › Finnish education – a world leader
  - › University of Eastern Finland – among the world's finest
  - › Tuition waivers available
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## #1

### WE REALLY WANT YOU HERE

- › Great minds and personalities from all around the world

# UEF// Academic Rector's welcome



What to study and where? That is one of the most important choices you'll make, and your decision is likely to be guided by the quality of research and education of the university, the services available in the campus city, general comfort and safety, and the cost of studying. On the following pages, you'll learn what makes the University of Eastern Finland an attractive choice for international students wishing to pursue a degree or to complete studies as exchange students.

UEF is one of the leading multidisciplinary universities in Finland, as well as a university that is internationally recognised for its state-of-the-art research. Our study programmes are of a high standard and they are built on high-level research that seeks to find interdisciplinary solutions to global challenges. UEF offers a great variety of Master's degree programmes taught in English, as well as non-degree programmes that cater, in particular, to the needs of exchange students. Many of our Master's degree students stay on board at UEF to continue their studies in our doctoral programmes.

All of our programmes highlight student-centredness and a high level of teaching. Our state-of-the-art learning environments are about all aspects of learning. They involve

motivated and skilled teachers, diverse and innovative learning methods, sound technical solutions and opportunities for participating in research. This results in increased spatial and temporal freedom in arranging personal studies. Our programmes create a solid foundation for you to take on the challenges you'll be faced with in tomorrow's international labour markets.

Our compact campuses offer a comfortable and safe environment for studying. The state-of-the-art library and information services available on our campuses, together with numerous facilities enabling independent study, constitute a key factor for success in your studies. Furthermore, health care services tailored to the needs of students and conveniently located student-housing make the everyday life of our students easy. Our campus cities, Joensuu and Kuopio, are attractive regional growth centres offering a diverse range of services for your everyday life, leisure time and hobby interests.

We look forward to your input and involvement in our interactive learning environment. You are cordially welcome to the University of Eastern Finland.

**TAPIO MÄÄTTÄ**  
ACADEMIC RECTOR

A vibrant night scene featuring the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and blue, dancing across a dark sky filled with stars. Below the sky, a calm body of water reflects the lights, and a dark silhouette of a forested shoreline is visible on the left. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

# #5

## Finland is unique

Throughout its history, Finland has been culturally impacted by influences from both Scandinavia and Russia. Known for its cleanliness, welfare know-how, modern technology and superb education system, Finland is an exotic and safe country to study in.

Amazing nature,  
four seasons,  
Northern lights  
and white nights.

# 3.2

million saunas in  
this country of  
5.4 million people.



# 70%

**OF FINLAND IS  
COVERED BY  
FORESTS.**



Finland has  
its own,  
national emojis.



Santa Claus  
lives here,  
he really does.



# +37.2°C

# -51.5°C

warmest and coldest  
temperatures ever  
measured.



As a member of the EU,  
Finland actively  
promotes democracy  
and human rights.  
Tolerance,  
multiculturalism  
and equality are  
Finland's core values.

# #4

## Endless **study opportunities**

### **UEF SUMMER SCHOOL**

For students wishing to experience Finnish university life and UEF's innovative learning environments, the UEF Summer School is a perfect option. Come enjoy the beauty of the Finnish summer and meet fellow students from all over the world!

### **STUDIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

For exchange and visiting students coming to the University of Eastern Finland, we have a variety of international study programmes. Courses and study modules taught in English are offered in all scientific fields of the university, at both Bachelor's and Master's levels. Furthermore, many of our Master's level courses are also available to advanced-level Bachelor's students, providing added flexibility.

### **INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

For students holding a Bachelor's degree and who wish to gain competitive advantage through a degree from one of Finland's leading universities, the University of Eastern Finland offers a wide variety of Master's degree programmes taught in English. Our Master's level courses are often taught in small groups, enabling close student-teacher interaction. Fluency in the English language is a prerequisite for all our programmes, and it typically takes two years to complete a Master's degree.

To learn more about our international studies, please see

[UEF.FI/ADMISSIONS](https://uef.fi/admissions)



# Our international master's degree programmes

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

- › Biology of Environmental Change **J** **K**
- › Environmental Health and Technology **K**
- › European Forestry\* **J**
- › Forestry (CBU and Transfor-M) **J**
- › Imaging and Light in Extended Reality (IMLEX)\* **J**
- › Information Technology (IMPIT) **J**
- › Medical Physics **K**
- › Photonics **J**
- › Research Chemists **J**
- › Wood Materials Science **J**
- › Computational Colour and Spectral Imaging (COSI)\* **J**
- › Photonics for Security Reliability and Safety (PSRS)\* **J**

## FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- › Biomedicine (BioMed) **K**
- › General Toxicology **K**
- › Public Health (MPH) **K**

## PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY

- › Early Language Education for Intercultural Communication **J**
- › English Language and Culture **J**
- › Learning, Teaching and Counselling in Intercultural Context **J**
- › Linguistic Data Sciences **J**
- › Clinical Linguistics **J**

## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND BUSINESS STUDIES

- › Environmental Policy and Law **J**
- › International Business and Sales Management **K**
- › Tourism Marketing and Management **J**
- › Joint Nordic Master Programme in Environmental Law (NOMPEL) **J**

**J** Joensuu Campus

**K** Kuopio Campus

\*Erasmus Mundus Joint Master degree



For more information and latest updates to our list of Master's degree programmes, please see

**UEF.FI/MASTERS**





## UEF Doctoral School

The UEF Doctoral School comprises all doctoral programmes at the University of Eastern Finland. Doctoral programmes are available in all scientific fields of the university, and all doctoral students complete their studies in one of the doctoral programmes. The doctoral programmes give students access to a high level of research training and supervision, peer support and guidance.

The doctoral programmes invite applications up to four times a year. Every year, the programmes also invite applications for university-funded UEF doctoral student positions. UEF doctoral student positions are salary-paying positions, enabling students to engage in full-time study with the objective of completing the doctoral degree in four years' time.

For further information on the UEF Doctoral School, please see

[UEF.FI/DOCTORALSCHOOL](https://uef.fi/doctoralschool)

## Professional development training

In addition to our degree programmes and exchange studies, the University of Eastern Finland offers professional development training programmes to meet various needs.

Our expertise is globally available through Finland University Inc., a company specialising in global and transnational education. We are one of four Finnish universities that own the company. Finland University represents extensive experience in international cooperation, with projects including international training programmes and study visits to Finland, in-service training for companies and organisations abroad, and much more. Through Finland University, public and private sector organisations can gain access to the latest research and the best lecturers in their particular field, for up-to-date professional development of the highest quality. Programmes and courses available through Finland University can be tailored to suit professional development needs, offering education and training on campus, online or in the workplace.

To learn more about professional development programmes available at UEF, please see [FINLANDUNIVERSITY.COM](https://finlanduniversity.com)



# #3 Easy living

## **STUDENT UNION**

The Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland is an independent organisation, although it is closely linked to the university. It looks after students' rights and interests. The purpose of the Student Union is to promote the rights of both Finnish and international students at the university. Student unions around Finland are always working towards making the daily life of a student better. In addition to negotiating better rights and benefits for students, the Student Union also arranges a lot of social activities and events around our campuses.

## **SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

The University of Eastern Finland offers a wide range of services that support your studies. Our Student and Learning Services are tasked with providing study-related support services and developing the university's learning environments. For international students, two of the sections of Student and Learning Services are particularly important: International Mobility Services and Oppari.

International Mobility Services offers services for incoming and outgoing exchange students and international degree students, and



**98** NUMBER OF HOME COUNTRIES/ NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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**1,700**

**NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

coordinates international student, teaching staff and staff exchange programmes. Oppari, on the other hand, offers students facilities for independent study as well as up-to-date IT equipment and support services. Oppari's IT advisors are there to help you whenever you run into computer-related trouble.

During your time at the University of Eastern Finland, the university's library will likely be your most important source of scientific information. The University of Eastern Finland Library is a public scientific library whose services, collections and facilities are open to all information seekers. The library staff are known for their customer-oriented attitude, so feel free to turn to them when you need help finding something!

## **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

In Finland, the standard of housing, including student housing, is good. In our campus cities

student housing is offered by independent, not-for-profit housing companies. The selection of flats caters for all needs: there are single-room flats, shared flats and family flats. Student flats are typically located close to the campuses or in places with good public transportation.

## **HEALTH CARE AND WELL-BEING**

Finnish Student Health Service, FSHS, provides all Bachelor's and Master's degree students at the University of Eastern Finland, including exchange students, with preventive health care, medical care, mental health care and dental care. Almost every type of health service a student might need, with the exception of hospital treatment and maternity clinics, are included. FSHS runs health centres in 16 university towns and you will be eligible to receive treatment at any of these centres.

# #2

# Quality of education

## **FINNISH EDUCATION - A WORLD LEADER**

The high quality of the Finnish education system is internationally recognised. In accordance with the Bologna Declaration of 1999, all Finnish universities have a three-tier degree structure. It takes about three years to earn a Bachelor's degree, two more to earn a Master's degree, and about four additional years to complete a doctoral degree. The academic year consists of the autumn semester starting at the beginning of September, and the spring semester ending in May.

In Finland, studies leading to a degree are free of charge for students coming from EU/EEA countries and Switzerland. For students required to pay tuition, UEF offers a variety of tuition waivers. Exchange students are generally exempt from tuition fees, while fees are charged from visiting students.

Please note that the cost of living in Finland is relatively high. The living costs of a student are estimated at approximately 700 euros per month.





# University of Eastern Finland – among the world’s finest

The University of Eastern Finland, UEF, is one of the largest universities in Finland. We have an attractive and multidisciplinary academic offering, with a wide range of programmes and courses taught in English that are available to international students. Like all universities in Finland, the University of Eastern Finland is authorised and supported by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture.

We have some 15,500 degree students at UEF, and our beautiful, compact campuses are home to a nice mix of Finnish and international students. Together with our partners, we offer our students a variety of services that aim to facilitate their studies and everyday life with us, including tutoring, housing and health care. We take pride in being a student-centred university, and it is our strategic goal to offer our students the best academic learning environments in Finland!

To learn more about us, our research and our performance in rankings, please visit [UEF.FI/EN](https://uef.fi/en)

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## Tuition fees and waivers

Non-EU/EEA students are required to pay tuition fees. The annual tuition fees for Master’s degree programmes taught in English will range between 8,000 and 15,000 euros, and there is variation between the faculties and the programmes. For students, the tuition fee will remain the same for the whole duration of their degree studies. The university offers an attractive tuition waiver scheme.

[UEF.FI/TUITION-FEES-AND-SCHOLARSHIPS](https://uef.fi/tuition-fees-and-scholarships)



# #1

# We really want **you** here

Need a reason to study at **UEF**?  
-We'll give you five smart ones. Watch our video!

[UEF.FI/5SMARTREASONS](https://uef.fi/5SMARTREASONS)

# UEF// Student stories



**"To start with, the UEF campus is beautiful. There is also a sense of community at the university. I feel that I should keep my eyes open and absorb as much as possible. It has been very interesting to see things from various points of view."**

**YUKI AIHARA** | JAPAN  
EXCHANGE STUDENT



**"UEF is known for its good performance in international rankings, and that was one of the reasons I was excited to come here. The Summer School programme has been great. Maybe someday I will apply for admission as a PhD student."**

**HASAN BAYAZID** | BANGLADESH  
SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENT



**"I think UEF shows us why people say that Finland has the best education in the world. I can feel that teachers design the courses and each lecture professionally. They have a variety of teaching methods to let you really understand the knowledge and how to use it in your working life."**

**PENG XIAOLIN** | CHINA  
MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENT



**"The University of Eastern Finland has a truly multinational academic environment, with students and teachers coming from all corners of the world. It is a great place to learn about Finnish culture and also concentrate on your studies. The academic curriculum emphasises both theoretical and practical learning, which is extremely beneficial to us graduates."**

**AMELIA DASH** | AUSTRALIA  
DOCTORAL STUDENT

# UEF in the middle of knowhere.



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