

Study in Finland - Information

Finland, rich in lakes and forests, is perhaps best known for its unspoiled natural beauty. It has launched a national strategy to create an "informed society" and this effort is based on its population, which has high level of education as well as on the higher education institutions with abilities on development and research. Finns strongly believe in equality and education and their education system provides international connections, academic freedom as well as innovation and excellent infrastructure. Finland's anthropocentric education system promotes critical thinking and teachers work closely with their students. Universities take into account the trends of society, economy and industry and adapt accordingly. Emphasis is also given on transferable skills for the future, both in the academic and work environment.

Finnish higher education institutions offer over 340 Bachelor, Master and Doctoral degree programs. All of these programs lead to recognized Finnish higher education degrees. Finland offers hundreds of English-language international study programs for international and European students at various degrees. There are no tuition fees for EU citizens.

In Finnish Universities, the Bachelor is 3 years of study and the Master is 2 years. The Doctorate requires at least 4 years of full-time study. At the Finnish Polytechnics (universities of applied sciences - UAS) the Bachelor lasts 3.5 to 4 years. The Master lasts 1-1.5 years and is addressed to individuals with a degree and at least 3 years of professional experience after graduation.

Each study program and each university sets its own admission criteria. Usually, some curricula require that candidates have been taught similar courses during their secondary education. Admitted students can add Finnish, Swedish or other languages to their curriculum. Most universities and UAS have language centers that offer foreign language learning programs.

The cost of living depends on the location, e.g. larger cities like Helsinki have higher living costs than smaller cities. The student's monthly expenses range from approximately 700 to 900 euro. Students usually choose the local student housing organizations as it is considered a more affordable option. Students can also alternatively explore the private housing sector, but it may be more expensive.

Students are advised to have an insurance policy that covers their stay in Finland and their trip to and from Finland as well as to other neighboring countries. University students have access to the Finnish Student Health System and UAS students usually have access to the local / municipal health system.

Set in the snow-capped mountains and beneath the glamorous Northern Lights, Finland is known for its stunning natural beauty. In the north of the country, white nights, during which the sun does not set, last about 10 weeks in summer, whilst in winter for about 8 weeks the sun never rises. Impressive isn't?