

Structure of the educational system in Finland

The Finnish educational system is generally split into three main stages.

- Education starts with preschool.
- From preschool you move to comprehensive school,
 - Primary school includes primary school and upper comprehensive school
 - Comprehensive school takes all together 9 years, and it is mandatory for everybody
- From comprehensive school you move on to secondary studies
 - You have a choice between upper secondary school, which gives you acquirments for academic studies at universities, and vocational college, where you study for a job
- Tertiary studies
 - Universities are usually the way to go for senior high school graduates, offering academic and scientific studies
 - Universities of applied sciences offer higher vocational education

Finnish university degree structure. How long do studies usually take?

Finnish university is based on graduation points, credits, which you need to get a degree:

- Bachelor's degree takes 180-210 credits
- Master's degree takes 120-150 credits
- combined 300-330

University takes usually three years of lower and two years of upper grade studies. The usual length of university studies combined is five years. There are also longer degrees which can take up to 6 years, like for an example medical related studies.

Is it important where you study?

It doesn't really matter where you study because every university in Finland offers the same high-level education.

However it's important to know what you want to study because there are some subjects that you can study only in certain universities.



How many students (%) go to universities?

In the year 2016, 16% of secondary school graduates continued their studies in universities

- In the same year there were around 31 900 graduates and 25 600 new students around universities in Finland
- At the time, there were around 154 700 students studying in universities across Finland



The admissions system in Finland

Application period:

- In January: Foreign language Degree programs (other than Finnish or Swedish) + University of the Arts Helsinki + Theater Degree Program (University of Tampere)
- In March: Other University Degree programs (Finnish or Swedish)

Selection criteria:

- A. Certificate selection (matriculation examination or equivalent, for example IB-, EB- or Rp-examination): the choice is made on the basis of the results of the examination
- B. Entrance exams
- C. Combination selection of certificate selection results and entrance exam results

Do students have to pay to go to university?

- No they don't need to pay anything to study. Only books and equipment such as pencils, books etc.
- We have this thing in Finland called Kela. (in Finnish = Kansaneläkelaitos)
- Kela gives you financial support which helps you study with no money.
- If you want to live near the university, then Kela gives you housing benefits, which means they will give you money to live.

One of the basic principles of Finnish education is that all people must have equal access to high-quality education and training. The same opportunities to education should be available to all citizens irrespective of their ethnic origin, age, wealth or where they live.

Do you have a scholarship system in your country?

- Yes we do. Only some of the students will get it.

For EU/EEA students, Bachelor's and Master's level scholarships are relatively rare, as EU/EEA students do not need to pay any tuition fees. But you can check with the university of your choice if they offer any scholarship options that would also be applicable to EU/EEA students.



Professor-student-ratio?

- Professor-student-ratio was **19.33** as of **2014** (according to a website called IndexMundi)
- Class sizes are very variable
- Usually the lectures are called mass lectures
 - there is one lecturer and sometimes more than 30 students
 - personal guidance and working in small groups can be difficult in bigger universities
- Distance lectures are popular too
 - you don't have to leave home at all when the lecture comes from a computer on live

Is it common among students to study abroad for some time?

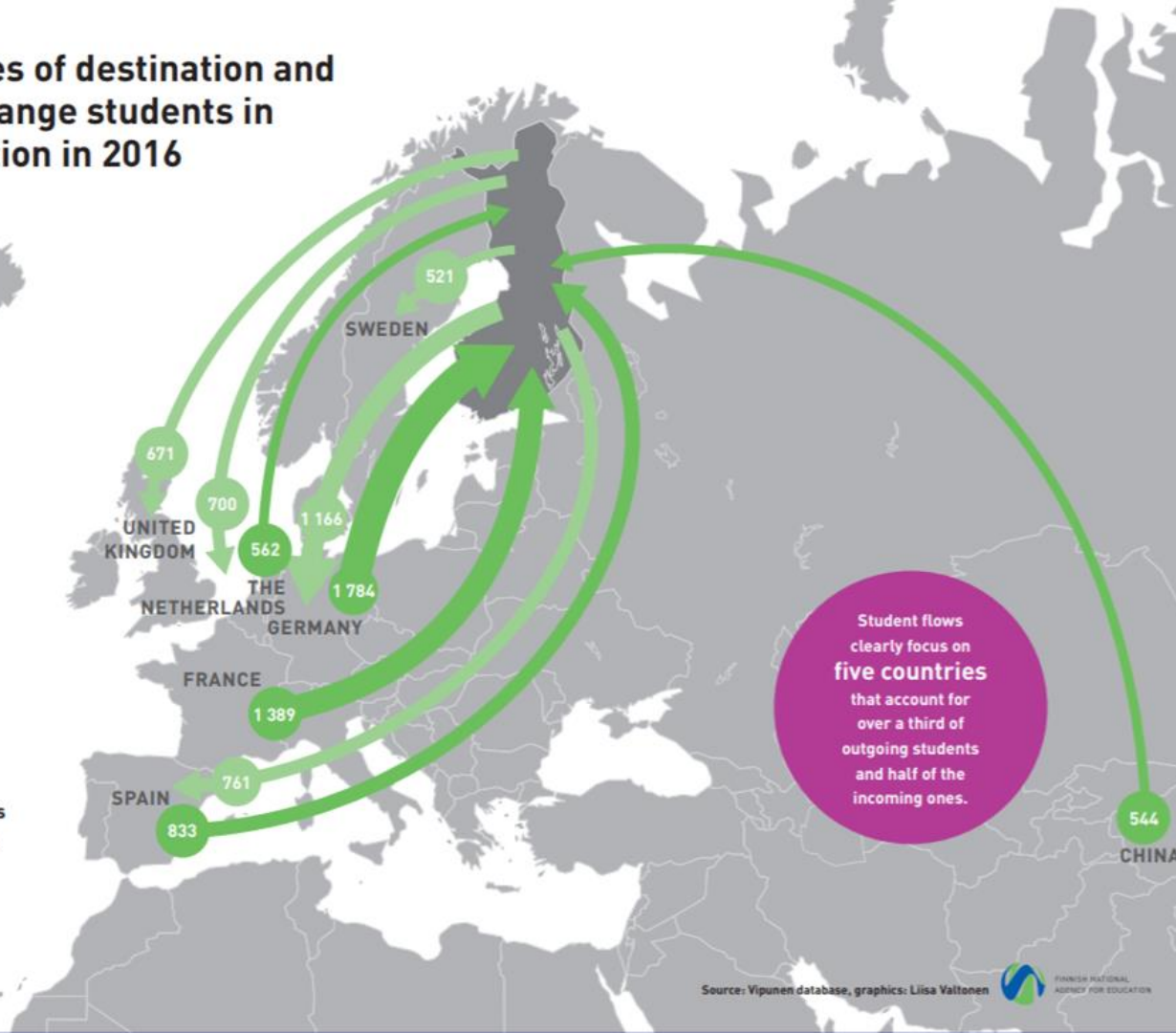
- It is quite common to study abroad on your **second** university year
- More common among **women** students

How many students study abroad?

- In Finland over **8000** university students are **right now** studying abroad
- The number has only **increased** from 2007
- Over half of exchange students used **Erasmus**

Top 5 countries of destination and origin of exchange students in higher education in 2016


Number of students
← from Finland
→ to Finland



Where?

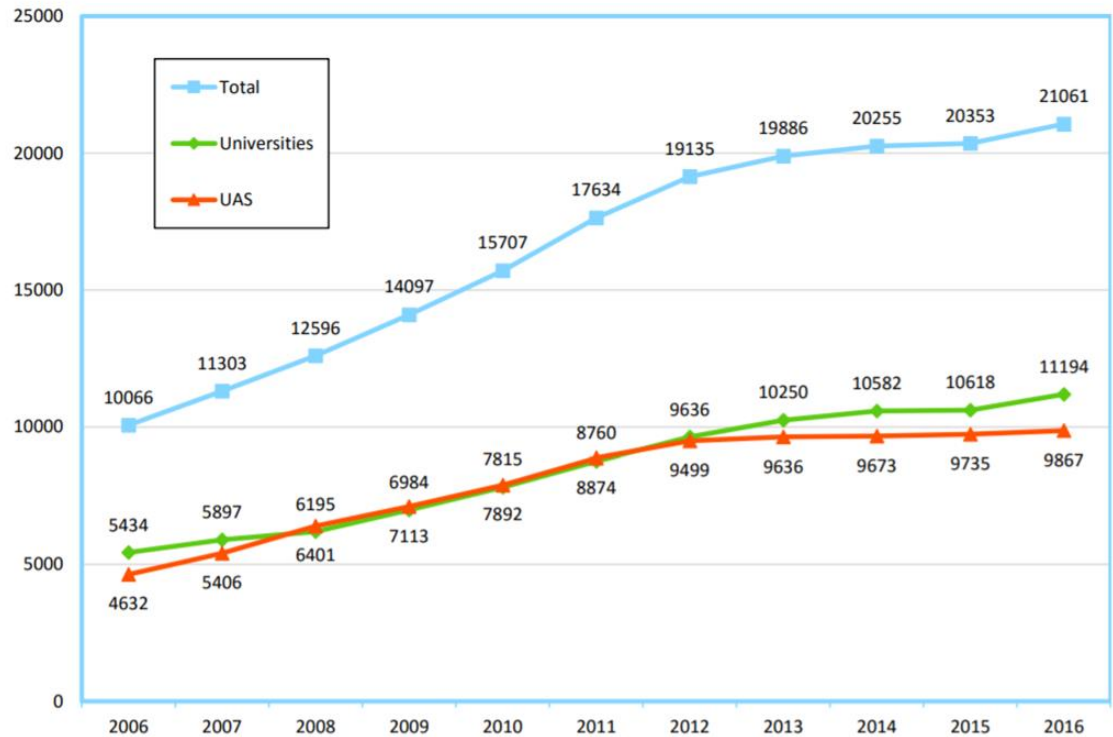
- Most popular places are **Germany, UK, Spain and France**

Why are Finnish universities attractive for foreign students?

- excellent standards for in education
 - teachers are highly valued professionals
 - Finnish expertise are appreciated worldwide in fields of ICT, biotechnology, forestry and environmental sciences, education, architecture, design and art
 - most of Finns can speak english
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International degree students in Finnish higher education institutions 2006-2016

(Source: Statistics Finland)



Requirements for overseas students

- Check with the course you are interested in what the English language proficiency requirements are, which documents you need to send in, whether you have to participate an entrance exam, what is the required SAT score (if required) etc.
- If you are a non-EU/EEA student, you are also subject to tuition fees in English-taught Bachelor's or Master's programmes. Note that the universities offer non-EU/EEA scholarship options for those admitted to fee-charging programmes.
- Depending on your nationality you may need to apply for a permit to enter Finland. If you are a non-EU/EEA national, you should start your student residence permit application process as soon as possible after you have been officially admitted to a Finnish university.

Finnish Universities



Aalto-yliopisto
Aalto-universitetet
Aalto University



HELSINGIN YLIOPISTO
HELSINGFORS UNIVERSITET
UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI



ITÄ-SUOMEN YLIOPISTO



JYVÄSKYLÄN YLIOPISTO



LUT
Lappeenranta
University of Technology



UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND
LAPIN YLIOPISTO



OULUN YLIOPISTO
UNIVERSITY OF OULU



TAIDE-
YLIOPISTO
KUNSTUNIVERSITETET
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS HELSINKI



TAMPEREEN
TEKNILLINEN
YLIOPISTO



TAMPEREEN
YLIOPISTO



Turun yliopisto
University of Turku



Vaasan yliopisto
UNIVERSITY OF VAASA



Åbo Akademi University



Aalto University



School of Business

School of Engineering and Architecture

- Founded in 2010 as Helsinki University of Technology, the Helsinki School of Economics
- Architecture, Art, Design, Media, Management, Architecture and Design Helsinki merged

School of Electrical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering

- Electrical Engineering and The Math campus is located in Espoo
- Mechanical Engineering, Nanoengineering, Signal Processing, Communications and Management, Marketing and Advertising, Chemistry and

Innovation Science, Bio Products and Biosystems



Åbo Akademi

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Faculty of Education and Welfare Studies

7500 students

- Swedish University

Faculty of Social Sciences, Business

Education
Language test in Swedish or in English

- The Campus is located in Turku (Åbo = Turku)
- Biomedical Imaging, Chemical Engineering, Information Technology, Biosciences, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geosciences



Hanken School of Economics (Svenska Handelshögskolan)



HANKEN

Departments:

- Finance and Statistics,
 - Management and Organisation,
 - Marketing, Economics,
 - Accounting and Commercial
- 2200 Students
Swedish University
Campuses are
located in two cities
Helsinki and Vaasa



LUT, Lappeenranta University of Technology



LUT
Lappeenranta
University of Technology

Schools:

School of Energy Systems

- Founded in 1969
- Energy Technology, Electrical Engineering, 5000 students
- The Mechanical Engineering and Environmental Technology Center is located in Skinnarila in Lappeenranta
- Green Campus

School of Engineering Science

- Computational Engineering and Chemical Engineering

School of Business and Management

- Business, Industrial Engineering and



TUT, Tampere University of Technology



TAMPERE
UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY

Faculties:

Business, Social and Environmental Engineering

- 8300 Collaborators with the University
- Autonomous research organization
- The campus is located in the city center of Tampere

Computing and Electrical Engineering Natural Sciences

- Electrical Energy Engineering, Electronics
- Mechanical and Biomechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Photonics, Signal Processing



UEF, University of Eastern Finland



UNIVERSITY OF
EASTERN FINLAND

Faculties:

Faculty of Health Sciences

- Founded in 2010 as
University of Joensuu and
University of Kuopio
merged

Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Business Studies

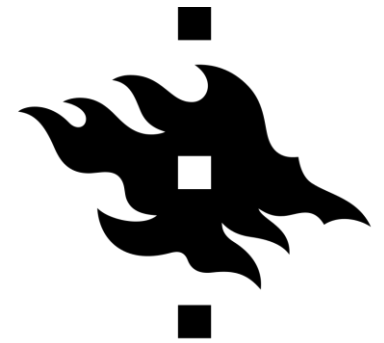
- 15 000 students

Faculty of Science and Forestry

- Geographical and Historical Studies,
Physics and Mathematics, Applied
Business, Law, Social and Health
Sciences, Chemistry, Forest
Management, Social Sciences
Sciences, Computing,
Environmental and Biological
Sciences



University of Helsinki



HELSINGIN YLIOPISTO
HELSINGFORS UNIVERSITET
UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

University of Helsinki

Agricultural and Forestry

- 32 000 students
- The main campuses are located in Helsinki City Centre and Mellanmäki, Viikki and Kumpula in Helsinki

Medical Sciences

- 56th best University in the world (Shanghai's list)
- Member of the League of Biological and Environmental Sciences



University of Jyväskylä



JYVÄSKYLÄN YLIOPISTO
UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

Faculties:

Faculty of Education and Technology

- Founded in 1954

Faculty of Science

- 10,000 Students

Jyväskylä University School of Business

- Campuses are located in Seminlaammi, Mattilanniemi and Ylistörinne
- Management and Leadership, Accounting, Marketing, Corporate Environmental

Faculty of Health Sciences

Faculty of Sport and Health Sciences

- Communication, Commercial Law and Economics
- Information Studies, Music, Art and Culture Studies, Social Sciences and Philosophy



University of Lapland



LAPIN YLIOPISTO
UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND

University of Lapland

Faculty of Art and Design

- Founded in 1979

1200 Students

- The Campus is located in Rovaniemi (on the Arctic Circle!)

Faculty of Education

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Social Sciences

Faculty of Social Sciences

Faculty of Social Sciences



University of Oulu



University of Oulu

Faculty of Information Technology and

- Founded in 1958

Faculty of Electrical Engineering

- 5,000 students

Campuses in

- Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and

Faculty of Mathematics

Engineering, Information Processing Science

Faculty of Medicine

- History, Language and Linguistics,

Faculty of Technology

- Cultural Studies and Literature
- Medicine, Dentistry, Health Sciences

- Architecture, Mechanical Engineering, Process

Oulu Business School

Faculty of Science

- Engineering and Management, Mining
- Economics
- Engineering Mathematics, Physics
- Geography, Geosciences and Chemistry



University of Tampere



UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE

University of Tampere

Faculty of Natural Sciences

- 23 000 Students
- Computer Science, Business Studies, Interactive Engineering, Theatre, Business Studies
- Mathematics and Statistics, Journalism and Communication, Literary Studies, Theatre Arts

Faculty of Medicine and Life Sciences

Faculty of Education

- Health Sciences, History, Medicine, Biotechnology, Logopedics, Philosophy
- Education and Teaching, Psychology, Social Sciences, Social Work



University of Turku



Turun yliopisto
University of Turku

University of Turku

Faculty of Education

- Founded in 1920
- 20,000 Students, Arts, Culture
- The campus is located

Faculty of Social Sciences and Engineering

- Biological Sciences, Psychology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Accounts and Statistics, Geography and Ecology, Future Technologies
International Business, Economics

Faculty of Medicine

- Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing Science, Biomedicine, Biomedical Imaging



University of Vaasa



University of Vaasa
FINLAND

Faculties of Vaasa

Faculty of Philosophy

- Founded in 1968
- 5000 students
- Management, Accounting, and Finance, Marketing, Economics, Public Management, Social Sciences, Health Management, Regional Studies

Faculty of Technology

- Electrical Engineering and Energy Technology, Mathematics and Statistics, Computer Science, Production



University of the arts Helsinki



University of the arts Helsinki

• Sibelius Academy (2011 Music Academy)

Sibelius Academy, Theater

Theater Academy and Art Academy

merged

• Art Academy students

- Campuses are located mainly in Helsinki but there is also a small unit in Kuopio



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**Thank you for
your attention!
Kiitos!**