



FINLAND



OVERVIEW OF OPTIONS



Finland's higher education system offers more than 400 English-taught bachelor's and master's degree programmes in 13 universities and 23 universities of applied sciences.

You can apply for most of the bachelor's level studies conducted in English in joint application to higher education

<https://www.studyinfinland.fi/admissions/study-programmes>

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE



[See all bachelor's programmes offered in English in UAS](#)

[See all bachelor's programmes offered in English in universities](#)

FEE INFORMATION



There are no fees for EU students

<https://www.studyinfinland.fi/scholarships/fees-and-costs>

<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/tuition-fees/am-i-required-to-pay-tuition-fees/>

Other costs: <https://www.studyinfinland.fi/scholarships/fees-and-costs>

INSTITUTION TYPE



Universities of applied sciences offer professionally oriented higher education and have strong ties with working life and regional development. (Where most English degree courses are taught)

UAS bachelor's degrees amount to 210–270 ECTS credits and the duration is between 3.5–4.5 years, depending on the degree programme.

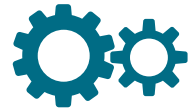
Universities focus on scientific research and the education they provide is based on it. Doctoral programmes are offered by universities. (English masters programmes are usually offered here)

<https://www.studyinfinland.fi/universities-list-view>

University bachelor's degrees amount to 180 ECTS credits, and the duration is 3 years. University bachelor's degrees usually offer continuation to a master's degree.

<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/polytechnics-universities-of-applied-sciences/admissions-services-of-finnish-polytechnics-uas/>

APPLICATION PROCESS



Applying for higher education degree studies in Finland is done online at [Studyinfo.fi](https://studyinfo.fi). There is no application fee.

When the application period is open, you can access the application form from the Studyinfo front page and from each study programme.

Bachelor's level studies are provided by both universities and universities of applied sciences (UAS). You can apply for most of the bachelor's level studies conducted in English in joint application to higher education. [Read more about joint application and how to apply.](#)

Joint application means that you can apply to up to six (6) study programmes with one application form. These 6 options may include degree programmes from one or several different higher education institutions.

There are two joint applications per year that offer study programmes in English (one in spring and one in autumn)

In the spring 2020 joint application for study programmes offered in English you do not have to place the study programmes in order of preference, and you can be offered several study places. For example, if you are accepted to three out of four study programmes on your application, you can choose which place you wish to confirm.

[Check all available study options offered in English in the spring joint application](#)

In the autumn 2020 joint application you must place the study programmes in order of preference (like the CAO) and you can be offered only one study place. You will be offered a study place to the programme that you have placed highest on your list of preferences and to which you have enough points to be accepted.

You will likely have an entrance examination as part of your application.

For detailed advice on your application, get in touch with the Admissions Services of the [university or university of applied sciences \(UAS\)](#) you are applying to.

- **See more regarding the application process and entrance exams here:**
<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/how-to-apply-for-bachelors-and-masters/joint-application-to-higher-education/student-selection-process/>
- See more regarding how to apply here:
<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/how-to-apply-for-bachelors-and-masters/joint-application-to-higher-education/how-to-apply-in-joint-application/>
- See more regarding the application form:
<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/how-to-apply-for-bachelors-and-masters/joint-application-to-higher-education/how-to-fill-in-the-application-form-in-joint-application/>

Applications:

- <https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/universities/admissions-services-of-finnish-universities/>
- <https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/polytechnics-universities-of-applied-sciences/admissions-services-of-finnish-polytechnics-uas/>
- <https://www.studyinfinland.fi/admissions/bachelors-and-masters-admissions>



IMPORTANT DATES



Applications for bachelor's and master's programmes are submitted at Studyinfo.fi between late November and mid-January.

When the application period is open, you can access the application form from the Studyinfo front page and from each study programme.

Some degree programmes may also have additional application periods outside the main application window. For example, some degree programmes may use so-called [separate application](#), or some may offer a January study start option to which applications would usually be open in September. More information on application periods is available at [Studyinfo.fi](#).

After the application period and any entrance exams are over, the universities you've applied to will process your application and make a final admission decision. The admissions decision schedule is available in the [Studyinfo.fi](#) programme description.

The application period for study programmes offered in English is **8 January 2020 at 8 am EET to 22 January 2020 at 3 pm EET**. This application period also includes University of the Arts study programmes.

These study programmes included in the 2020 spring joint applications to higher education **begin in autumn 2020**.

<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/how-to-apply-for-bachelors-and-masters/joint-application-to-higher-education/how-to-apply-in-joint-application/>

Application deadlines in joint application to higher education

Joint application to higher education, spring 2020

- **8 January 8:00 am to 22 January 3:00 pm (UTC + 2)**
Degree programmes offered in English
Degree programmes offered in the University of the Arts
- **29 January 3:00 pm (UTC + 2)**
Submit the attachments and advance assignments by the deadline
- **5 June**
Student selection results published at the latest
- **10 July 3:00 pm (UTC + 3)**
Deadline for accepting a study place
- **31 July 3:00 pm (UTC + 3)**
Admissions from waiting lists end
- Studies start in **August/September 2020**

Note: These deadlines might mean that an Irish student would have to take a year out before applying.



GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



The eligibility of applicants is always assessed at the Admissions Services of the universities – so the applicants would be best advised to ask about this kind of details with that Finnish university they wish to apply to- for detailed advice & info on eligibility matters, possibilities to apply with pending certificates, the required grades etc.

In most cases you are eligible to apply for bachelor's level studies in Finland if you are eligible to apply for higher education in your home country.

<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/how-to-apply-for-bachelors-and-masters/>

The eligibility requirements may vary from one-degree programme to another. For example, if you are an eligible applicant, you may be required to complete an entrance exam or an interview.

If English is not your first language, you may need to demonstrate your English proficiency level.

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

Once you have been accepted as a student, you will receive an official letter of admission from the institution in question.

Many **universities of applied sciences** use entrance examinations as admission criteria in the student selection to bachelor's level education. Many UAS cooperate in the entrance examinations. This means that an entrance examination completed at one UAS is accepted by another cooperating programme and you will not need to take the same examination at another institution.

Some universities of applied sciences require that you participate in their own entrance examination. You must attend all entrance examinations you are invited to in order to ensure you will be admitted to all your application options.

The application process may also include sending in a pre-assignment, instructions to which are given in the study programme description. In this case you need to complete and submit the pre-assignment along with the necessary documents listed in the study programme description in order to be invited to take the entrance examination.

Some UAS arrange entrance examinations abroad and some only in Finland. More information about entrance examinations abroad is available from FINNIPS- London is our closest centre.

Contact details for all UAS admissions:

<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/polytechnics-universities-of-applied-sciences/admissions-services-of-finnish-polytechnics-uas/>

Usually students are admitted to **universities** based on educational background and/or SAT test scores. The universities decide the selection criteria, and they may vary between universities and study programmes.

Contact details for all university admissions:

<https://studyinfo.fi/wp2/en/higher-education/universities/admissions-services-of-finnish-universities/>

Students are advised to contact that university's Admissions Services for detailed advice & info on eligibility matters, possibilities to apply with a pending Leaving Certificate, the required grades etc. – as it is ultimately the university's task to assess their applicants' previous qualifications, and the entry requirement details are usually degree specific

OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES



The European Commission 'Study in Europe' page for Finland

https://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/country-profiles/finland_en