



INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES 2012

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› The university launched a spring term with a media art event Mobyspray by media artist Jürgen Scheible. Mobispray combines mobile technology and art. The façade of the University Main Building was covered with splashes of virtual paint.



WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

As you will soon find out yourself, the University of Helsinki (UH) is a great place to study. The growing number of International Master's Degree Programmes has resulted in a greater variety of English-language degrees and specializations to choose from. And with the university's long history of academic freedom, it is possible to decide yourself how to best complete your degree requirements. This flexibility, coupled with the high quality of the Finnish education system, makes the University of Helsinki the first choice for many.

Upon choosing our university, you will also discover that Helsinki is also a great place to live. Consistently ranked as having one of the highest standards of living in the world, many international students find it easy to settle into life in Helsinki. Public amenities are abundant; from beautiful parks dotting the city to the efficiency of public transport, Helsinki is an enjoyable city for all. While the cold and darkness of the winter months may be different to what you are accustomed to, a warm coat and building a good social network will no doubt help newcomers get through their first winter with enjoyment!

Tsemppi, the organization for internationally-minded students and researchers, is a resource for you before and after you arrive at the University of Helsinki. We promote the interests of international students and researchers, and raise awareness of their needs and contributions at the University of Helsinki, the City of Helsinki, and Finland in general. We also work as a channel for international students and researchers to get involved in Finnish society and help create long-term social relations for internationally-minded people in higher education. Visit our website to find out what we are currently up to!

Tsemppiä!

Katrina Jurva
on behalf of the 2011 Tsemppi Board

TSEMPPI – the
organization for
internationally-
minded students
and researchers

www.tsemppi.com





ONE OF THE BEST RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

- › Founded in 1640
- › The largest university in Finland with over 35 000 students
- › 11 faculties and 4 campuses within the Helsinki area
- › 74th best university in the world in 2011 according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities

www.helsinki.fi/university

www.helsinki.fi/research

The University of Helsinki is one of world's leading multidisciplinary universities specialising in the area of research. It is a founding member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), which includes such universities as Oxford and Cambridge. The University is internationally renowned for its high quality teaching, research, and innovation. International rankings consistently place the University

of Helsinki amongst the 20 best universities in Europe.

The main strength of the University of Helsinki is considered to be scientific research and the teaching which is derived from it, as we believe that teaching is closely linked to research. This is reflected in our philosophy: "All teachers are researchers and all researchers teach."



CASE

"I was looking for a Master's Degree Programme, and many of my friends had already started studying in Finland and recommended it. I checked out the university's website, and I liked what I saw. I believe that anyone thinking about coming here should come. The teaching is at a top level, the research is up to the mark and it matches the needs and ambitions of Biotechnology students. If I get a chance to do my PhD here, I'll definitely stay."

Deepa Sekhar, *Master's Degree Programme in Biotechnology*

NEARLY 40 MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The University of Helsinki offers a wide range of Master's Degree 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 organised 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, recognised globally. In addition, a number of regular Master's degrees can also be completed in English.

www.helsinki.fi/internationalprogrammes

PHD STUDIES

Our Master's Degree Programmes provide students a solid foundation for doctoral studies. All PhD programmes at the University of Helsinki can be carried out in English. Each of the University's faculties has its own application procedure for doctoral students.

www.helsinki.fi/admissions

HELSINKI SUMMER SCHOOL

Helsinki Summer School (HSS) is conducted over a three-week period every August by universities in the Helsinki area. HSS is an opportunity to experience studying at the University of Helsinki, with English as the language of instruction. Each year students from over 60 countries attend the courses on offer which combine high quality academics with a wide range of cultural and social activities. Our courses aim at stimulating thought and intellectual development in an open and diverse environment. In Helsinki, a city known for design, technology and a vibrant cultural life, you'll discover the perfect environment for studying, making new friends and having fun!

www.helsinki summerschool.fi



CASE

"I found the Helsinki Summer School website and saw an advertisement of the course. It seemed like a very interactive course with an interesting topic. I was also interested in the University of Helsinki, I had heard so many good things about the benefits (no tuition, cheap accommodation, cheap lunch) and the Master's Programmes. I was too late to apply for programmes beginning in September 2011 though. So the course was an excellent opportunity to familiarize myself with the Master's Programmes I am interested in, and I am thinking about applying for studies beginning in 2012."

Steven Collins, Helsinki Summer School course organized by the Master's Degree Programme in Environment and Natural Resources



HOW TO APPLY TO THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES?

The next application period – for studies starting in autumn 2012 – begins on **November 21, 2011** and closes **January 31, 2012**. Some programmes (e.g. Erasmus Mundus) may have different application deadlines.

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 and good English language skills.

University Admissions Finland (UAF) is a service utilised by Finnish universities for the initial assessment of applications. If you wish to apply to the University of Helsinki, then you can create a user account at www.universityadmissions.fi and fill in the online application. This will then become your application form once you have printed it out.

YOU MUST SEND THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO UAF BY REGULAR MAIL:

- › A printed and signed UAF application form which includes a letter of motivation explaining why you wish to study here.
- › 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 recognised language test such as IELTS (6.5) or TOEFL (580/92). Detailed information on acceptable language tests and other ways of indicating your language proficiency, is available at www.helsinki.fi/admissions/language_skills.
- › Some programmes may require additional documents (e.g. CV or recommendation letter).

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.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GRANT

In 2011, the University of Helsinki gave over 50 start-up grants to qualified students who were accepted to study in an International Master's Degree Programme. In 2012 we continue with the grant programme and we hope that the extra money helps our new students to settle in Helsinki.

NO TUITION FEES

The University of Helsinki does not charge tuition fees. The only obligatory fee is for the Student Union membership (90 to 100 euro per year). However, you should be aware that Erasmus Mundus programmes (Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry; Economy, State and Society; Food of Life; International Performance Research) may charge tuition fees from non-EU students.

www.helsinki.fi/studying

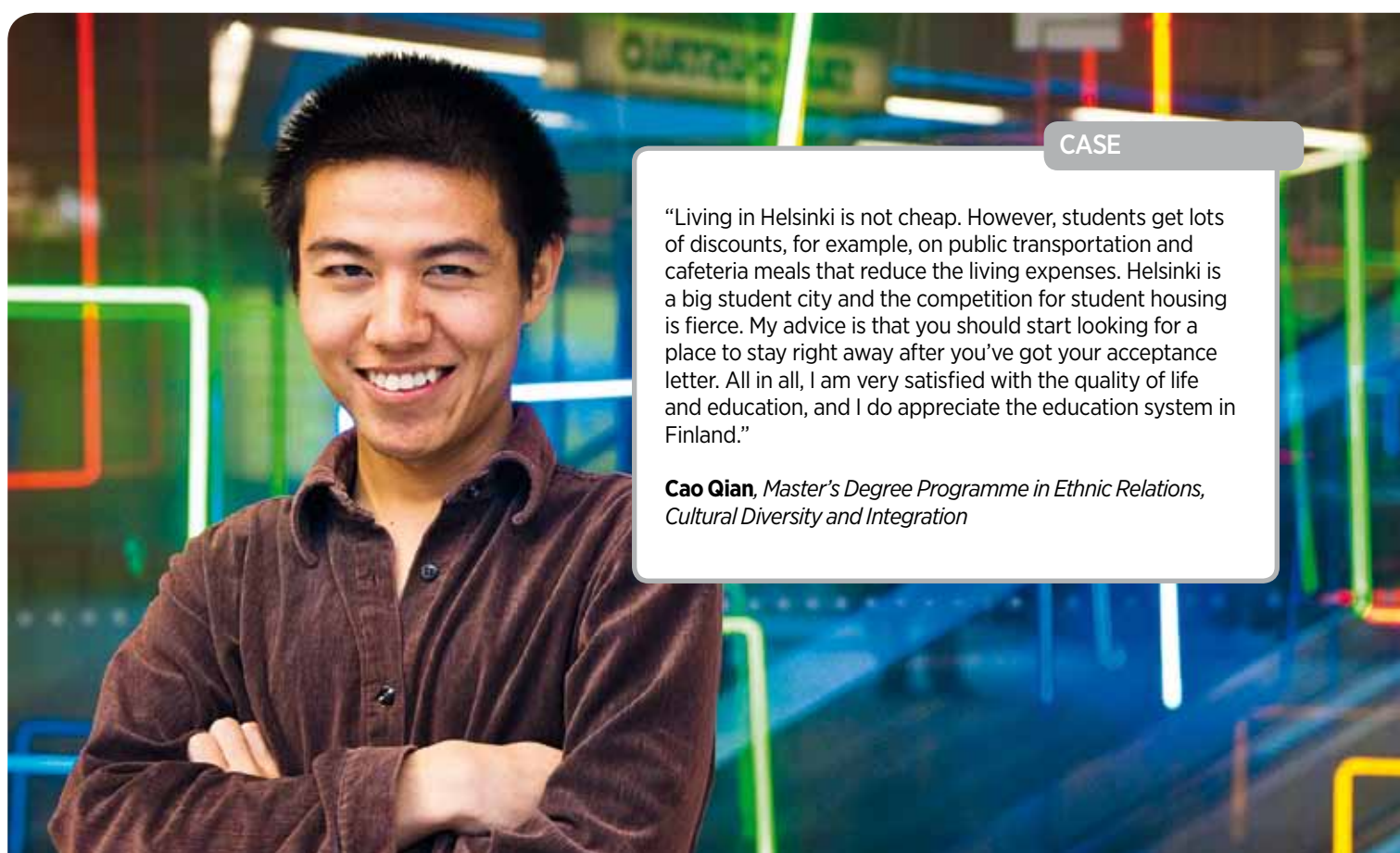
COST OF LIVING

All degree students need to cover the cost of their books and other study materials, as well as accommodation and living expenses. On average, the total monthly living expenses for a single student can range from 700 to 1000 euro. Your student status, and especially your Student Union membership, entitles you to various services at affordable prices as well as to an abundance of student discounts.

HOUSING

The University of Helsinki does not provide accommodation to its students. The main provider of student accommodation in Helsinki is HOAS (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region).

www.hoas.fi



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“Living in Helsinki is not cheap. However, students get lots of discounts, for example, on public transportation and cafeteria meals that reduce the living expenses. Helsinki is a big student city and the competition for student housing is fierce. My advice is that you should start looking for a place to stay right away after you've got your acceptance letter. All in all, I am very satisfied with the quality of life and education, and I do appreciate the education system in Finland.”

Cao Qian, *Master's Degree Programme in Ethnic Relations, Cultural Diversity and Integration*



STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDIES

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. In the International Student Barometer 2010, our international students rank the technology, learning spaces, and above all, our laboratories to top positions globally.

In addition to choosing a good university, students choose Helsinki as a great place to be. Helsinki is an exceptionally safe city, and excellent public transportation makes it easy to move between campuses and explore Helsinki.

FOUR CAMPUSES

The University of Helsinki has four campuses. At the City Centre Campus you are in the middle of the historical Helsinki. This is the human sciences hub. The home for life sciences is the Viikki Campus, also called the "Green Campus" due to the surrounding recreational areas and nature reserves. At the Kumpula Science Campus, you can follow the footsteps of Linus Torvalds who studied here while developing the Linux operating system. Today, the Meilahti Campus, a.k.a. "Medilahti", is the cradle of top research on medicine.

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"I work very close with lecturers and professors here and I am valued as an academic junior researcher. Hierarchy is flat and I have the feeling of not being just another face with an enrollment number, but a valued person for the future."

Monika Schatz, *Master's Degree Programme in Intercultural Encounters*

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.

TUTORING

Tutoring is a support arrangement for international students at the University of Helsinki. The aim of tutoring is to introduce Finnish university life to new students, and to make it easier for you to settle into the new environment. The tutors are regular students, both Finnish and international, who are enrolled at the university. The common feature is that all of them want to help you start your new life and settle into your new environment as smoothly as possible. Above all, all of them want to show you the best of Finland, Helsinki, and the University of Helsinki.

www.helsinki.fi/orientation

UNISPORT

A world-class university needs to have world-class sport services. UniSport offers excellent opportunities for indoor and outdoor sports at affordable prices. For a minimal fee, students can attend the gym, participate in ball games and classes, and much more. We can guarantee that UniSport won't let you down, as the feedback from our international students says that the quality of our sports services is internationally almost unbeatable.

www.unisport.fi

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"I feel that my work as a tutor is important. The problems that incoming international students face are more often related to culture than to studies. Students, especially those from outside the European Union, also need help with all the bureaucracy. We have weekly meetings with the students we tutor as well as our supervisor. This is an excellent way to network and make new friends. Plus you get paid a little."

Elvira Petrova, *Master's Degree Programme in Bayesian Statistics and Decision Analysis*





- › The Student Unions in the Helsinki region organize every year a sledding event on Shrove Tuesday. Visit the Student Union of UH's webpage at www.hyy.helsinki.fi/en.

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. Naturally, Helsinki was recently nominated as the Most Liveable City in the World by the Monocle magazine.

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.

Helsinki has the honor of being the World Design Capital (WDC) in 2012. The theme of World Design Capital Helsinki 2012 is Open Helsinki. We want to create open platforms that enable people to take part in designing a better, happier, increasingly livable city.

The University of Helsinki is a vital partner for the WDC Helsinki. UH expands the concept of design to encompass e.g. social innovations. Students are actively involved in WDC with the World Student Capital

project. For students, the aim is to speak with a common voice and co-create the most student friendly community in the world.

www.helsinki.fi

www.visithelsinki.fi

www.wdc2012helsinki.fi



WORLD DESIGN
CAPITAL
HELSINKI 2012

FINLAND

Several surveys indicate that Finland is one of the best countries in the world to live in thanks to the quality of life, overall stability – and education. The high level of our education system is well-known and Finnish schoolchildren have excelled in PISA surveys for several years. Finland is also one of the safest countries in the world, and the values of equality, integrity, and openness are important for us. No wonder that in 2010 Finland was nominated as the World's Best Country by Newsweek magazine.

Finland is unique among the Nordic countries, with its distinctive language and culture. Finnish and Swedish are the official languages. According to the EF English Proficiency Index, Finns are among the best non-native English speakers in the world. Finland is on the forefront of technology and still having its roots deep in nature. While being the sixth largest country in Europe, Finland has only 5.4 million inhabitants. Winters can be harsh but warm summers and long hot summer days more than compensate that cold season.

www.finland.fi

www.visitfinland.fi

www.studyinfinland.fi

- › You can take a local bus to Nuuksio, a national park just outside Helsinki.



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black short-sleeved jacket over a light green top and black trousers, is sitting on a large pile of black tires. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is filled with more tires, creating a textured, dark environment. A dotted white arrow points from the text area towards her.

INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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"I was intrigued by Europe, and I wanted to see what's outside of China. My university had an exchange agreement with the University of Helsinki, and Finland fascinated me as a country."

After first coming to Finland as an exchange student **Dai Xi** felt that she wanted to continue studying in the country, and applied for the International Master's Degree Programme in Food Sciences.

"I wanted to study food sciences, because it is a field of research which really benefits mankind. Food safety is essential in view of the fact that too low standards can fundamentally affect people's quality of life."

Dai Xi, *Master's Degree Programme in Food Sciences*

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› “Everything is Possible” by Villu Jaanisoo is a huge gorilla-shaped sculpture made of recycled car tyres at the Viikki Campus.

Adult Education and Developmental Work Research (ATMO)

■ The programme is based on the 20-year tradition of developmental work research (DRW) at the Centre for Research on Activity, Development, and Learning (CRADLE), a section of the Institute of Behavioural Sciences. DWR is an internationally recognized interventionist research approach, rooted in cultural-historical activity theory and aimed at promoting and studying change in work, communities, and educational organizations. With this approach, radically new forms of work-related learning are being developed.

The programme is structured around three content areas:

- › History and future of work and technology
- › Work-related learning
- › Methodologies and practices of intervention

The students of ATMO collect data for their theses in work organizations, combining high theoretical standards with practical problems and needs. Graduates from the programme find employment or have an opportunity advance their careers in national and international companies in advanced forms of human resource development, workplace learning, and more generally, organizational development and change management. The programme provides a solid foundation for pursuing studies at the doctoral level.

www.helsinki.fi/atmo



Art Theory, Criticism and Management (ATCM)

■ The International Master's Degree Programme in Art Theory, Criticism and Management is organized jointly by the art research majors at the Department of Philosophy, History, Culture and Art Studies of the University of Helsinki as well as by the Department of Marketing and Management at the Aalto University School of Economics.

By combining a theoretical approach to art and aesthetics with the study of management and marketing, the ATCM programme is designed to provide students with up-to-date knowledge and expertise essential for art organizations and professionals to succeed in the changing environments of the art field and the experience industry.

At the University of Helsinki, the major study tracks are Aesthetics, Comparative Literature, and Theatre Research together with Film and Television Studies. At the Aalto University School of Economics, ATCM is the field of specialization in the MSc programme in Marketing. The students admitted into the ATCM degree programme study at both partner universities. All in all, ATCM responds to the varied and changing needs of the current cultural field.

www.helsinki.fi/atcm



Democracy and Global Transformations

■ Democracy and Global Transformations is a two-year research-oriented programme designed to provide the graduate students with a profound understanding of theory and practice of democracy in global, national, and local contexts.

The programme has a common core, but students apply to and are accepted for either the Politics or World Politics study track. Politics track focuses on the transformations of national political systems while World Politics track studies the different contexts in global perspectives.

The study of global contexts examines the possibilities and limits of global and cosmopolitan democracy. Examples include the democratisation of multilateral institutions and the creation of new regulatory institutions. Other important actors are corporations and transnational social movements.

The study of national contexts focuses on the comparative study of politics in different national political systems and on the challenges to territorially based political organisations in the age of globalisations.

The study of local contexts examines the possibilities for local democracy and the relationship between local social movements, state politics as well as international organisations.

www.helsinki.fi/democracy

Economics

■ The HECER Master's Degree Programme in Economics is a full-time, two-year integrated graduate programme offered by the Department of Political and Economic Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and created in cooperation with the Department of Economics of the Aalto University School of Economics. The programme is organized according to best international practices, and it is easily comparable to the foremost European Master's programmes in economics.

The HECER Master's Degree Programme provides professional education for economists, including both theoretical studies and applied training. In addition, students acquire a solid foundation for doctoral studies.

Research at the Department of Political and Economic Studies is of high international standard. This is indicated by a large number of articles published in the leading international scientific journals and by the extensive collaborative relations with universities outside of Finland.

Economics graduates are employed in research institutes, in various international organizations, in business enterprises, in banks, and in state institutions. The degree gives sound expertise to qualify for top jobs in Finnish and international companies as well as in the public sector. Moreover, Economics graduates have excellent opportunities to continue their research career towards a doctoral degree at Finnish or foreign universities.

The discipline of economics is located at the Economicum Building in the centre of Helsinki.

www.helsinki.fi/econ



Economy, State and Society (IMESS)

■ The International Masters in Economy, State and Society (IMESS), with reference to Central and Eastern Europe, is a graduate programme offered by a consortium of leading European universities. It is an intensive integrated programme, with the first year spent at the University College London while the second year you study at the University of Helsinki, Finland or at one of the other partner universities in Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland and Russia.

The main goal of the programme is to enhance global understanding and awareness of the wider European region. As well as developing cultural and linguistic knowledge of both Eastern and Western Europe, you acquire skills to identify and critically analyse key factors shaping the economies, states, and societies of the expanding European region as well as to formulate appropriate and effective policy responses.

The IMESS degree offers three distinct but related study tracks. Students enrol onto one of the three tracks. The study tracks are:

- › Economics and Business
- › Politics and Security
- › Nation, History and Society

www.imess.eu

Ethnic Relations, Cultural Diversity and Integration (ERI)

■ In a European perspective, dealing with issues related to the field of ethnic relations constitutes one of the most essential institutional challenges today. ERI offers valuable expertise needed when dealing with challenges that culturally diverse societies and their institutions are facing.

ERI offers three major subjects:

- › Political Science
- › Sociology
- › Social Psychology

Founded on these disciplines, ERI aims at giving the students a common background for analyzing intergroup phenomena as well as the consequences of migration and their implications on social relations and political processes. A particular strength of ERI is that it offers the students an opportunity to work with the experts at the Centre for Research on Ethnic Relations and Nationalism (CEREN).

ERI graduates find employment in education, administration, planning, research, or communication. One of the goals of ERI is to prepare the students for a continuing academic career as well.

ERI is organized through cooperation between The Swedish School of Social Science, the Department of Social Research, and the Department of Political and Economic Studies.

“ERI was a true kick-off for my academic career”

Ruta Kazlauskaite, Lithuania

“Based on my experience, the level of teaching corresponds to its international reputation, the standards are quite high”

Allyana Thomas, USA

www.helsinki.fi/eri

European Studies (MES)

■ The Master's Degree Programme in European Studies (MES) is designed to give the graduates a profound understanding of Europe in all of its historical, political and cultural diversity.

Joining a programme of multidisciplinary aims and scope, the MES students can choose their major subject from following fields of study:

- › History (major subjects: General History, Political History, or Economic and Social History)
- › Geography (major subject: Geography)
- › Political Science (major subjects: Politics, or Administration and Organisations).

The MES programme also includes elective studies presenting the students with remarkable opportunities to specialize in themes of their own choice and familiarize themselves with Europe-related research within other fields of study. The joint MES seminars offer a truly interdisciplinary environment for discussing the participants' studies and interests.

The Departments arranging MES are rated among the best in Europe and beyond, thus guaranteeing the students the most up-to-date teaching and supervision.

The MES programme is coordinated by the university's Network for European Studies.

www.helsinki.fi/mes

European Master in Higher Education (HEEM)

■ HEEM is a programme on changing functions, policies, and operations of higher education in a comparative perspective.

The HEEM programme provides the students with a solid knowledge for analyzing and critically assessing change processes at all relevant levels of higher education. Through various disciplinary perspectives and by offering an introduction to general disciplinary concepts and theories, HEEM discusses and analyses change processes in higher education originating both inside and outside of the traditional institutional and national frames.

In co-operation with the other Hedda partners the University of Aveiro and the University of Oslo, the University of Helsinki is offering a joint, two-year Master's Programme in Higher Education. Not only are the students able to study the field of higher education as taught by the cutting edge of European researchers within this field, they are also given the opportunity to experience three different university systems at close range.

www.uio.no/english/studies/programmes/heem-master





Intercultural Encounters (ICE)

■ Today, cultural awareness has become an essential part of being a true professional. The Master's Degree Programme in Intercultural Encounters (ICE) addresses this need by providing students with up-to-date academic research and a multicultural study environment.

Consisting of four major fields of study, the ICE offers a multidisciplinary approach to intercultural issues. Study of Religions increases understanding of the various roles religion plays in society, in political debate as well as in peoples' everyday lives. Social Psychology examines processes behind the formation of cultural and social identity. Other topics of interest include, for example, the relationships between various social groups, ethnicity, stereotypes, racism and adaptation. Speech Communication observes practical intercultural communication situations and processes as well as cultural beliefs and values present and produced in communication. Latin American Studies and other area studies, offered by the Department of World Cultures, provide students with the regional, cultural, and socio-political contexts in which intercultural encounters emerge.

www.helsinki.fi/interculturalencounters

International Business Law and Public International Law (MICL)

■ The Faculty of Law at the University of Helsinki is the leading Finnish institute of legal research and education. The mission of the faculty is to educate qualified, ethically responsible legal professionals for both the Finnish and international markets through internationally high quality research and research-based teaching.

The Faculty of Law offers an International Master's Degree Programme in International Business Law and Public International Law (MICL). The MICL students select either International Business Law or Public International Law for their specialization. Students admitted to the programme will complete the degree of Master of International and Comparative Law.

The Master's Programme in International Business Law and Public International Law is a research-oriented Master's programme, aiming to prepare a select group of participants for a high-level legal career. Its goal is to develop the students' analytical skills and powers of synthesis in addition to increasing their knowledge and understanding of their chosen disciplines. MICL does so by offering a wide variety of courses and seminars, in addition to a demanding thesis requisite.

www.helsinki.fi/ilm

International Performance Research (MAIPR)

■ The Erasmus Mundus MA in International Performance Research (MAIPR) is aimed at students with a particular interest in or background in the performing arts. Therefore those who may wish to pursue a career in arts or to add value to already existing skills will find the programme very attractive. MAIPR gives you an excellent opportunity to take up an academic career through advanced study leading to a PhD as well. The ideal MAIPR candidate has strong academic qualifications and is experienced in creative practice through drama or other type of art performance.

The current MAIPR intake is truly international, made up of students from all corners of the world. We have students who have started MAIPR immediately after completing their BA in performance-related disciplines as well as those who have worked as directors, choreographers, curators, dancers, or actors. However, it should be pointed out that this is not a practical training programme; instead, MAIPR will help you build up your theoretical knowledge on performing arts.

MAIPR is jointly organized by the University of Warwick in the UK (the coordinator of MAIPR), the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, the University of Arts Belgrade in Serbia, and the University of Helsinki in Finland.

www.helsinki.fi/theatresearch

Media and Global Communication (MGC)

■ The International Master's Degree Programme in Media and Global Communication (MGC) is offered by the Department of Social Research / Media and Communication Studies at Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki. The programme is supported by Helsingin Sanomat Foundation.

The MGC programme is designed to give you an understanding of the theories of media, globalisation, and communication. You will learn the analytical approaches and methods of undertaking empirical research with a focus on media structures, policies, new communication technologies as well as journalistic practices in a global context.

You will be trained fully in English to become a media professional and to understand and analyse the new challenges globalisation presents to media industries and to journalism. The expert teaching staff of MGC will train and tutor you in a high standard learning environment.

The programme accepts both Finnish and international students who have gained a Bachelor's degree in media and communication studies. The graduates of the programme will be awarded a Master of Social Sciences degree in communication with a specialisation in Media and Global Communication.

www.helsinki.fi/globalmedia



Practical Philosophy – Theories of Good Society (PPhil)

■ Practical Philosophy – Theories of Good Society (PPhil) is organised by the eight universities of the Baltic Philosophy Network (www.balphin.org). PPhil includes local studies and the following shared studies: the Introductory Workshop, the Summer School, and the Exchange Term in one of the partner universities.

The curriculum consists of four modules: Nature of Practical Philosophy; Theories of the Good Life; Theories of Good Society; and Nature and Sources of Normativity. The qualifier “practical” refers to the object of the study, “praxis”, the philosophical enquiry of human life and practices. Practical Philosophy centres on human activity and the foundations of the social sciences and pursues the moral question of how we, individually and socially, should live.

PPhil gives students first-rate competence to undertake doctoral studies, but it will be also a genuinely competitive degree for professions related to social sciences. PPhil is built on the individual central areas and expertise of the participating universities and it offers a wide coverage of instruction by outstanding teachers. The graduates receive a Master’s Degree from their home institution and a diploma supplement issued by PPhil, describing the programme and listing the student’s individual study attainments.

www.helsinki.fi/pphil

Religious Roots of Europe (RRE)

■ RRE is a joint programme offered by the Faculty of Theology at the University of Helsinki in cooperation with five other Nordic Universities in Aarhus, Bergen, Copenhagen, Lund, and Oslo.

RRE focuses on the formative processes and mutual interactions of the three most influential religions at the root of European culture: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. RRE gives a unique opportunity to study them together in their early phases from a comparative perspective using a variety of approaches. Doctrines, rituals, texts, and religious institutions are examined along with the relationship of the religions to society, politics as well as ethics. The historical study of these three religions also enhances your understanding of contemporary European identity.

Teaching combines tutorials at your home university with distance learning and compact seminars at other universities cooperating in RRE. Student mobility is an integral part of the programme.

The graduates of the programme (M.Th. with specialisation in RRE) are able to pursue career paths where theological, religious, and cultural expertise is valued.

www.helsinki.fi/rre





Theological Work in Church and Society

■ The degree Master of Theology (MTh) at the Faculty of Theology enables graduates to work as a theological experts and developers or to qualify for postgraduate studies in Theology. Studies in the degree programme emphasise the ability to utilise scientific knowledge and methods as well as good communication and language skills. Many theologians find employment within research institutions and administrative and journalistic assignments at governmental or non-governmental institutions requiring keen understanding of the impact of the religious cultures in today's society. Please note that this Master's degree programme does not qualify the graduates to work as a pastor in Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Finland.

The Faculty of Theology has received several awards for the quality of teaching and development and it is hosting Finnish Centre of Excellence in Philosophical Psychology, Morality and Politics from 2008 to 2013. The Faculty of Theology is a non-denominational academic community.

www.helsinki.fi/teol/tdk/english/studies

Social Sciences (REMS)

■ The Research Master's Degree Programme in Social Sciences (REMS) provides the students with profound skills in both quantitative and qualitative research methods as well as knowledge on classical and contemporary theories in social sciences. The objective is to prepare students for the role of social science professionals who can acquire and analyze information on social phenomena, and adapt and utilize that information in different tasks.

The programme offers three major subjects options:

- › Social and Public Policy/Urban Studies
- › Social Psychology
- › Sociology

Upon the successful completion of the programme, the graduates are awarded a Master of Social Sciences degree (MSocSc) in their major subject.

Graduates of the programme find employment in research and development institutions in both the private as well as the public sector and in the units of governmental administration. They have also excellent opportunities to continue their academic career towards a doctoral (PhD) degree.

REMS is organized by the Department of Social Research at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The students benefit from the broad pool of staff's interests that translate into specialist courses on the latest issues in social science research.

www.helsinki.fi/remss

Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry (ASC)

■ The Master's Degree Programme in Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry is a European Joint Degree Erasmus Mundus programme. Its goal is to educate graduates to acquire the expertise required of first-rate spectroscopy professionals and find employment in the international public and private sectors.

A consortium of seven European universities offers high-standard education in chemical spectroscopy. The consortium consists of the following higher education institutions: the University of Helsinki, University Lille1, the University of Leipzig, the University of Bologna, the University of Bergen, Jagiellonian University Krakow and Complutense University Madrid.

When admitted into this programme, the students study at two or more partner universities. A mobility scheme ensures a high level of specialisation and gives access to state-of-the-art technologies. Students completing the International Master's Degree Programme in Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry, including the Master's thesis, are sure to find employment in R&D careers in instrument manufacturing companies, spectroscopic laboratories, analytical enterprises, and administrative organisations. Further scientific opportunities towards PhD programmes are available for graduates.

www.master-asc.org



Algorithms and Machine Learning

■ The International Master's Degree Programme on Algorithms and Machine Learning is offered by the Department of Computer Science at the University of Helsinki. This programme is strongly science-based and it is especially suitable for research-oriented MSc students. Graduates of this programme are employed as technical specialists or scientists and they often continue their studies towards a PhD degree.

The Department of Computer Science at the University of Helsinki is a world leader in algorithm and machine learning research. The high international level of our research is indicated, for example, by our Centre of Excellence on Algorithmic Data Analysis (Algodan).

As a student of this programme, you have a chance of getting a comprehensive view of computationally efficient algorithmic techniques needed in processing large volumes of data and learning from the data. The topics include machine learning, data mining, probabilistic models, information-theoretic modelling, string algorithms, and approximation algorithms. The successful completion of the programme requires solid skills in mathematics and statistics.

www.cs.helsinki.fi/en/prospective



Atmosphere-Biosphere Studies (ABS)

■ The syllabus of the ABS Programme is based on high-quality research. The hosting institutes are co-ordinating several national and international centres of excellence in research.

As a graduate of ABS you gain a solid basis for working with environmental issues and you will be competent in various areas of society. You will obtain the ability to find innovative solutions to complex problems in the field of atmospheric sciences, with its main challenge of climate change. In the University of Helsinki, your major subject will be physics or meteorology. The Master's degree in the ABS programme offers excellent opportunities for continuing your career in PhD studies.

Atmosphere-Biosphere-Studies (ABS) is a joint, multidisciplinary programme offered by ten Nordic and Baltic universities. It provides versatile studies in atmospheric sciences covering physical phenomena, atmospheric chemistry, meteorology, physical geography, and ecology.

www.atm.helsinki.fi/abs

Bayesian Statistics and Decision Analysis (EuroBayes)

■ The Master's Degree Programme in Bayesian Statistics and Decision Analysis (EuroBayes) is a joint effort of six European universities. Bayesian statistics is designed to manage all situations where uncertainty is found. Since some degree of uncertainty is present in almost every aspect of life, it may be argued that Bayesian statistics should be appreciated and used by everyone.

The Bayesian paradigm has indeed experienced a spectacular growth during the past ten years and it is still finding new areas of fruitful practical application. This development can be largely attributed to the increasing need for sophisticated models to describe available data, which are typically much too complex for conventional statistics to process. Another factor in the Bayesian achievement is the development of powerful Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) integration techniques. This has created an acute demand for graduates who are well trained in Bayesian methodology and, as a consequence, generated extremely attractive opportunities for employment.

www.mathstat.helsinki.fi/bayes

Bioinformatics (MBI)

■ Master's Degree Programme in Bioinformatics (MBI) is offered jointly by the University of Helsinki and the Aalto University School of Science. MBI was launched as early as 2006 and it has held its position as one of the most popular Master's programmes at both universities.

MBI offers you a unique combination of bioinformatics, computer science, mathematics, statistics, and biosciences. The core courses have been designed to give you a solid foundation for advanced studies in bioinformatics.

As an MBI student, you will learn the bioinformatic processes all the way through from planning the experiments to data analysis and, finally, to the verification of hypotheses. The programme is extensively multinational and multidisciplinary. During your studies, you will meet people with vastly different academic and cultural backgrounds.

MBI graduates are sure to find career opportunities as bioinformaticians in research, education and consultancy, in the industry, universities as well as research institutes. Outstanding graduates from the MBI programme may apply to the PhD programme at Finnish Graduate School in Computational Sciences (FICS) to continue their studies for PhD.

www.cs.helsinki.fi/mbi

Biomathematics

■ The International Master's Degree in Biomathematics is offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of the University of Helsinki. The programme is strongly science-based and it is especially suitable for research-oriented MSc students of applied mathematics. Teaching is provided by the biomathematics group which collaborates closely with many other Finnish and international research groups. The biomathematics group is a part of the Finnish Centre of Excellence in Analysis and Dynamics as well.

The research and teaching focuses on the modelling and the analysis of biological processes, with particular emphasis on ecology and evolution. A variety of modelling approaches are used, most importantly ordinary and partial differential equations, integral equations, and stochastic processes. Model analysis is supported by pure research, for instance, in the theory of infinite dimensional dynamical systems. The study curriculum includes courses on mathematical modelling, mathematical ecology, adaptive dynamics, evolutionary game theory, mathematics of infectious diseases, stochastic population models as well as spatial models in ecology and evolution.

mathstat.helsinki.fi/research/biomath

Biotechnology (MBIOT)

■ The Master's Degree Programme in Biotechnology (MBIOT) provides the students with the expertise and skills they need for modern biotechnology research and in related employment. The curriculum ranges from the latest developments in recombinant DNA technology to non-technical issues, such as business and bioethics.

MBIOT is organized jointly by the Faculty Agriculture and Forestry and the Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences in a close co-operation with the Institute of Biotechnology. The preeminent scientific research conducted at these units offers exceptional opportunities to pursue studies in an inspiring research-oriented environment with state-of-the-art facilities.

At the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry MBIOT programme offers four specialization tracks:

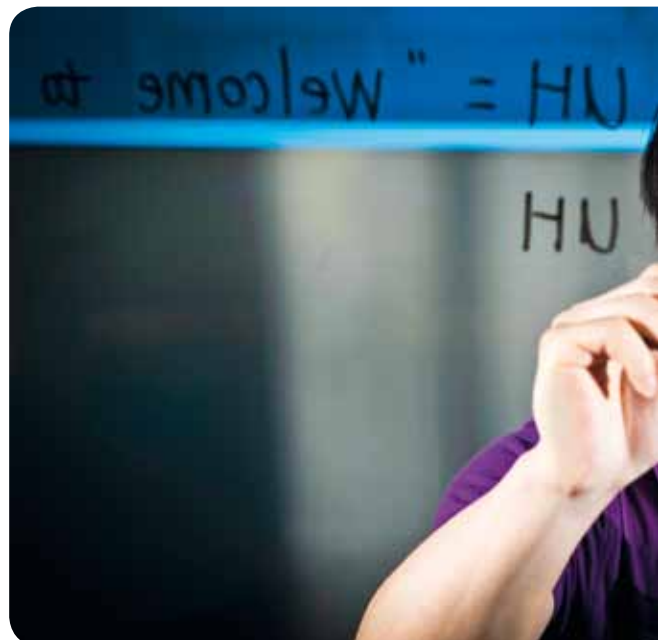
- › Animal Biotechnology
- › Food Biotechnology
- › Microbial and Environmental Biotechnology
- › Plant and Forest Biotechnology

At the Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences MBIOT programme offers one specialization track:

- › Molecular Biotechnology

Graduating with a Master's Degree from MBIOT offers scores of opportunities for a wide variety of careers, both within and outside of research and science.

www.helsinki.fi/biotech





Food of Life – the Science of Animal-Derived Foods

■ In a unique way, this course combines animal science and food science and technology focusing on social as well as the cultural and scientific aspects of the food production chain. The graduates of the Food of Life will be awarded a double degree. The Programme is offered by four European partner Universities and as a student you are obliged to study in two of them. You will also have the opportunity for a shorter study period in Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand, or Italy.

Through the Food of Life, you will acquire basic theoretical knowledge, practical technologies, and research and development methodologies preparing you for a career in the food production industries. You will work on such topics as:

- › How to meet increased global requirements for meat and milk products
- › How to manage increased emphasis on product quality and proven health benefits for the consumer
- › How to improve animal health and welfare with reduced environment impact

Food of Life is open to EU and third country applicants qualified in animal, food, or biological science. EU Scholarships are available.

www.emfoodoflife.eu

Environment and Natural Resources (MENVI)

■ The MENVI programme provides students with a holistic understanding of environmental issues. MENVI combines the aspects of the natural and social sciences and equips the student with skills necessary in implementing the results of scientific research in the environmental decision-making process.

MENVI is organised by the Department of Food and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Agricultural Sciences in the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry. The programme offers four study tracks: Agroecology, Environmental Engineering in Agriculture, Environmental Soil Science, and Microbiology.

To meet the diverse challenges of the impact of agriculture and food production on the environment, polluted soils, water quality, biodiversity decline, and many other problems, environmental experts are increasingly sought after. MENVI provides the student with an excellent basis for a career in environmental agencies, international development organisations, related industries, consultancy groups, non-governmental organisations, and, naturally, in research.

www.helsinki.fi/menvi



Food Sciences (MscFood)

■ The objective of the Master's Degree Programme in Food Sciences is to educate international experts with outstanding scientific skills for research and development in the area of food sciences. The Department of Food and Environmental Sciences organizes the programme.

Over the past decade, Science Watch Magazine, monitoring research trends and indicators, has placed food research at the University of Helsinki to the very top of its field. The programme is located on Viikki Campus, one of the largest concentrations of biosciences in the world. Finnish food research benefits from a long tradition of food development having resulted, for example, in production of functional food ingredients such as stanol esters and probiotics.

Food Science is the main subject with two elective tracks. The core studies cover the chemistry and microbiology of food, food technology as well as nutrition. The Food Safety track offers education focusing on chemical and microbiological risks, administrative safety, and risk assessment. In the Food Bioprocessing track the key areas are fermentation, bioseparation as well as enzyme technologies.

Teaching is carried out in collaboration with other national higher education institutions and, of course, food industry. The programme provides the student with an excellent basis for a employment in food industry and trade as well as food safety authorities. Needless to say, MscFood is also a fine launching pad for a research career.

www.helsinki.fi/mscfood



Forest Sciences and Business (MScFB)

■ The goal of the Master's Degree Programme in Forest Sciences and Business (MScFB) is to promote the sustainable use and environmental services of forest resources and ecosystems. The MScFB programme is designed for motivated graduate students who intend to gain expertise about the forestry cluster and work in multi-cultural environments.

The MScFB programme is run by the Department of Forest Sciences with its internationally recognised strong teaching and research base. The major subjects are Forest Ecology and Management and Forest Economics and Marketing. Within the specialised studies, the students can choose from two options: science-based specialised studies or theme-based multidisciplinary specialised studies.

Students will acquire the essential scientific expertise and professional skills for working in the increasingly challenging and global forestry sector. In a world of climate change and mounting pressure on the environment, natural resources and society, an increasing need exists for qualified professionals to guide the sustainable use of forest resources. The MScFB graduates find employment opportunities across the forestry and natural resources sectors – within governmental and non-governmental organisations, forest industries, consulting companies as well as in education and research.

www.helsinki.fi/mscfc

Forestry and Environmental Engineering

■ The CBU Master's Degree Programme in Forestry and Environmental Engineering is based on bilateral and international collaboration in the fields of forest sciences and environmental engineering aiming to promote the ecologically and socially sustainable use of natural resources. As well as teaching based on high level scientific research the aim of this programme is to develop student's cross-cultural understanding and knowledge of different working environments. The programme creates competence to act in the field both in Finland and Russia.

The four partner universities of the programme are the University of Eastern Finland (co-ordinator), the University of Helsinki, Petrozavodsk State University, and St. Petersburg State Forest Technical Academy.

The programme will pool together partner universities' expertise in areas like ecology and forestry, bioenergy production, forest resource management and planning, forest economics and policy, wood technology and forest products marketing and environmental economics and legislation.

The Finnish-Russian Cross-Border University CBU promotes educational cooperation between Finland and Russia. All the programmes are open to students beyond the borders of the two countries.

www.cbu.fi/en

Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

■ The CBU Master's Degree Programme in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is organised jointly by three Finnish and three Russian universities. Half of the studies have to be cross-border-related and courses take place both in Finland and in Russia. Students of ICT will participate also in the summer and winter schools arranged by the participating universities.

The ICT partner universities are: the University of Eastern Finland (coordinator), Lappeenranta University of Technology, the University of Helsinki, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University, and Petrozavodsk State University. Each has its own area of specialisation. Depending on the individual university, you can choose among a variety of subjects, such as intelligent computing, modern communication technology, data communication, software engineering, user oriented technology, data analysis and modelling as well as scientific computing. The speciality of the University of Helsinki in ICT is modern communication technology.

In addition to deep understanding of computer science, you acquire intercultural competence and comprehensive insight on both Finnish and Russian society. Graduates of the programme will have special competence for cross-border co-operation – an asset that will advance their recruitment in the international job market.

www.cbu.fi/en





Modeling Molecules and Nanosystems (MoMoNano)

■ MoMoNano is organised jointly by the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Physics. It belongs to the Consortium in Computational Physics and Chemistry (NOCCAP), which has been established between five universities in four of the Nordic Countries.

The goal of MoMoNano is to provide the students with the skills they need for a career in computational physics and chemistry, both in private and public sector, and to secure students access to higher scientific degrees (PhD).

The curriculum of MoMoNano includes all the important aspects of the modern state-of-the-art computational chemistry and physics. The systems studied range from small molecules to very large nanosystems and biomolecules. The crossdisciplinary nature of MoMoNano and the relevance of the research are particularly highlighted in the course material. The interaction between computational and experimental research is also made apparent to give the students a feeling of how these two sides of science are related. All this makes MoMoNano a unique programme – well above par among its rivals.

www.helsinki.fi/momonano

Multidisciplinary Studies on Urban Environmental Issues (MURE)

■ The MURE programme searches to understand and mitigate environmental problems due to urbanization, such as human-induced impacts on the urban biota, changes to the hydrology and the biogeochemistry of soil, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems as well as their socioeconomic connections and feedback. The emphasis of the programme is on urban environmental ecology, addressing terrestrial, soil and aquatic ecology as well as ecotoxicology and environmental chemistry.

The MURE programme educates experts on urban environmental issues with multidisciplinary knowledge on ecological, societal, and technical problems – with solutions to them. Graduates will be able to create multidimensional and ecologically sustainable environmental management strategies. A recommended technical minor will provide graduates cognition relating to technical science and solutions, which serve the goals of sustainable development.

After the completion of MURE, it is possible to start a scientific career as a PhD student in environmental ecology. The multidisciplinary and international approach qualifies the students for a broad range of employment opportunities both in Finland and abroad.

www.helsinki.fi/urban





Networking and Services

■ The Master's Degree Programme on Networking and Services is offered by the Department of Computer Science at the University of Helsinki. The programme educates experts on software architectures for the Internet, mobile services and applications, interactive systems, and on global service ecosystems.

The Department of Computer Science is a key academic contributor to the success of Finnish industry in the telecommunication field. The department is renowned for the research and development on Linux, mobile Linux, and wireless communications. It is highly visible in international standardisation forums and organisations and has many globally renowned research partners.

As a student of this programme, you learn to design, assess and develop complex systems. The topics of study include protocols; communication, service and information networking architectures; trust, security and privacy; mobile networking; open interfaces; collaborative and interoperable computing; and enterprise and business network interoperability. The academic expertise accentuated by this programme guarantees you a great opportunity to become a real IT professional.

www.cs.helsinki.fi/en/prospective

Neuroscience (MNEURO)

■ The Master's Degree Programme in Neuroscience (MNEURO) was launched in 2008. The programme provides students with the knowledge and skills they need for advanced and applied neuroscience research. The Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences and the Neuroscience Center organise the programme.

The goal in basic neuroscience research is to understand how the nerve cells function and form complex neuronal networks capable of delicate information processing. This information in turn is vital in the search for the treatments of various diseases of the nervous system e.g. Alzheimer's disease, Parkinsonism, epilepsies and schizophrenia.

Modern neuroscience is a multidisciplinary field using tools ranging from molecular biological techniques to whole-brain imaging and behavioural studies. Studies in MNEURO include advanced practical courses, lecture series as well as seminars on molecular and cellular neuroscience, developmental neuroscience, nervous system disorders, and cognitive and systems neuroscience. MNEURO integrates current research with undergraduate and graduate courses. The programme offers a unique opportunity for qualified students aiming to pursue a career in neuroscience.

www.helsinki.fi/neuro

Plant Production Science (MScPPS)

■ MScPPS gives the students an advanced understanding of the principles of sustainable plant production in the rapidly changing challenges in the food and agricultural sector. The focus of MScPPS studies ranges from molecular and cell biology to agroecology and food production systems.

MScPPS is organised by the Department of Agricultural Sciences in close co-operation with the Nordic NOVA University Network, research institutes, and the related industry. The outstanding quality and international impact of the research guarantees an innovative studying environment and assures up-to-date, high-quality teaching.

MScPPS offers five specialisation tracks: Agroecology, Crop Science, Horticulture, Plant Breeding, and Plant Pathology. MScPPS is designed for students with a Bachelor's degree in agricultural, horticultural, or biological sciences.

The acquired academic expertise in MScPPS qualifies you for a broad range of employment opportunities in the public and private sector – both in Finland and abroad. The goal of the programme is to educate experts capable of working as academic researchers, teachers, administrative officials as well as agricultural advisors.

www.helsinki.fi/mscpps

Translational Medicine (TRANSMED)

■ Translational medicine utilises discoveries in basic research to develop new therapies or medical procedures - and applies patient and clinical data for basic research. This requires an efficient information flow between the lab and the clinic. The goal of TRANSMED, organised by the Faculty of Medicine, is to train students to pursue successful research careers on this borderline of science and medicine.

The TRANSMED curriculum consists of medical sciences, clinical and patient encounters, up-to-date research methodology, interdisciplinary communication skills as well as practical training in research groups. The special features of the programme are student-centred teaching methods, problem-based learning, and small group approaches.

We welcome dedicated, research-oriented applicants with good study skills from various disciplines, including – but not limited – to natural or life sciences, engineering etc. After completion of their MSc degree, the students are eligible and strongly encouraged to apply to the various PhD training programmes within the Faculty of Medicine or elsewhere.

www.helsinki.fi/transmed



Space Sciences

■ The goal of the Master's Degree Programme in Space Sciences is to educate the students to acquire outstanding skills needed both in doctoral studies and in many other, often international, careers in astronomy, space physics, or related fields. The teaching is organised by the Department of Physics of the University of Helsinki.

Each student is guided to make a personal study plan. The modules of the plan are selected from an extensive menu of studies, including lecture courses, laboratory exercises, observations, data analysis, or computer simulations. The personal study plan can also include courses in space technology at the Aalto University. In addition, all students participate in joint seminars to report on the topics they have studied themselves.

During the second year of the programme, the students write their Master's theses. The thesis topics are closely tied in with state-of-the-art research in Astronomy or Space Physics, which may be related with the ongoing research projects of the European Southern Observatory or the European Space Agency or with other international space research programmes. As a rule, the thesis topic is based on the research work the student has started during the summer traineeship organised after the first year of the programme.

www.helsinki.fi/spacemaster



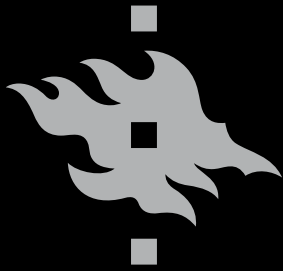
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