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Step info session



# STEP PROGRAMME

SUBJECT TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME =  
PEDAGOGICAL STUDIES IN ENGLISH




# STEP PROGRAMME

Programme for Subject Teacher Education

Extent 60 credits, one year of full-time studies. 1 credit is about 27 hours of work. 1 credit = 1 ECTS credit.

Degree students: minor subject, attached always to the Master's degree

Non-degree students: additional studies after the Master's degree



# SUBJECT TEACHERS

Finnish comprehensive schools (*peruskoulu*, grades 3-9, age groups 9-16)

Finnish upper-secondary schools (*lukio*, grades 10-12, age groups 16-18)

Teaches one or several school subjects.

Class teachers work on grades 1-6.

# STATUTE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBJECT TEACHERS

The qualification requirements for teaching personnel in Finland are stipulated in Decrees No. 986/1998 and 865/2005

Requirements:

- Master's level degree (*ylempi korkeakoulututkinto*)
- Sufficient and right kind of university studies in the teaching subject(s)
- Programme in Pedagogical studies 60 cr.



# DEGREES

Finnish university degrees

Finnish higher polytechnic/AMK/university of applied sciences degrees

All foreign degrees recognised by the National Agency for Education (= *opetushallitus*, oph.fi) as Master level degrees despite the field of studies

# STUDIES

The appropriate faculty certifies that the future teacher has taken sufficient and right kind of studies in the teaching subject

Certification is called an "Equivalency Certificate" (= *opetettavan aineen vastaavuustodistus*). It can also be a statement in a degree certificate or in a NAE certificate.

60 credits in every teaching subject for comprehensive schools

120 credits in one subject for upper-secondary school and 60 credits in others

Helsinki:

Languages: [metsatalo-student@helsinki.fi](mailto:metsatalo-student@helsinki.fi)

Science: [kumpula-student@helsinki.fi](mailto:kumpula-student@helsinki.fi)



# STUDIES IN THE DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT HU

120 credit subject is usually the main subject

Usually degree consists one 120 credit + one 60 credit subject





## SUITABLE SCHOOL SUBJECTS IN STEP

The STEP Programme offers pedagogical studies for the following school subjects in the comprehensive and upper secondary schools in Finland:

English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Swedish (as the other national language)

Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics

Intake: 17 HU degree students, 8 non-degree students with an existing master level degree.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Application round: 16 February 2023 - 10 March 2023

Deadline for attachments: 24 March 2023

Invitations for interviews: 7 April 2023

Interviews for STEP: 9 May 2023 at 9 am – 4 pm

Results: 16 June 2023



**STUDYINFO.FI**

Applications and attachments

# REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

## Degree students:

- Background information form with a photo
- Language Proficiency Certificate

## Non-degree students:

- Background information form with a photo
- Equivalency Certificate of at least 60 credits on a school subject listed
- Master level degree/Recognition of a foreign degree by NAE



# INVITATIONS TO INTERVIEW

By email on 7 April 2023

Every applicant receives an email



## INTERVIEWS

The maximum number of applicants to be invited to an interview is about 1.5 times the number of students to be admitted to the Programme in both selection quotas, ie. quotas for degree students and non-degree students.

The purpose of the interview is to evaluate the applicant's suitability to work as a teacher, in other words, the interview is an aptitude test. The **educability**, **motivation**, and **commitment** of the applicant are the criteria (=subcategories) evaluated.



# INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

Aurora Building, Siltavuorenpenger 10.

Lasts 20 minutes

Two interviewers

Organised in English on 9 May 2023

# WHO ARE INVITED TO THE INTERVIEW

If there are more applicants than 1.5 times:

Degree students

The greatest amount of credits obtained during an autumn term (1 August - 31 December) during her/his studies at the university of Helsinki.

Non-degree students:

Extent and amount of teaching subjects



# POINTS GIVEN

Selection Criteria: Educability, motivation, and commitment = 3 subcategories

25 points each x 2 interviewers = maximum 150 points

The points given by the interviewers are not absolute values but they only reflect the person's relative standing among all the applicants.

In other words, even a low score does not mean that a person is unsuitable to become a teacher.



# FINAL RESULTS

Email on 16 June 2023

Degree students do not have to accept the offered study place, it is added automatically as a minor subject in SISU

Non-degree students must accept the offered study place in Studyinfo.fi by 30 June 2023.



# INFORMATION SESSIONS

Attend when you know that you will start your studies

In June and in August

# QUESTIONS

Related to application process: [hakijapalvelut@helsinki.fi](mailto:hakijapalvelut@helsinki.fi) or [admissions@helsinki.fi](mailto:admissions@helsinki.fi)

Related to studies: [siltavuori-student@helsinki.fi](mailto:siltavuori-student@helsinki.fi)