There are thousands of universities in the world, and the University of Helsinki is proud to be constantly ranked among the top one hundred. According to the latest Times Higher Education World University Ranking, the University of Helsinki retained its position as the best multidisciplinary university in the Nordic countries. We are better than 99.9% of the rest, so by studying with us you can become one of the best too!

Diversely open, quality conscious and joyfully serious. Internationalisation means many things for us, but one thing is sure: as a world-class university we embrace the presence of international students.
SAFETY
Finland is the safest country in the world.

PERFORMANCE
The best performing graduates in Europe are from Finland.

HUMAN RIGHTS
Finland is the world’s highest ranked country with respect to protecting fundamental human rights.

FORESTS
Finland has the most forests in Europe.

FREEDOM
Finland has one of the greatest freedoms in the world.

EDUCATION
Finland’s primary education ranks at the top worldwide.

EQUALITY
Finland was the first country in the world to give full political rights to women.

LIBRARIES
Finns are the second most frequent library users in Europe.

HELSINKI STUDENT CAPITAL
ONE OF THE MOST LIVABLE CITIES IN THE WHOLE WORLD
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 that makes its presence felt everywhere in Helsinki. Naturally, Helsinki was recently nominated as the The Best Cities to Live in (#2) by Metropoly 2016 Rankings.

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. Explode and be inspired!

AND LEARN TO LOVE THEM
We Finns aren’t the biggest chit-chatters and we don’t feel the need to fill every silent moment in a conversation with blabber. This doesn’t mean we aren’t social – we are but in our own funny way. Genuine Finns usually mean what they say. We offer a straight and honest approach, which sometimes may not go down very well with people from other cultures. On the other hand, Finns enjoy telling stories and having some fun. If you enjoy yourselves, Finns enjoy their company.

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MEET THE PECULIAR FINNS
APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

FOR ACADEMIC YEAR OR AUTUMN SEMESTER
April 15: citizens of non-EU/EEA-member states
May 15: citizens of all other countries

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