

Finland

Finland is the sixth largest country in Europe in terms of area. After Iceland and Norway, Finland is the most sparsely populated country in Europe with only 17 inhabitants per square km. Approximately 67 per cent of the 5.3 million people live in urban areas. During the summer, it never gets really dark, and in the north the sun does not set at all for some time. During the winter months, there are six hours of full daylight in the south while for two months in the far north, the sun never rises above the horizon. Finland is also traditionally known for its high level of technology and outstanding architecture and design.



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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES IN COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATION



“World Citizens with
Intercultural Competence”



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Master's Degree Programme in Intercultural Studies in Communication and Administration

The programme is an interdisciplinary research oriented Master's degree programme within the fast growing field of Cultural Studies. Its main focus is on questions of identity and cultural difference and how these affect people's behaviour and ways of thinking and their organised interaction in international and intercultural contexts. Its theoretical framework draws on such disciplines as management sciences, sociology, anthropology, semiotics, and literary studies. By combining the humanities with management theories, the programme is particularly designed to serve the needs of students working or planning to work in multicultural contexts either in international organisations or on the community level, for example, in teaching, counselling or administration.

By bringing together students from different national and academic backgrounds, the programme provides an inspiring learning environment and will enable new departures in research. The programme comprises 120 ECTS credits leading to a Master of Arts or Master of Administrative Sciences degree, and it can be completed in two years.



The City of Vaasa

The City of Vaasa is located on the west coast of Finland. Its position at the narrowest point of the Gulf of Bothnia makes it an important link between Finland and Sweden. The closest city is Umeå in Sweden (70 km). Vaasa is a distinctively international city, second only to the capital Helsinki in the number of foreigners per capita. In this bilingual city of 58 000 inhabitants, one out of four people is Swedish speaking. With its 12 000 students, Vaasa is also a lively student city.

University of Vaasa

The University of Vaasa occupies one of Finland's newest campus areas. The campus combines modern architecture, parks along the water's edge, and a renovated 19th Century factory complex. The teaching and research activities of the University focus on business studies, administration, languages, culture and communication, and technology. About 11 percent of the students are international students from all around the world.

Become a member of our international student community!

Admission

To apply to the Master's Degree Programme in Intercultural Studies in Communication and Administration, you should have completed a Bachelor's degree in the field of public administration/management, public policy, political science, economics, sociology, social anthropology, modern languages, communications studies, literature, or culture.

The required documents needed to apply for the Master's programme are:

- Application form (generated by the electronic system)
- Passport photo
- Degree certificate(s)/certificate(s) of previous studies
- Transcript of university records
- Recommendation by 1-2 professors/employers
- CV
- Photocopy of passport's information page
- Certificate of language proficiency
- Letter of motivation

Admission is based on the following areas:

- Bachelor's degree of the applicant
- Language proficiency
- Motivation of the applicant
- Relevant work experience
- International experience

**This information may be subject to change.
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There are no entrance examinations for international Master's programmes. Admission decisions are made on the basis of the required documents, selecting candidates with the best qualifications.

Master's degree students have no tuition fees. Students are required to pay the Student Union membership fee of approximately 100.00 euros annually.

The application period for all programmes is from January 1 to February 28 annually.