



## Fact Sheet of the University of Helsinki, 2015-2016

### Faculty and unit bilateral agreements

### Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry

#### Basic information about the University of Helsinki

<b>Name of the university</b>	University of Helsinki, Finland
<b>University home page</b>	<a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies</a> , <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/university">www.helsinki.fi/university</a>

The University of Helsinki was established in 1640 and it has the widest range of disciplines in Finland. There are 36,000 degree students and 8,400 staff members. For a general introduction, please see <http://www.helsinki.fi/inbrief/>

#### University of Helsinki has 11 faculties

The faculties, listed here in alphabetical order, are:

- Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Behavioural Sciences
- Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Pharmacy
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

**Many of the faculties are divided into departments**, see <http://www.helsinki.fi/units/index.html>

**University of Helsinki has 4 campuses**, all located within 10 kilometres from each other, <http://www.helsinki.fi/units/index.html>

- City Centre Campus for Arts and Social Sciences
- Kumpula Science Campus
- Meilahti Campus for Medicine
- Viikki Campus for Life Sciences

Campus maps: [http://www.helsinki.fi/university/campus\\_map.html](http://www.helsinki.fi/university/campus_map.html)

#### Research-based teaching

The University of Helsinki consistently ranks among the top-100 universities globally and top-25 within Europe. It is also a founding member of the League of European Research Universities (leru.org) alongside with Oxford and Cambridge. For more on the standard of research, please see: <http://www.helsinki.fi/research/>

## Contact information for student exchange at the University of Helsinki

<b>Coordinating unit for Faculty and Unit bilateral exchanges</b>	Ms. Sari Mikkola International Affairs Officer P.O. Box 62 (Viikinkaari 11) FI-00014 University of Helsinki Finland <a href="mailto:mmtdk-international@helsinki.fi">mmtdk-international@helsinki.fi</a>
<b>Service e-mail for students</b>	University-level service e-mail for incoming students (general questions regarding permits etc.) <a href="mailto:studentexchange@helsinki.fi">studentexchange@helsinki.fi</a>

## Application information

<b>Level of studies open for exchange students</b>	Advanced Bachelor's level or Master's level	
<b>Duration of exchange</b>	Semester (autumn: late August -December or spring: January-May) or full year (late August-May)	
<b>Application deadline</b>	For academic year or autumn semester  <b>April 15:</b> <b>citizens of non-EU/EEA-member states</b>  May 15: citizens of EU/EEA-member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland	For spring semester  <b>September 30:</b> <b>citizens of non-EU/EEA-member states</b>  October 15: citizens of EU/EEA-member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland
<b>Arrival and orientation</b>	Autumn semester: last week of August / Spring semester: second week of January <a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/orientation-and-welcome-fair">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/orientation-and-welcome-fair</a> <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/af-faculty/studies/getting_started.html">http://www.helsinki.fi/af-faculty/studies/getting_started.html</a>	
<b>Semester dates (for courses and exams) in 2015-16</b>	Autumn semester 31 August 2015 – 20 December 2015 Exchange students must arrive about one week earlier for Orientation, see above for more	Spring semester 18 January 2016 – 31 May 2016 Exchange students must arrive about one week earlier for Orientation, see above for more
<b>Teaching periods and holidays during semesters</b>	<a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/academic-year-and-teaching-periods">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/academic-year-and-teaching-periods</a>	
<b>Application process</b>	Partner universities who have a Faculty and Unit level student exchange agreement with the University of Helsinki nominate students for exchange. Partners are asked to send nominations to the coordinating unit via e-mail.  The nominated students submit their applications online by using the online application system of the University of Helsinki, and include the listed enclosures in their application. If all the enclosures are submitted online or as e-mail attachments, there is no need to send paper copies of the application.  Decisions regarding acceptance are made by the host Faculty at the University of Helsinki. <b>Acceptance information is available about 6 weeks after the application deadline.</b> Students receive an automatic acceptance e-mail from their host faculty, if accepted. In addition to that, the International Exchange Services sends the student a more formal acceptance letter as an e-mail attachment. Starting from autumn 2014, paper copies of the formal acceptance letters are no longer sent. Finnish immigration authorities can check the validity of the scanned, formal acceptance letter directly from the Univ. of Helsinki, if necessary.	
<b>Online application system</b>	<a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies</a>	
<b>Enclosures, uploaded as attachments to the Online application system</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Printed, signed and scanned copy of the online application form</li> <li>- Approved learning agreement (study plan listing the names of the courses the student intends to participate in at the University of Helsinki, please see Workload for the amount of credits to complete; the agreement is based on the previous year's teaching, e.g. it is a preliminary plan)</li> <li>- scanned, official transcript of records from the student's home university</li> </ul>	

	- Language certificate, see Language requirement
<b>About the application form</b>	In the online application form, Faculty and unit bilateral exchange students choose "Faculty and Unit bilateral agreements" as their exchange programme.
<b>Language requirement</b>	TOEFL score of 79 (IBT) <b>or</b> IELTS score of 6 <b>or</b> the Language Certificate available on <a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies</a> proving that the language level is CEFR B2 at minimum
<b>Medical report</b>	Not required
<b>Studies</b>	
<b>Workload</b>	<b>Students should aim to complete 60 ECTS credits in an academic year; 30 ECTS credits in semester</b> One ECTS credit equals 27 hours of work, including both lectures and homework. A full year of 60 ECTS credits corresponds to a workload of 1600 hours Course descriptions may use terms "cr" or "ECTS cr" or "op". They all mean the same thing, ECTS credits
<b>Language of instruction</b>	University of Helsinki is a bilingual institution. The languages of instruction are Finnish and Swedish. In addition to courses taught in Finnish and Swedish, <b>the University offers a lot of courses taught in English. Courses taught in English are offered by each Faculty of the University.</b> Exchange students can participate in courses taught in English. <b>No knowledge of Finnish or Swedish is required.</b>
<b>Courses taught in English</b>	Courses taught in English at the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/af-faculty/studies/courses.html">http://www.helsinki.fi/af-faculty/studies/courses.html</a>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<b>Faculty and unit bilateral exchange agreements cover fields offered at the host Faculty only. Acceptance decisions are made by the host Faculty. Availability of courses offered at other Faculties cannot be guaranteed. Please choose majority of your courses from host Faculty.</b>  Please note that depending on the course level, each discipline has the right to decide whether the student has enough previous studies to participate.
<b>Finnish and Swedish courses for exchange students</b>	There are Finnish and Swedish courses available for those exchange students wanting to learn Finnish or Swedish. For more, please see <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/fus/studying/finnishforinternationalstudents.html">http://www.helsinki.fi/fus/studying/finnishforinternationalstudents.html</a> and <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/kksc/english/languagecourses.html">http://www.helsinki.fi/kksc/english/languagecourses.html</a>  For students interested in Finnish society and culture, there are courses offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences (available to all exchange students). Please see <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/socialsciences/studying/courses/index.html">http://www.helsinki.fi/socialsciences/studying/courses/index.html</a> > Study entities offered in English > Finnish society and culture Students are not required to participate in Finnish courses, but may do so, if they wish.
<b>Language courses for exchange students</b>	In addition to the Finnish and Swedish courses described above, University of Helsinki offers the following language courses for exchange students: <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/kksc/english/languagecourses.html">http://www.helsinki.fi/kksc/english/languagecourses.html</a>
<b>Course enrollment</b>	Students need to have their University of Helsinki computer user ID to register for courses in WebOodi, <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/weboodi">http://www.helsinki.fi/weboodi</a> . Students receive the computer user ID when they arrive in Finland. Course registration happens after arrival. Kindly note that decisions regarding teaching in English during next academic year are made in April-May and a preliminary list of the courses for the following academic year is available online by June. During the application process, Learning agreements are based on the information regarding courses organized during the previous year. After the list of courses for the following academic year is published, there may be some changes, e.g. the Learning agreement is only a preliminary plan. Students are advised to check the list of courses during their exchange year again before they arrive.
<b>Grading system</b>	The University of Helsinki uses a six-level grading scale from 0 to 5. 5 = excellent or A 4 = very good or B 3 = good or C 2 = satisfactory or D

	<p>1 = passable or E o = fail or F or FX</p> <p>In addition to applying this grading scale, pass/fail grade may be used when grading practical training and practical skills courses.</p>
<b>Transcripts of records</b>	<p>Before returning to their home university, students are asked to check that all the courses they took at the University of Helsinki have been registered on WebOodi (<a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/weboodi">http://www.helsinki.fi/weboodi</a>). Students can get one official transcript per semester free of charge from the Student Services, see <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/neuvonta/english/transcript.htm">http://www.helsinki.fi/neuvonta/english/transcript.htm</a></p> <p><b>Students are responsible for ordering their official transcript before they leave, e.g. it is not automatically sent to the partner university.</b> Students can order extra copies after their exchange if necessary.</p>
<b>Support Services and housing</b>	
<b>Housing</b>	<p>For the students wanting live in a student dormitory, University of Helsinki has agreed with housing providers, including HOAS (Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region), on a number of rooms for incoming exchange students. Apartments are located around Helsinki. Students should choose their housing option based on their budget and their wishes.</p> <p><b>Exchange students need to apply for housing separately.</b> They are advised to apply for housing as early as possible, e.g. submit their housing application around the same time when they submit their application to the University of Helsinki. Please see <a href="http://www.hoas.fi">http://www.hoas.fi</a> &gt; English for more.</p> <p>Rent includes electricity, water and a free internet connection. Some of the apartments have basic furniture. Students must bring their own essentials. For more, please see <a href="http://www.hoas.fi">http://www.hoas.fi</a> &gt; English.</p> <p>Mandatory fees prior to arrival: room deposit: €500 (subject to change) to be paid to HOAS, Foundation for Student Housing in Helsinki Region, according to their instructions. Students should be prepared to pay the deposit when they receive instructions from HOAS. This can be several months prior to arrival.</p> <p>Information about various other housing options is available at <a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/housing">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/housing</a></p>
<b>International Exchange Services</b>	<p>With any general questions during their stay at the University of Helsinki, exchange students are welcome to the International Exchange Services office, located in the University main building, address: Fabianinkatu 33, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, open Mon-Thu 10 am – 3 pm.</p>
<b>Tutoring</b>	<p>During orientation, incoming exchange students receive help from students tutors, who introduce Finnish university life to the new exchange students, and help them with practical issues such as mobile phones, getting a monthly ticket for public transportation etc.</p>
<b>Hobbies and student organisations</b>	<p>University of Helsinki has hundreds of student organisations, and exchange students are welcome to join. Please see the Orientation Handbook for more.</p> <p>Students' ESN network organises a lot of activities for exchange students: <a href="http://blogs.helsinki.fi/esn-hyy/">http://blogs.helsinki.fi/esn-hyy/</a></p>
<b>Practical Information</b>	<p>City of Helsinki <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/eng/">http://www.helsinki.fi/eng/</a> Student benefits <a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/costs-and-finance">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/costs-and-finance</a></p>
<b>Facilities and Services</b>	<p>Helsinki University Library <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/library/">http://www.helsinki.fi/library/</a> Language Centre <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/kksc/english/languagecourses.html">http://www.helsinki.fi/kksc/english/languagecourses.html</a></p> <p>Student Cafeterias <a href="http://www.hyyravintolat.fi/en/#/9/o">http://www.hyyravintolat.fi/en/#/9/o</a></p> <p>Unisport <a href="https://unisport.fi/">https://unisport.fi/</a></p>

## Information for accepted students

<b>Residence permit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students who are non-EU nationals need to apply for a Residence permit according to the instructions provided by Finnish Immigration Service <a href="http://www.migri.fi/studying_in_finland">http://www.migri.fi/studying_in_finland</a>. Information regarding applying for a Residence permit is also available at the closest Consulate of Finland</li> <li>University of Helsinki recommends that students submit their application electronically, because it makes the application process a bit faster. Students are advised to apply immediately after receiving their Acceptance Letter from the University of Helsinki.</li> <li>Even if the students has submitted the Residence permit application electronically, he/she needs to visit the Finnish consulate in person to verify his/her identity and to present the original copies of any supplements needed for the application. Because of the above, students should apply for a Residence permit immediately after receiving acceptance information from the Univ. of Helsinki.</li> </ul>
<b>Health insurance</b>	Students who are non-EU nationals need to seek comprehensive health insurance prior to applying for a Residence permit. For more, please see <a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/health-insurance-and-students">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/health-insurance-and-students</a> and <a href="http://www.migri.fi">www.migri.fi</a>
<b>Student union membership</b>	Exchange students are strongly recommended to pay the Student Union Membership Fee for Exchange Students (€92 for academic year and €47 for semester, subject to change). Student Union membership includes benefits for students, for example basic health care, etc.). Please see: <a href="http://hyv.helsinki.fi/en/students/membership-fee-benefits/member-benefits-and-services">http://hyv.helsinki.fi/en/students/membership-fee-benefits/member-benefits-and-services</a>
<b>Student health care</b>	Exchange students who join the Student Union can use the services of Finnish Student Health Service, <a href="http://www.yths.fi/en/internationalstudents">http://www.yths.fi/en/internationalstudents</a> , which is open Mon-Fri.
<b>Cost of living</b>	The total monthly living expenses average from 850 to 950 €, depending on the spending habits and housing costs. Please see <a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/costs-and-finance">https://university.helsinki.fi/en/studying/new-students/costs-and-finance</a>
<b>Websites for accepted students</b>	Orientation, Welcome Fair, Tutoring <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/orientation">http://www.helsinki.fi/orientation</a> New Students Website <a href="http://www.helsinki.fi/newstudents">http://www.helsinki.fi/newstudents</a> Welcome to UH Blog <a href="http://blogs.helsinki.fi/welcometouh/">http://blogs.helsinki.fi/welcometouh/</a> Join us in Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/newstudentsuh">https://www.facebook.com/newstudentsuh</a> Orientation handbook <a href="https://university.helsinki.fi/sites/default/files/atoms/files/orientation_handbook.pdf">https://university.helsinki.fi/sites/default/files/atoms/files/orientation_handbook.pdf</a>
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