

Applicant's Guide 2026

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**“Oulu is one of the
best places to see
the Northern lights
in Finland.”**

Welcome to the University of Oulu

University of Oulu ranks in the top 3 % of the world's universities. We educate future professionals and produce new scientific information to build a more sustainable, healthy, and intelligent world. Many innovations that have changed the world have their roots here in Oulu.

Founded in 1958, University of Oulu is one of the largest universities in Finland and one of the northernmost multidisciplinary universities in the world, with 8 faculties, 14,400 students, 4,100 employees and over 65,000 alumni.

We educate competent experts capable of creating successful, lifelong careers in the dynamic work market. Our degree programmes are inspiring and student-centered, and they encourage each student to achieve their full academic potential.

A warm welcome to study with us under the Northern lights!

University of Oulu - Science with Arctic Attitude

The University of Oulu offers a high-quality learning experience to its students (ISB Ranking 2024). Our educational mission is to provide higher education based on research, and to educate new generations to serve societies and the humanity. We seek solutions to the planet's ecological, social, economic, and cultural sustainability challenges.

High value learning experience

The University of Oulu provides a strong academic foundation and a secure living environment. Housing opportunities are highly competitive compared to other cities globally.

Our international students report a high level of satisfaction with the teaching they receive. The overall learning experience is positively evaluated with a particular praise on the quality of lectures, the expertise of lecturers, and learning technology (International Student Barometer 2024).

Two lively campuses with excellent study premises

The main campus in Linnanmaa is the home to the Faculties of Education and Psychology, Humanities, Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, Science, and Technology as well as Oulu Business School. Linnanmaa campus is known for its colourful architecture.

Kontinkangas Welfare Campus consists of the Faculties of Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine and the University Hospital of Oulu.

Both campuses offer a well-equipped library, engaging study environments for both group work and self-study as well as restaurants and cafes with affordable prices for students.

University of Oulu facts

- › Founded in 1958
- › 14,400 students
- › Incoming exchange students 519 (in 2024)
- › 4,100 staff members
- › Two campuses: Linnanmaa and Kontinkangas
- › International degree students 1670 (in 2024)





Promoting sustainable development

University of Oulu is ranked 101–200 in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals of Gender Equality, Sustainable Cities and Communities, and Climate Action.

2024 rankings for University of Oulu:

- › QS World University Rankings: 344
- › THE Times Higher Education World University Rankings: 251–300
- › ARWU Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai): 401–500
- › CWTS Leiden Ranking: 651



International students are particularly pleased with the guidance and counselling offered to them and the quality of accommodation.

UniOulu Experience

Every year, the University of Oulu welcomes hundreds of international students from around the globe. From the moment you're accepted, we're here to support your student journey.

Our online pre-orientation services help you prepare for life in Oulu before you even arrive, and once you're on campus, our Orientation week offers a warm welcome. It's a chance to meet fellow international students as well as Finnish peers, helping you feel at home from day one.

At the University of Oulu, we value each student as an individual. That's why you'll be assigned a **tutor teacher** within your degree programme—an approachable academic advisor, addressed by first name, who will help you craft a personal study plan tailored to your goals. A well-structured study plan is your roadmap to academic success.

Even before you set foot in Oulu, you'll meet your **student tutor**—a fellow student and a friendly face ready to help. These experienced peer students are specially trained to guide you through your first days and introduce you to everyday life in Oulu.



“My student tutor helped me with everything, from doing the registrations to showing me around the university, restaurants, libraries, grocery stores, and even second-hand shops. Thanks to the student tutor, I was able to settle in and adapt to this new environment without any problems.”

“PSOAS is the most trusted and budget-friendly place for students to rent an apartment. The price is affordable, and it includes free water and internet connection. I also got the opportunity to use the club room, sauna, laundry rooms, storage spaces, gym, tennis courts, and even the grow boxes.”



I recommend learning Finnish if you are certain you want a job in Finland or if you plan on working at a Finnish company in the future. You don't even have to necessarily be fluent at it, since the act of language learning already signifies that you are willing to learn and be open to different cultures, thereby reflecting intercultural competencies.”

Student housing

Finding a place to call home in Oulu is easy with PSOAS, the local student housing foundation. They offer a diverse selection of accommodation options across the city – from shared flats to private studio apartments – to suit your lifestyle and budget. Wherever you choose to live, you'll be close to essential services, making everyday life smooth and convenient. PSOAS consistently ranks among the top student housing providers globally, thanks to its quality, affordability, and student-centred approach. For details on pricing, see pages 10–11.

Study and Career Support

Our Learning Support and Wellbeing Centre offers a wide range of services to support you throughout your studies. Whether you're looking to improve your time management, boost motivation, manage stress, or need recommendations for individual study arrangements, we're here to help. You can also join study groups, get assistance in finding internships, and plan your future career with expert guidance.

Health services

All Bachelor's and Master's students have access to comprehensive health services through the Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS), conveniently located at the Linnanmaa campus. Services include medical, psychological, and dental care. Services offered by the FSHS are covered by the healthcare fee that university students have to pay each academic term.

Student organisations

At the University of Oulu, students can enrich their university experience by joining various subject and interest societies. Subject societies, or guilds, are tailored for students within specific academic disciplines, fostering a community among peers

with shared academic interests. Interest societies, on the other hand, unite students around common hobbies or cultural pursuits, offering a platform to explore passions beyond the classroom. Both provide great opportunities for networking, personal growth, and community involvement.

University sports


Get some exercise! UniMove Oulu offers a wide range of sports services for students, providing access to over 100 hours of activities each week. From gym sessions and instructed classes to team sports and specialised sports courses, there's something for everyone. Membership also includes discounts at local fitness centres and wellness providers, helping you stay active and healthy throughout your studies.

Be a part of the Community

At UniOulu, you have the opportunity to actively contribute to the development of our university community. Students can influence decision-making by serving as a student representative from Degree Programme Committees to the Board of Directors. Beyond governance, you're encouraged to join or organise events that reflect your interests. A great example is the annual Festival of Cultures, which celebrates the diversity of our community through performances, exhibitions, and workshops.

Discover More with Finnish

Learning Finnish opens doors to deeper connections and everyday confidence. The University of Oulu offers a range of Finnish language courses, from beginner to advanced levels. These courses focus on practical communication and include modules tailored for everyday and workplace situations. Whatever your starting point, we provide the tools to help you succeed.



“Most stores offer student discount or offers, that if added up save a lot of money in the end.”

Oulu on a Budget

“Student lunch is the best example of student discounts. Eating at university is going to be cheaper and healthier than eating at home.”

“Finnish Railways and long-distance bus companies are also giving student special prices for you to use them, making their tickets really cheap. Sometimes even around 12 €, to go to Helsinki.”

Estimated Expenses for International Students

All information as in August, 2025.

10,000–14,000 €

Tuition fee per academic year for non-EU/EEA students.

9,600 €

Minimum amount required by the Finnish Immigration authorities for a student residence permit (non-EU citizens).

If your studies last for one year or more, you must have this amount in your bank account at the time you submit your residence permit application.

800–1000 €

Estimated living costs per month including accommodation in PSOAS student housing.

250–550 €

Average cost of accommodation in PSOAS student housing.

In PSOAS student apartments, the rent includes heating, internet, laundry facilities, and, in most locations, water.

60 €

Student Union Fee per academic year.

Student Union membership is mandatory and entitles you to various benefits and discounts, both locally and nationally: the student lunch benefit, a discounted season ticket to Oulu public transport, train and bus tickets with student prices, to name a few.

35,60 €

Mandatory health care fee for students in higher education per term.

This fee entitles you to use the services from the Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS). Not applicable to students who have social security coverage from another EU/EEA country, Switzerland or the United Kingdom.

Other voluntary but beneficial expenses highlighted by our students

These are additional, non-compulsory costs that many students have found useful or worthwhile during their stay.

1,09–5,60 €

Student lunch on campus restaurants.

15 €

24/7 Campus access card.

52 €

Local bus transportation 30-day pass for students.

58 €

UniMOVE membership per year.

Gives you access to a wide range of sport services including instructed classes, team sports shifts, gym, exercise counselling, sports events and other member benefits.

How to apply to study with us

Take these steps to ensure a successful application process to the University of Oulu. For full information on student selection guidelines, let the QR code take you to our website. We wish you the best of luck and hope to meet you in Oulu!

Step 1. Check your eligibility.

There are general admission requirements for all applicants depending on whether you are applying for a Bachelor's and Master's programme (3 + 2 years) or to a two-year master's programme.

- » To apply for a bachelor's degree programme at the University of Oulu you are required to hold a qualification that gives you the right to study in a bachelor's programme in your country of education. Normally this is an upper secondary/high school education.
- » To apply for a master's degree programme at the University of Oulu you are required to hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, from an institution of higher education, with good or excellent merits. The degree must be equivalent to at least three years of full-time studies (180 ECTS) and give you the right to study in a master's programme in your country of education.

Language requirements in short:

You must always prove your language skills when applying to our programmes. This can be done in a number of ways. Please check carefully our language requirements for Bachelor's and Master's programmes and make sure you have enough time to book and complete tests, and to apply for documents from institutions.

Step 2.

Collect and scan your application documents before making an online application. In the application stage you only need scanned copies of your documents. Remember to prepare all necessary documents: transcript of records, degree certificate, proof of language skills as well as programme-specific attachments (video, ACT, SAT, cv, preliminary assignment, research intent, etc.) and the copy of your passport.

Step 3.

For studies beginning in the autumn 2026, submit your online application [Studyinfo.fi](https://studyinfo.fi) by January 21, 2026, at 15:00/3pm (GMT+2). Remember to scan all needed attachments to your application.

Step 4.

Follow your application process via [Studyinfo.fi](https://studyinfo.fi). The application process may include interviews depending on your programme of choice. You will be informed about admissions results in March–May 2026.

Step 5.

Once you receive a study offer, make sure you meet the deadlines for document verification, tuition fee payment (if applicable) and study place confirmation. Remember to verify your documents according to our requirements.

Read more about our guidelines to applicants
oulu.fi/en/apply/how-apply



More information about the University of Oulu Scholarships





Need help?

Contact our Admissions Team at admissions@oulu.fi

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Bachelor's in Computer Science and Engineering

Top reasons to study Computer Science and Engineering

- › You will learn the essential methods and technologies in computer science and engineering and can apply them in a creative way.
- › Bachelor studies are based on current research, and the emphasis is on hands-on learning from the very beginning.
- › Students can apply for internships in industry and research groups.
- › For master's studies you can choose an area of focus from Artificial Intelligence, Applied Computing, Computer Engineering and Cyber Security.
- › An exciting opportunity to learn from distinguished professors in Computer Vision, Computer Security, Robotics, Virtual Reality and AI.

Key Courses

Bachelor's studies provide a broad knowledge of computer science, for example in programming, hardware, software, artificial intelligence, data and data processing. The studies begin with the basics.

All students will learn applications of engineering mathematics, for example matrix analysis, statistics and probability theory. Students can tailor their degree to meet their own interests and career plan.

You will get practical skills through various exercise work and projects. You will learn from industry experts and get the chance to work on practical projects that mimic real tech challenges.

Study Places: 33

Degree Title: Bachelor of Science (Technology) and Master of Science (Technology)

Duration of Studies:
3 + 2 years

Scope: 180 + 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

Oulu is the perfect place to prepare for an engineering career in a field that's changing everything.

You can see first-hand what it's like to work in a truly international industry through internships. Close collaboration exists with Oulu-based global ICT companies, such as Nokia, Oura, and Mediatek.

A degree from the University of Oulu is regarded highly, which is evidenced by the continued and intense recruiting interest from industry.

Read more about this programme

[www.oulu.fi/en/apply/
bachelors-computer-science-and-engineering](http://www.oulu.fi/en/apply/bachelors-computer-science-and-engineering)



Bachelor's in Electronics and Communications Engineering



Top reasons to study Electronics and Communications Engineering

- › The programme is a steppingstone to a career in developing the future digital world.
- › EUR-ACE accredited degree programme offering plenty of study options in essential electrical engineering expertise areas.
- › You may specialize in different layers of digital technology - from the design of tiny integrated circuit electronics to the implementation of global communication systems.
- › Close connection to the world-renowned technology hub in Oulu with lots of job opportunities.
- › Join a highly ranked university - placed 30th in Telecommunication Engineering, and top 76-100 in Electrical & Electronic Engineering according to Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024.

Key Courses

The emphasis of bachelor's studies is on mathematics, physics and signal processing, as well as professional courses in electronics design, computer engineering and programming, measurement techniques, electronics components and materials and telecommunications.

The studies are scheduled to build professional competence from the first year of studies onwards.

After bachelor studies, the student can focus either on Electronics Design, Electronics Materials and Components, Future Electronics and Measurement Techniques, Telecommunication or Radio Engineering.

Teaching is based on state-of-the-art research by distinguished professors with years of experience in the field.

Study Places: 33

Degree Title: Title: Bachelor of Science (Technology) and Master of Science (Technology)

Duration of Studies: 3+2 years

Scope: 180+120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

By studying bachelor's and master's in Oulu, you gain access to a global tech network, hands-on experience in some of the world's most advanced fields, and the opportunity to contribute to the future of technology in a city at the forefront of digital innovation.

You can practise your skills in technology development elsewhere on the campus, since we have cutting-edge technology test beds available, such as the 6G Test Network, SmartCampus and Printed Intelligence.

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Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/bachelors-electronics-and-communications-engineering



Bachelor's in Software Engineering and Information Systems

Top reasons to study Software Engineering and Information Systems

- › Immerse yourself in the world of technology and learn how digital solutions shape our world.
- › You learn professional software engineering practices and processes as well as human and organizational systems design practices.
- › Enjoy a range of minors and take additional courses of your choice from humanities, business or various technologies, such as Virtual Reality, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence.
- › Courses are provided by highly trained teachers who are experts in their fields.
- › The city of Oulu also hosts a variety of tech events, hackathons, and networking opportunities for building connections in the tech world.

Key Courses

Bachelor's studies consist of five modules: Introduction, Software Development, Programming, Humans, Organisation and Design of Information Systems and the Capstone Project.

You'll gain the skills to not only build cutting-edge technology but also lead teams, manage projects, and keep up with the rapid changes in the tech industry.

When entering master's studies, you have a chance to customize your learning path: focus on software engineering, information systems, or a blend of both.

The quality of content and pedagogical design that combines diverse teaching and assessment methods ensures the highest learning outcomes.

Study Places: 33

Degree Title: Bachelor of Science and Master of Science

Duration of Studies:

3 + 2 years

Scope: 180 + 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

Studying in Oulu means access to a top-tier research institution, the latest tech trends, the opportunity to be part of a vibrant startup culture and plenty of job openings in the software industry.

Whether it's diving into AI, improving user experience (UX), or understanding business needs, this programme prepares for a range of exciting and diverse careers.

You'll have the skills to lead projects, design innovative products, and drive change.

Graduates can work as a Software Developer, UX Designer, Project Manager or Digital Transformation Leader.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/bachelors-software-engineering-and-information-systems



Bachelor's in International Business Management



Top reasons to study International Business Management

- › Interested in the Nordic perspective to business? The University of Oulu offers you a unique study opportunity to learn to tackle global business challenges.
- › Our degree programme strongly builds upon the concepts of sustainable business management and creative entrepreneurship.
- › During the studies at our vibrant multiscience campus, you can collaborate with intercultural teams to resolve real-life business scenarios and build your professional network.
- › Join a thriving technology hub in the world. In Oulu, you will have the chance to work with and learn from global companies.
- › Obtain an internationally recognized degree in Economics and Business Administration from an AACSB accredited business school, opening doors to employment opportunities within the EU and beyond.

Key Courses

A comprehensive set of business courses such as Strategic Management, Principles of Marketing Entrepreneurship for Sustainability, Contemporary Issues in the Nordic Management, Internationalization, Nordic Perspectives on Global Megatrends, Managing Multinationals, Introduction to Business Analytics, and Company Project supported by Culture and Communication in the Nordic Countries and Finnish as foreign language.

Study Places: 30

Degree Title: Bachelor and Master of Science (Economics and Business Administration)

Duration of Studies:

3+2 years

Scope: 180+120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

The degree provides a qualification for master studies in the fields of management and business administration. For continuing their studies, students enroll in the English-taught master's programme in International Business Management offered by the Oulu Business School.

Master's graduates work in expert and management positions such as:

- Business Development Manager
- Management Consultant
- Director of Sales & Marketing
- Global Demand Analyst
- Key Account Manager
- Sales Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Team Leader.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/bachelors-international-business-management



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Master's in Architecture

Top reasons to study Architecture

- › Leads to an EU-notified professional architect's degree allowing graduates to practise their profession across Europe and in countries such as Canada and Australia.
- › Collaboration with architectural and construction firms, and possibilities to do projects with students from different fields, such as civil engineering.
- › Students can engage in new research fields, such as environmental health.
- › University of Oulu hosts the northernmost architect school in the world.
- › Design-oriented study programme that has educated internationally recognized architects.

Key Courses

The first year of studies, leading to professional architect's degree valid in the EU, consists of design-oriented courses, focusing on urban space and public buildings, from viewpoints of general design, structural systems, lighting, and detailing. On the second year, before diploma thesis, students immerse themselves in an architectural topic of their choice, through a research course and a design-oriented course.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal candidate is a design-driven individual with a passion for sustainable building. This person thrives in multicultural settings, values teamwork, and seeks practical experience through real-world projects. They are academically proficient, technologically adept, and eager to apply innovative tools in design and research. With a desire for international exposure and a commitment to community, the candidate is ready to embrace the unique opportunities offered by the northernmost architecture school in the world and become a sought-after professional in the European Union and beyond.

Study Places: 10

Degree Title:
Master of Science
(Architecture)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 14 000 €

Career Opportunities

After graduation the students are eligible to carry on to doctoral studies at the University of Oulu. Most architects work as building designers and urban designers.

Additional career options for an architect may be:

- Entrepreneur
- Expert
- Teacher
- Researcher
- Concept Designer
- Visualizer.

Read more about this programme

www oulu fi/en/apply/masters-architecture



Master's in Biochemistry

Top reasons to study Biochemistry

- › Chance to do internships in the university labs or in partner companies, as well as to do hands-on experimental work during your studies.
- › On top of hypoxia research, strong record in structural biochemistry, extra-cellular matrix.
- › In-depth training in understanding structure-function relationships of proteins and their characterisation.
- › Highly flexible degree, students may explore study options and specialize in protein biochemistry or molecular medicine, or various other branches.
- › Competitive and valued degree offers very good opportunities to apply for graduate programmes all over the world in prestigious institutions.

Key Courses

Courses are offered in two study lines: Molecular Medicine and Protein Science and Biotechnology and can be freely chosen by the student according to his/her career aspirations. In Molecular Medicine, a double degree programme with the Ulm University with limited seats is also available. Minors in Bioinformatics, Entrepreneurship or Product Development will complement the desired expertise.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal candidate is an academically accomplished individual with a B.Sc. or higher in Biochemistry or a related science field. They are deeply passionate about using scientific knowledge to address real-world problems and improve lives. With a strong foundation in laboratory skills, they are eager to expand their expertise through hands-on training and internships. Excellent communication skills and the drive for postgraduate research are essential. They are poised to join a global network of prestigious institutions and contribute significantly to the biomedical industry.

Study Places: 25

Degree Title:

Master of Science

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

The skills gained in the programme offer you the academic training and expertise required to succeed in a research environment. Graduates of the programme have been able to get into very prestigious Ph.D. programmes in universities around the world, such as Harvard, Imperial College, Oxford, Karoliniska, Zürich, Lausanne, Helsinki, Vienna, Copenhagen and so on. Many have also stayed at FBMM Oulu to continue in our Ph.D. Programme. The programme will also open many opportunities in biomedical and related industries.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-biochemistry



Master's in Biomedical Engineering

Top reasons to study Biomedical Engineering

- › Study a multidisciplinary degree combining medicine with modern information technology in state-of-the-art facilities, including a brand-new medical imaging laboratory.
- › Learn novel health technologies such as biomaterials, biomechanics, medical imaging, digital signal and image analysis, machine learning and big data. Learn also about Internet of Medical Things such as sensors, medical software, and wireless networks.
- › Flexibility to choose biomedical engineering courses, three modules tailored to provide depth to the degree.
- › Enjoy up-to-date teaching by qualified professionals and participate in research measurements and projects in real research teams.
- › Oulu is a tech hub with established companies, world leaders and start-ups in health care technology.

Key Courses

Available courses depend on the study path chosen by the student: Medical Data Analysis, Biomedical Materials and Imaging, or Internet of Medical Things. On top of that, ten study modules, up to 30 ECTS according to student's choice: Healthcare Communication Systems, Biomedical Instrumentation and Sensors, Cybersecurity, Signal and Image Processing, Machine Learning, Medical Imaging, Entrepreneurship and more.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

You are a visionary person with a robust background in science and engineering, eager to delve into the intersection of healthcare and technology. You are research-driven, with a passion for innovation in biomedical devices and eHealth solutions.

You are technically adept, with a keen interest in biomaterials, biomechanics, and medical imaging, and Internet of Medical Things, and possess strong analytical skills for tackling complex data through machine learning and big data analytics.

Study Places: 56

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

A vast majority of graduates are likely to find their career paths within the industry.

An academic career is also a great option.

- Research and Development Engineer in health technology and bioengineering companies.
- Researcher in university and researcher institutes.
- Doctoral Student aiming at professional researcher career.
- Lecturer in universities and professional consulting tasks.
- Medical Engineer or Physicist at hospitals.
- Medical Data Scientist.
- Public official tasks related to quality control, management, and establishment of safety standards.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-biomedical-engineering



Master's in Business Analytics



Top reasons to study Business Analytics

- › Programme is provided by AACSB-accredited Oulu Business School.
- › The University of Oulu is world-renowned for its research excellence in AI, data analysis and communications technologies.
- › Learn to understand both business and technology via the unique and multidisciplinary approach of the programme.
- › Get exposed to real business analytics cases in technology-intensive realm.
- › Develop practical skills in analytics with real-life examples and hands-on training with the tools.

Key Courses

Joint core courses, such as Enterprise Process Planning, Business Intelligence: Applications and Projects and Capstone Projects to all students in addition to degree-specific courses.

In business study option, courses such as Financial Risk Management. If opted for engineering, courses such as Deep Learning. In software engineering and information systems, courses such as Information Systems Modelling, Design and Development.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal candidate is data-driven innovator with a keen business sense. They possess a robust quantitative foundation, are adept with analytics tools, and have a flair for integrating business and technology insights. These aspirants are research-oriented, eager to tackle real-world problems through scientific inquiry and hands-on experience. They thrive in collaborative settings, bringing strong communication skills and a global mindset to the table. With an entrepreneurial spirit, they're ready to meet the demands of a data-intensive world and make a significant impact across industries.

Study Places: Computer Science and Engineering: 15, Software Engineering and Information Systems: 15, Business: 20

Degree Title:

Master of Science (Economics and Business Administration) or Master of Science (Technology) or Master of Science

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: Computer Science and Engineering: 10 000 €, Software Engineering and Information Systems: 10 000 €, Business: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

Analytics experts are in very high demand globally. The graduates can work both as individual business analysis and development experts and act as competent members in analytics teams of small and medium-size companies, public organizations and global corporations.

Entrepreneurship is also a realistic opportunity for the graduates, based on the combined skills that they acquire in the program and the rapidly growing needs for data-driven business analytics services and solutions.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-business-analytics



Master's in Chemistry of Sustainable Processes and Materials

Top reasons to study Chemistry of Sustainable Processes and Materials

- › A multidisciplinary curriculum which integrates strong chemistry know-how to engineering studies in a unique way.
- › Students get a skill set of high value with excellent employment prospects.
- › The University of Oulu offers excellent facilities and guidance for practical laboratory work - a huge reserve of infrastructure in student's use.
- › Collaboration with the chemical industry and research units is intense. Students typically complete master's theses for global companies and thus gain a smooth transfer to actual work-life.
- › High-quality and innovative research in sustainable chemistry in several disciplines of chemistry and chemical engineering is reflected in studies.

Key Courses

Project Work, Research Project and Master Thesis in Analytical, Applied, Inorganic, Organic or Physical Chemistry provide students close connections to both industry and latest research.

Optional advanced courses such as Advanced Water Treatment Chemistry, Chemistry of Hydrometallurgical Processes, Organometallic Chemistry, and Battery Chemistries and Components are available.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

You should have a bachelor's degree in chemistry or a closely related field like Chemical Technology or Chemical Engineering. A strong foundation in chemistry is highly desirable. You are hands-on and ready to take advantage of the University of Oulu's state-of-the-art facilities for practical laboratory work. You are curious and driven, ready to engage in high-quality, innovative research in sustainable chemistry. You aim to develop a skill set that is highly valued in the job market.

Study Places: 20

Degree:

Master of science

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

The graduates will have excellent theoretical knowledge and a solid base to continue their academic career, if they wish. The practical skills gained in the programme mean that they will be primed to respond to the needs of industry and make for valuable recruiting assets for private companies and the public sector alike.

Possible job titles include:

- Product Development Chemist
- Laboratory or Research Manager
- Researcher.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/

masters-chemistry-sustainable-processes-and-materials



Master's in Computer Science and Engineering

Top reasons to study Computer Science and Engineering

- › Choose your orientation or mix all four: Artificial Intelligence, Applied Computing, Computer Engineering and Cyber Security.
- › Studies are closely related to industry needs and students are well employed already during their studies.
- › Close collaboration with Oulu-based global ICT companies, such as Nokia, Oura, and Mediatek.
- › Study in a leading-edge research environment at the University of Oulu, highly ranked in the field of Computer Science.
- › An exciting opportunity to network with distinguished professors in computer vision, computer security, robotics, virtual reality, and AI.

Key Courses

The programme provides four orientations in the field of Computer Science and Engineering: Applied Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Engineering, and Cybersecurity. All four study options include Advanced Practical Training, Finnish language, and versatile elective studies such as Deep Learning, VR Systems and Humans, Internet of Things, and Security Engineering. Studies can also be supplemented with other subjects.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal entrant is a visionary with a solid foundation in STEM, driven to innovate and solve complex problems. They are tech-savvy, with a passion for AI, applied computing, cyber security, or computer engineering, and a desire to work at the intersection of academia and industry. This candidate is a future leader, ready to advance human-centric, intelligent technology in a collaborative, cutting-edge research environment. They are not just seeking a degree but a transformative experience that positions them at the forefront of technological evolution.

Study Places: 70

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

Oulu, Finland is recognised as a technology hub. The global companies operating in the city are actively recruiting new employees.

Occupational profiles of the graduates:

- Research Scientist
- Software Engineer
- System Designer
- Project Manager
- Specialist
- Data Analyst.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-computer-science-and-engineering



Master's in Responsible Economics and Finance



Top reasons to study Responsible Economics and Finance

- › Students are provided with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate the complex economic and environmental challenges of the 21st century both at the global and regional levels.
- › Get hands-on experience in developing economic models and using modern quantitative methods to perform economic and financial analysis for the requirements of present-day society and businesses.
- › Build your unique graduate profile with a master's thesis on responsibility issues – choose your topic from the Oulu Business School's wide range of research areas.
- › Graduates from the programme have high employability and diverse career opportunities in domestic and international firms and organizations.
- › An internationally comparable master's degree in Economics and Business Administration from an AACSB accredited business school that enables you to apply for work within the EU and globally.

Key Courses

The core courses of the curriculum will cover foundations of economics and finance, responsibility/resilience issues, banking, environmental economics, energy and real estate markets, and macro-financial analysis. Elective economics, finance, and/or accounting studies allow students to tailor their degree towards their individual interests and career goals.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal applicant is intellectually curious, with a robust background in economics, keen analytical acumen, and a passion for sustainability. They are ethically driven, globally minded, and committed to addressing the pressing economic challenges of our times. Quantitatively oriented and articulate, you thrive in collaborative environments and aspire to lead in sectors where economic responsibility is paramount. Your career trajectory is aligned with innovative solutions in financial, energy, and real estate markets, underpinned by a dedication to responsible practices and sustainable development.

Study Places: 15

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Economics and Business Administration)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

The programme equips graduates with the skills they need as professional economists working in business, government, international organizations, and research centers. After graduation, they will be competent in analysing the role of responsibility in connection to financial, energy and real estate markets, emphasising sustainable development, climate change, and resource management.

Possible job titles for our newly graduates include:

- Economist
- Policy Advisor
- Industry Analyst
- Financial Analyst
- Data Analyst
- Economic Development Officer
- Economic Consultant
- Business Reporter.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-responsible-economics-and-finance



Master's in Education for Global Futures

Top reasons to study Education for Global Futures

- › Engage in a truly transformative experience, working collaboratively in challenging and unlearning truths and beliefs we have taken for granted, re-imagining education together for more sustainable and peaceful futures.
- › Explore your passions and interests with similarly minded peers from all over the world, in our student-centered programme guided and supported by our diverse faculty team members.
- › Critically appraise education in a time of rapid change, by engaging in studies that are multidisciplinary and research based.
- › Participate in academic dialogues and publications, and expand your network with our partners, other students, scholars and practitioners from North-South-East-West.
- › Transform into an adaptable, independent and flexible educational expert within our community, which promotes the concept of Critical, Open, Active, Caring and Humble (COACH).

Key Courses

Courses develop an understanding of the complex nature of education in diverse societies. Studies are about global education, interculturalism, decoloniality, globalisation and their effects on various sectors of education. In a learning community, you train yourself to think critically about education, to advance it globally. Education in Transition as the minor subject is recommended for all students.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The EdGlo master's candidate is a visionary, ready to re-imagine education with a commitment to social justice and decolonial perspectives. They aim for transformation, collaboration, and are driven by ethical reflection and critical thought. This individual thrives in diverse, research-intensive environments, actively engaging in global dialogues. They are adaptable, independent thinkers. With a focus on tackling global challenges and a passion for educational development, they aspire to impactful roles in education.

Study Places: 0 in 2026

Degree Title:
Master of Arts

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Careers of our alumni

The EdGlo master's degree programme educates very flexible and adaptive graduates with competencies for working in national and international contexts in the public, private and civil society sectors.

Our alumni work as professionals in various capacities including project leaders, coordinators, and educational consultants. EdGlo graduates are able to do tasks related to research, planning, administration, teaching, consultation and guidance. EdGlo alumni are employed in various fields such as education, development work, policy, or academia.

Read more about this programme

www oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-education-for-global-futures



Master's in Electronics



Top reasons to study Electronics

- › Learn both theoretical and practical aspects of electronics, giving you tools for research and development work.
- › Teaching is based on state-of-the-art research by distinguished professors with years of experience in the field.
- › Close connection to world-renowned technology hub in Oulu with lots of job opportunities.
- › Wide variety of specialisation options in Electronics Design, Electronics Materials and Components, and Future Electronics and Measurement Techniques.
- › The programme is ranked the global top 76–100 in Electrical & Electronic Engineering in the Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024.

Key Courses

The programme provides a wide range of skills and knowledge in three areas of expertise: Electronics Design, Electronics Materials and Components, and Future Electronics and Measurement Techniques. All three study options include Advanced Practical Training and versatile elective studies such as Printed Electronics, Optoelectronics, Radio Engineering, Energy Harvesting Technologies, and EMC Design.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal applicant for the University of Oulu's Master's in Electronics is a forward-thinking innovator with a bachelor's in a related field, eager to explore cutting-edge electronics design, materials, and measurement techniques. They are research-driven, practically skilled, and ready to immerse themselves in Oulu's tech ecosystem. Aspiring to be top-tier electronics professionals, they are motivated by the programme's global acclaim and the opportunity to contribute to industry giants. This candidate is a future Electronics Designer or Research Scientist, poised to excel in a collaborative, high-impact academic environment.

Study Places: 60

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

University of Oulu has educated generations of electronics designers, testing engineers, project leaders, development managers, sales managers and researchers for companies such as Nokia, Polar Electro, Elektrobit, Keysight, Bittium, Nordic Semiconductor, and Mediatek.

Occupational profiles of the graduates:

- Electronics Designer
- System Designer
- Testing Engineer
- Project Manager
- Specialist
- Research Scientist.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-electronics



Master's in Environmental Engineering

Top reasons to study Environmental Engineering

- › You will deepen your skills as a technology expert and acquire the necessary theoretical basis to understand the well-being of the environment and the circular economy as part of the global green transition.
- › You will study in a multidisciplinary community where there is a wide range of choices. You are part of the technical students' community in Oulu.
- › You have the advantage of studying in a multidisciplinary university. You may widen your degree with courses in natural sciences, business, and human sciences.
- › The main study options cover all important fields of technology for the green transition: Hydrology and Water Management, Industrial Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Energy Systems.
- › We support job search and employment in Finland and improve work-life skills of students during the studies.

Key Courses

Studies address and provide solutions to critical environmental challenges. In the energy orientation you will learn about smart grids and carbon neutral energy solutions. The cleantech option tackles the prevention of environmental damage. In the hydrology programme you will learn about planning and management of water resources. The courses provide both theory knowledge and practical tools to use in work life.

Study Places: 20

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

The industry-branch-independent, phenomena-based approach of the master's programme in Environmental Engineering provides its students with excellent talents to apply their learned skills into the chosen area of environmental engineering.

- Environmental Specialist
- Development Manager
- Hydrologist
- Energy Specialist
- Researcher
- Environmental Engineer.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-environmental-engineering



Master's in Epidemiology and Biomedical Data Science

Top reasons to study Epidemiology and Biomedical Data Science

- › A unique study programme that combines epidemiology with data analysis – a global interest and demand for expertise exists. The curriculum is balanced to focus on both Epidemiology and Biomedical Data Science.
- › Research-oriented programme provides meaningful thesis topics with an intention to educate new researchers to the field.
- › The University of Oulu has an impressive history in studying longitudinal factors affecting the population on a large-scale using birth cohorts.
- › Courses are participatory by nature and encourage discussion, taught by friendly teaching staff.
- › Programme offers an international classroom - a mix of students with diverse backgrounds, some beginning their career, others already having gained experience in the medical sector.

Key Courses

Compulsory study modules in General Epidemiology, Statistical Methods in Epidemiology, Clinical Epidemiology, Public Health and Population Epidemiology, Molecular Epidemiology, and Data Management and Ethics.

Students get to practice with some of the largest longitudinal cohorts in Europe and with state-of-the-art Genomics, Epigenomics, and Metabolomics data.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal candidate is academically grounded in health or quantitative sciences, with at least a Bachelor's degree in fields like public health, statistics, medicine or health economics. They are intellectually curious, research-driven, and eager to harness extensive life-course data for public health advancements. This individual is a collaborative communicator, capable of articulating complex data insights and translating them into actionable health solutions. They are ready to contribute to the understanding of diseases and to innovate in the face of global health challenges.

Study Places: 25

Degree Title:

Master of Health Sciences

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

The ability to collect, manage and analyse data from diverse sources and translate the research into solutions for public health needs will lead to exciting career opportunities in academia and globally in the public and private sectors as well.

Possible job titles include:

- Researcher
- Epidemiologist
- Data Scientist
- Data Manager
- Research Coordinator
- Health Field Investigator
- Health Department Administrator.

Read more about this programme

[www.oulu.fi/en/apply/
masters-epidemiology-and-biomedical-data-science](http://www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-epidemiology-and-biomedical-data-science)



Master's in Finance



Top reasons to study Finance

- › Students can widen their Finance degree with studies in Economics or Accounting, and other courses offered by the Oulu Business School.
- › Get an in-depth understanding of finance theory and financial markets.
- › Opportunity for exchange studies abroad - you may choose from several exchange programmes and hundreds of business schools.
- › An internationally comparable degree in Economics and Business Administration from an AACSB accredited business school enables you to apply for work within the EU and globally.
- › Students will get a diversified perspective on current issues from their own professors, guest professors from other business schools worldwide and high-profile businesspeople.

Key Courses

Advanced core courses in modern Finance provide analytical and methodical skills in areas such as Asset Pricing, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Financial Risk Management, Portfolio Management, and Globally Responsible Business. Optional studies in Economics and Management, including an internship of 6 ECTS.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

A visionary with a flair for numbers, the ideal candidate is globally minded, research-oriented, and ethically conscious. They thrive on analyzing financial markets and aspire to lead in roles like Asset Manager or Financial Analyst. With a zest for innovative finance solutions and sustainable investing, they are ready to leverage the AACSB-accredited education to address global challenges and excel in academia or industry.

Study Places: 15

Degree Title:

Master of Sciences
(Economics and Business Administration)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

The programme gives students the abilities and knowledge to pursue their academic careers further, if they so choose. Whether students aim at pursuing an academic career or working in the industry after finishing their studies, they will be well-prepared for both options.

- Asset Manager
- Financial / Market Analyst
- Investment Banker
- Corporate Financial Manager.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-finance



Master's in Financial and Management Accounting



Top reasons to study Financial and Management Accounting

- › Close connection to working life - visiting lecturers bring real-life insight, and students get hands-on experience and diversified perspective with company projects.
- › Opportunity to choose from various optional studies or add exchange studies to broaden your degree.
- › Vast career opportunities in Finland as well as internationally. Great salary prospects await graduates in the area.
- › Excellent learning environment, where lecturers as experts in the field and where peer-help from fellow students is available for you.
- › An internationally comparable degree in Economics and Business Administration from an AACSB accredited business school that enables you to apply for work within the EU and globally.

Key Courses

Courses provide a solid foundation for accounting areas such as Advanced Financial Statement Analysis, Corporate Governance, Advanced Cost Accounting, Advanced Auditing and Assurance, Advanced Management Control, and Advanced International Accounting. Students may choose to opt for Financial or Management Accounting. Optional courses of 36 ECTS further enlarge the freedom of choice for desired expertise.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal candidate is analytically sharp, with a flair for interpreting financial data for high-stakes decision-making. They are globally minded, ready to embrace a multicultural business world, and have a strong ethical compass guiding their understanding of corporate governance. They are proactive, seeking hands-on experience through real-life projects. Leadership ambitions are a must. Bold, ethical, and globally attuned, these candidates are future financial leaders, ready to innovate and excel in a dynamic economic landscape.

Study Places: 15

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Economics and Business Administration)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

The FMA programme gives students the abilities and knowledge to pursue their academic careers further, if they choose. Whether students aim at pursuing an academic career or working in the industry after finishing their studies, they will be well-prepared for both options.

- Chief Financial Officer
- Controller
- Auditor
- Financial Analyst
- Consultant.

Read more about this programme

[www oulu.fi/en/apply/
masters-financial-and-management-accounting](http://www oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-financial-and-management-accounting)



Master's in International Business Management



Top reasons to study International Business Management

- › Global outlook, inspiring international environment and close ties with industry make a platform for professional growth and personal development.
- › Respond to global challenges by becoming a change agent capable of responsible management and growth-oriented entrepreneurship.
- › Programme offers courses that are flexible and can be taken remotely, which allows you to work alongside studies.
- › Programme provides opportunities for students to explore business especially from a strategy and organizational change point of view. You get to work in multicultural groups to implement real-life business scenarios.
- › An internationally comparable degree in Economics and Business Administration from an AACSB accredited business school that enables you to apply for work within the EU and globally.

Key Courses

Managing and developing an international business organization is a multidimensional phenomenon covered comprehensively in the main courses. These include International Business Theory, Organizational Change and Development, Entrepreneurial Leadership, Introduction to Strategizing Practices, and Venture Growth Strategies. Diverse optional courses to choose based on student's interest.

Study Places: 30

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Economics and Business Administration)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the programme work in many professional fields and develop to hold expert and management positions in Finland and internationally. They cover the whole spectrum of companies from start-ups to multinational corporations with titles such as:

- Business Development Manager
- Management Consultant
- Director of Sales & Marketing
- Global Demand Analyst
- Key Account Manager
- Sales Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Team Leader.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-international-business-management



Master's in Learning, Education and Technology

Top reasons to study Learning, Education and Technology

- › Become an expert in collaborative, self-regulated and technology-enhanced learning in a multicultural learning environment.
- › Programme is built on internationally recognized research in learning sciences and education technologies.
- › Students come from different backgrounds and have room to explore their own interests and customize their studies accordingly.
- › Studies provide strong theoretical knowledge combined with practical hands-on experience in using technology and tools for supporting learning and the learning environment, visualising learning, multimedia learning, and learning analytics.
- › An education programme taught in Finland, the world-renowned country for quality education.

Key Courses

Courses develop an understanding of the complex processes of how people learn. They are grounded in research in learning sciences, emphasizing cognitive, motivational, emotional, and social aspects contributing to effective learning. They also explore the integration of advanced technologies to analyse and support both individual and collaborative learning. Digital Technologies in Teaching and Learning as the minor subject.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

An ideal LET programme applicant is a collaborative educator with a passion for enhancing learning through technology. They are self-motivated, adaptable, and possess strong communication skills, enabling them to thrive in a multicultural and research-intensive environment. Their academic background and career aspirations align with the programme's focus on creating technology-enhanced learning experiences, positioning them to excel as future educators, researchers, or learning design experts.

Study Places: 20

Degree Title:

Master of Arts

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career opportunities

During the LET studies, students become competent learners and will be able to adapt to many fields and work contexts after graduating.

- Educator
- Researcher
- Educational Consultant
- Human Resources Developer
- Project Leader
- Coordinator
- Learning Designer
- Online Learning Expert
- Designer of technology-enhanced learning.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-learning-education-and-technology



Master's in Sustainable Marketing



Top reasons to study Sustainable Marketing

- › Sustainability and responsibility are cross-cutting themes in all courses, and teaching is based on high-quality research.
- › Studies offer a comprehensive understanding of the role of marketing in advancing environmental, social, and economic aspects of sustainable development in the renewing and fast changing business environment.
- › You get to widely develop your marketing expertise in its key areas such as branding, digital marketing, business-to-business marketing, and service management in close collaboration with companies, especially startups.
- › Programme prepares you well for diverse marketing positions that require creativity, understanding of people and development of more responsible business practices.
- › An internationally comparable degree in Economics and Business Administration from an AACSB accredited business school enables you to apply for work within the EU and globally.

Key Courses

Courses cover the fundamentals of marketing, including Brand Management, Business Marketing, Digital Marketing, Service Management, Selling and Sales Management and Consumer Behavior, all emphasizing sustainability perspective in marketing. Versatile optional courses of 24 ECTS by student's choice include Technology and Data Analytics, Service Design, Venture Growth Strategies and more.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal master's candidate is academically adept, ethically driven, and sustainability focused. The candidate is innovative, with a strong business or marketing background, ready to tackle challenges in growth ventures and startups. This individual excels in communication, leadership, and teamwork within international settings. His/ Her education and experience align with the AACSB standards of excellence.

Study Places: 20

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Economics and Business Administration)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 12 000 €

Career Opportunities

Graduates are well-equipped in applying scientific knowledge to the practice of marketing. They can continue their academic careers or find positions in the industry under titles such as:

- Marketing Manager
- Brand Manager
- Key Account Manager
- Customer Service Manager
- Marketing Planner
- Sales Manager
- Project Manager
- Head of Supply Chain Management
- Content Creator
- Growth Hacker
- Customer Experience Manager.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-sustainable-marketing



Master's in Mineral Resources and Sustainable Mining

Top reasons to study Mineral Resources and Sustainable Mining

- › A rare opportunity to study high level education covering the whole mining value chain.
- › University of Oulu is ranked within the global top 76–100 universities in Mining & Mineral Engineering in Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024.
- › Excellent, cutting-edge infrastructure available for research and education - the latest software and machinery.
- › Shared courses in geosciences and engineering, including both theory and practice.
- › Work-life related studies in close cooperation with the mining industry. Internship and thesis opportunities offered to students.

Key Courses

Students get a deep understanding of the sustainable use of mineral resources and principles of sustainable mining and beneficiation. They learn about the latest modelling and simulation techniques in mining. They get hands-on practice in a research center or in the field, and instrumental skills needed in mineral analytics.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

An ideal candidate is academically versed in geology or mining engineering, with a passion for sustainable mining practices. For Geosciences: A sound background in geology, at least 60 ECTS, and basic skills in petrographic microscopy. For Mining Engineering, Mineral Processing and Geophysics: A degree in mining related engineering or natural sciences with completed courses in engineering mathematics.

This individual is driven by a commitment to environmental management and innovation in the mining sector and is eager to engage with the industry through internships and collaborative projects, aiming to contribute to the mining cycle from exploration to closure. With aspirations to impact the field positively, the candidate is culturally aware and equipped to address global challenges in the mineral industry.

Study Places:

20 for Geosciences,
25 for Mining Engineering,
Mineral Processing and
Geophysics

Degree Title:

Master of Science or
Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

Job opportunities exist in all fields of the mining cycle including exploration, mineral processing, and rock engineering, both in industry and academic research.

Occupational profiles of the graduates include:

- Exploration Geologist
- Geophysicist
- Mining Engineer
- Plant or Mill Manager
- Rock Mechanics Engineer
- Environmental Specialist
- Research Scientist.

Read more about this programme

[www.oulu.fi/en/apply/
masters-mineral-resources-and-sustainable-mining](http://www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-mineral-resources-and-sustainable-mining)



Master's in Interdisciplinary Product Innovation and Creation



Top reasons to study Interdisciplinary Product Innovation and Creation

- › Our ASIIN and EUR-ACE accredited programme fosters collaboration across diverse fields to equip you with a holistic understanding of product innovation.
- › You will study a project-based curriculum in which you dive into real-world product innovation cases to develop your skill base and problem-solving abilities.
- › Our instructors inspire collaborative learning and bring a wealth of industry and academic expertise into your learning methods combining theory and learning by doing.
- › Graduates will be well equipped for a career in product development.
- › Study in a close-knit, design studio-like learning community.

Key Courses

In the project-based curriculum, individual courses are integrated with innovation assignments originating from real needs. During the first year of studies, three projects concentrate on new product ideas, product concepts and product sustainability. The second study year includes a larger project spanning over two semesters.

Key courses in the curriculum include International Cross-disciplinary Product Development Project, Management, Human Resource Management, Product Portfolio Management, and Change Project and Programme Management.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

This master's programme fits best for ambitious creative tinkerers who are passionate about innovation and problem-solving, who have an outstanding track record of their previous studies to show and who already have experience in industrial engineering and management, either from previous studies or work experience. You can commit to project-based learning and enjoy working in interdisciplinary teams. Your bachelor's or master's degree must be in engineering or relevant natural sciences.

Study Places: 20

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

After graduation you will have hands-on expertise in new product design and development, rapid development, and management of both people and projects.

This experience allows you to work in challenging product development or project management positions. You can lead and manage interdisciplinary product development projects and other business development tasks.

Occupational profiles of the graduates include:

- Innovation Manager
- Product Manager
- Product Owner
- Product Development Team Leader
- Product Data Manager
- Project Manager
- Programme Manager.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-interdisciplinary-product-innovation-and-creation



Master's in Software Engineering and Information Systems

Top reasons to study Software Engineering and Information Systems

- › Unique learning outcomes that focus on either software engineering or information systems - or a combination of both.
- › Choose courses according to your interests and enjoy a flexible range of courses from study fields such as business and humanities.
- › Get relevant skills and capabilities for a successful career in the ICT companies or the public sector.
- › The quality of content and pedagogical design that combines diverse teaching and assessment methods ensures the highest learning outcomes. Courses are provided by pedagogically highly trained teachers who are experts in their fields.
- › The University of Oulu is among the global top 200 universities in Computer Science.

Key Courses

Students can choose their study path to be Software Engineering or Information Systems. 30 ECTS of courses follow the chosen study path. 60 ECTS are common studies, such as Research and Development Project (10 ECTS) and the master's thesis (30 ECTS). Studies include at least one specialization subject of 10 ECTS (software engineering, user experience, persuasive design and gamification), and 20 ECTS of elective university courses.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal candidate has a keen interest in current ICT research and is adept in applying his/her knowledge in software development or user-centric design. This individual is an analytical problem-solver, eager to lead and collaborate in diverse teams, and committed to lifelong learning to stay at the forefront of technological trends. They aspire to roles that blend technology with strategic business development. They are ready to thrive in the dynamic high-tech ecosystem of Oulu or globally contributing to the ICT sector with fresh ideas and a user-focused approach to digital transformation.

Study Places: 85

Degree Title:

Master of Science

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

Graduates can act as independent experts in goal-oriented projects and manage professionally projects in global ICT companies.

Possible titles include:

- Project Manager
- Team Leader
- Chief Technology Officer
- Chief Information Officer
- Software Designer / Developer
- User Experience Designer
- Lead Developer
- Senior Software Engineer
- Product Owner / Manager
- Business Analyst
- Solution Designer
- Data Scientist
- AI Developer.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/

masters-software-engineering-and-information-systems



Master's in Sustainable and Autonomous Systems

Top reasons to study Sustainable and Autonomous Systems

- › Be at the forefront of enabling a world of sustainable living and more autonomous systems.
- › Widen your expertise with complementary and advanced studies, such as electronics, AI, and machine learning.
- › Graduates can build robotised solutions for various industries such as production, energy, transportation, and logistics.
- › Broaden your opportunities for practical training and employment by utilizing the business networks of both the University of Oulu and University of Vaasa.
- › The programme is based on the strengths of the two universities. The University of Vaasa has the knowledge for building sustainable energy systems and the University of Oulu has the expertise in smart and autonomous systems.

Key Courses

A course collection in Autonomous Systems, Environmental Monitoring, and Sustainable Development according to the programme focus. Supplementary advanced studies in areas such as Software for Intelligent Systems and Artificial Intelligence, Towards Data Mining, and Electronic System Design.

Added value from courses offered by the University of Vaasa, among others Smart Cities and Communities.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal applicant for the Sustainable and Autonomous Systems master's is an innovative engineer with a passion for sustainability and technology. Skilled in AI, machine learning, and electronics, they excel in analytical thinking and ethical problem-solving. They are committed to lifelong learning, adept in research, and poised for roles like Project Manager or R&D Engineer. This candidate thrives in international collaboration, eager to harness the dual expertise of the University of Oulu and University of Vaasa to drive advancements in energy, transportation, and logistics through cutting-edge, sustainable, autonomous solutions.

Study Places: 35

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

Graduates can build robotised solutions for various industries such as production, energy, transportation, and logistics.

Possible titles include:

- Project Manager
- Research Scientist
- Product Developer
- R&D Engineer.

Read more about this programme

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-sustainable-autonomous-systems



Master's in Wireless Communications Engineering



Top reasons to study Wireless Communications Engineering

- › Become an expert in wireless communications by learning state-of-the-art technologies.
- › The programme is ranked global top 30th in Telecommunication Engineering in Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024.
- › Teaching is based on state-of-the-art research that is leading in 6G wireless communications technology.
- › Close connection to world-renowned technology hub in Oulu with lots of job opportunities, even in 6G research.
- › Widen your expertise with complementary computer engineering techniques, such as AI and machine learning.

Key Courses

Students can major in Radio Access and Networks or RF Engineering. Studies include Advanced Practical Training, Mathematics, Advanced Wireless Communications Systems, Communications Networks, Stochastic Signal Processing Methods, Radio Channel Modeling, Radio and Antenna Engineering, Information Theory, Coding Methods, and Finnish language. Supplementary courses in natural sciences and business are possible.

Are you a great fit for our programme?

The ideal applicant holds a bachelor's degree in communications engineering, electronics & electrical engineering, or computer engineering. They are passionate about cutting-edge technologies and have a strong foundation in mathematics, physics, and programming. With a keen interest in research, they aspire to contribute to the 2030 wireless era. Their technical skills include proficiency in digital signal processing, radio engineering, and communication networks. They are adaptable, proactive learners with excellent communication and teamwork abilities. Ultimately, they envision becoming a leader in the field, driving advancements in wireless communications.

Study Places: 60

Degree Title:

Master of Science
(Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Scope: 120 credits

Tuition Fee: 10 000 €

Career Opportunities

An exciting opportunity to get cutting-edge knowledge in wireless communications both at physical and network layers. As a master's degree holder, you can design, implement and develop 5G and beyond 5G systems, enabling hardware and applications.

- Chief Engineer
- Design Engineer
- Development Engineer
- Maintenance Engineer
- Patent Engineer
- Program Manager
- Project Manager
- Radio Network Designer
- RF Engineer
- Sales Engineer
- System Engineer.

Read more about this programme

[www.oulu.fi/en/apply/
masters-wireless-communications-engineering](http://www.oulu.fi/en/apply/masters-wireless-communications-engineering)



Joint European Master's Programmes

University of Oulu offers a variety of joint European master's programmes via its partner networks. Students benefit from studying in multiple locations.

These programmes all have separate admissions, so remember to check programme-specific application period, admissions procedure and criteria before applying!

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Redesigning the Post-Industrial City

Study Places: 60

Degree Title: Master of Science

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Tuition Fee: 9 000 €

Next Application Period:

From 1 November 2025 to 28 February 2026

Joint Masters Superdiversity in Education, Organisations and Society

Study Places: 53

Degree Title: Master of Science

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Tuition Fee: 9 000 €

Next Application Period:

From 15 Nov 2025 to 1 May 2026 for non-EU/EFTA or 1 June 2026 for EU/EFTA applicants

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Programme in Tourism Transformations for Regenerative Futures

Study Places: 24

Degree Title: Master of Science

Tuition Fee: TBA

Next Application Period: TBA

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Mineral and Metal Processing Engineering

Study Places: 25

Degree Title: Master of Science (Technology)

Duration of Studies: 2 years

Tuition Fee: 6 500 €

Next Application Period:

From 1 October to 31 December 2025

Read more about joint programmes

www.oulu.fi/en/apply/international-programmes#accordion-control-joint-european-programmes





“Here in Oulu I met some of the best people I’ve ever met. I’m beyond thankful for that and I always will be.”



Working with cool things to solve real-world problems

A native of Iran, **Samad Ali** came to study wireless communications engineering at the University of Oulu in 2012. Ten years later, he is working in the industry to improve the standards in current and next-generation telecommunication networks.

Samad Ali had gained his bachelor's degree in Telecommunications Engineering in Iran, and he wanted to continue his studies abroad. He had specific criteria in making his decision: the education had to be top-notch and there had to be great connections to industry which meant opportunities in studying, working and getting internships.

"I really wanted to have the best education possible and that was the most important thing. I looked at places in Europe and in North America and applied to many. The University of Oulu is very well known in my field, and it is one of the very best places to study wireless communications. I chose Oulu as the place to do my master's, and I really got what I wanted", Ali says.

Ali came to Finland prepared to study hard and make the most of his time here. When he arrived in Oulu, he was pleasantly surprised by how smooth everything was.

"I remember my orientation with the faculty and the first thing the coordinator said was, 'Don't stress'. This is a different place!", Ali says with a laugh.

Of course, he did study as hard as anywhere else, but he appreciated the level of freedom in the studies.

"As a student you have time and several chances to take tests, the

professors are available to help you, and the course content is always up to date. The University has a lot of freedom to put away outdated content and bring in visiting professors to teach the latest topics. You get to study and learn and that was so important to me, and the reason why I stayed here for my doctoral studies", Ali says.

Machine learning is the future

Ali's passion for technology has translated into a career that has him working at Nokia on standards research and at the University as a postdoctoral researcher. At Nokia, he is tasked with supporting the work of standards development. His work is a combination of coding, inventing, solving problems and writing and presenting his findings.

Easy adjustment to the weather

Ali is from the Northwestern part of Iran, which is mountainous and can have temperatures of -15 degrees Celsius easily in the winter. So, he was not too fazed by his surroundings in that respect.

"For me, the big surprises were other things. I remember meeting the head of my research unit for the first time. He said that "I am not Sir, Professor, or Doctor. I have a name, it is Jari, you call me that." This is unique to me and says something about Finnish society in general", Ali chuckles.

Read
the full
story:





“I have to say that for a person who is focused on studying and getting a great education, Oulu is a wonderful place. Nature in Oulu is beautiful, in summer, everywhere is green, and the winter is beautiful. Moreover, you can walk and bike everywhere, so it is easy to get around which makes life much more pleasant.”



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own networks.”**

Networking pays great dividends

Born in Shanghai, **Jinni Lü** has spent nearly two decades in Finland, and she speaks fluent Finnish. Currently, she is the Business Development Manager for the Oulu-based mobile games company Fingersoft.

Lü encourages everyone to establish their own networks and volunteering in different student activities in the University of Oulu is a great way for students to do that.

“Outside of classes, I joined the Tellus volunteer programme and I also volunteered several times at the famous Polar Bear Pitching event,” Lü says.

Lü says networking is important everywhere and Finland is no exception.

“The best part of volunteering is you get to know the people and the culture and establish your own networks. It will help you to find employment or places for your Master’s thesis and so on.”

Self-confidence comes with experience

When asked what Lü considers to be the best thing she has gained in her time in Oulu, she is quick to reply.

“The self-confidence that I built through my experiences. I am not afraid to try new things. That’s what I would say to anyone who comes here. Believe in yourself, establish your own network and don’t be afraid to step outside your comfort zone,” Lü says.

While researching the role of intermediaries in Finnish food export for her Master’s thesis in International Business Management, Lü recognized a business opportunity. This insight led her to establish her own company and became an entrepreneur.

“My company was helping Finnish companies to enter Chinese markets, which requires a certain amount of cross-cultural knowledge. We

worked with consumer goods companies and some Finnish design companies,” Lü says.

Her entrepreneurship as well as her studies in business and technology gave her a lot of self-confidence which has helped her a lot in building her career.

Work-life balance is important

Lü’s current job as the Business Development Manager at the mobile games company Fingersoft is something that she can attribute to her education, entrepreneurship and networking skills.

Her journey at Fingersoft started through an internship opportunity that provided her with an interesting topic for her Master’s thesis in Industrial Engineering and Management.

She is immersed in the game development process, product management and working in a cross-functional team environment which depends a lot on communication. She says that the best thing about her work is the number of new challenges.

“The strategic thinking skill developed through my academic journey was crucial in my role, enabling me to effectively plan and manage projects,” Lü explains.

While having a busy working life, Jinni Lü says that she has been able to carve out a nice work-life balance for herself in Oulu. She exercises regularly by going to the gym a few times a week or taking long walks.

Read the full story:



Summer Trip All Around Finland



Adinda and Nadia at the 360° observation area in Puijon torni.

If you're currently preparing mentally to face the harsh winter of Oulu, this blog might shift your focus. We'll take you on a journey through the mesmerizing summer landscapes of Finland, sharing our unforgettable adventure of traveling to twelve cities within nine days on our summer trip.

Accessible Transport

One spring day, Nadia impulsively suggested to travel around Finland with a Holiday Ticket. This ticket allows unlimited city-hopping on train trips within 7, 9, 14, or 30 days. What an excellent way to explore Finland, especially during the summer holidays!

In Kuopio, we visited Puijon torni, an iconic observation tower 75 meters tall, to enjoy the 360 degrees landscape of Kuopio surrounded with breathtaking views of Kallavesi Lake.

National Park and Everyman's Right

Finland, often called the "Land of a Thousand Lakes," is home to countless national parks and we visited Koli National Park. What truly amazed, was the deep respect for nature embodied in a unique Finnish tradition granting everyone the freedom to roam, hike, and enjoy nature responsibly.

Hiking Above the Arctic Circle

Have you ever hiked above the Arctic Circle? This summer, we did that in Kilpisjärvi, Finland. The 16-kilometer hike was long but absolutely worth it.

We kicked off our journey by

renting a car in Oulu and driving to Kilpisjärvi. From the harbor, a boat took us across the lake so we could hike back. The trails here are brilliantly marked with color-coded stones. Our first stop was the iconic Treriksröset, the world's northernmost three-country cairn. Standing there, surrounded by Finland's, Sweden's and Norway's mountains, was surreal.

Continuing along the Malla Trail, we were lucky enough to encounter a Sámi reindeer herd. These majestic creatures are vital to Sámi culture and seeing them felt like a rare blessing. The trail also offered waterfalls, drinkable rivers (yes, we tried it!), and breathtaking views. But then came the mosquitoes. Pro tip: bring a mosquito net hat—it's a lifesaver.

Midnight Sun

The highlight of the trip was reaching the end of the trail at midnight, only to find the sun still shining. The midnight sun feels almost magical—it's as if time stops, urging you to savor every moment.

Overall, our journey left us with a deeper appreciation for Finland's culture. We witnessed the core values of inclusivity, care for nature, and accessibility reflected in both the people and the environment.

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the full
blog:





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About the Authors

Adinda and Nadia, master's students from Indonesia, love exploring Oulu's nature as they experience four seasons for the first time. Adinda studies in the Education for Global Futures programme, while Nadia studies in the Wireless Communications Engineering programme.

From Practice to Proficiency: Navigating the Finnish Language

Is Finnish as difficult as they say? After six months in Finland, I've discovered some tips and tricks that make learning this 'impossible' language a little easier.

Kickstarting My Language Learning

After arriving, I began with the University of Oulu's 'Kickstarter' course offered for new international students. This course built on the patterns seen on Duolingo, teaching key grammar rules and offering speaking and listening practice with supportive teachers. Alongside the language learning, it was a great way to meet other new students and build a support network when first arriving in Finland too.

Music Makes the World Go Round

Courses are great for fundamentals, but I have found that immersion is key. The number one biggest thing I have found that has helped me get a grasp of the language is finding music that appeals to me and playing it on repeat. There are a wide range of genres and artists to be discovered who sing in Finnish, and some very catchy tunes you can find yourself humming away to quite quickly. I found that having a playlist of some of my favourite Finnish music and playing it on repeat, quickly helped me to pick up key phrases and begin to recognise how the Finnish language sounds.

Before I knew it, I was front row at concerts singing my heart out in Finnish, even when I didn't quite know what every word meant yet!

Subtitle Everything

Another way I help grow my understanding is by watching TV and movies dubbed or subtitled in Finnish. Some of my favourite films are available on different streaming platforms with Finnish dubs, and most can have Finnish subtitles playing alongside the English audio.

I often find myself in my classes bringing up my favourite movie scenes or lines of dialogue that help me build connections with the language and I love sharing new Finnish series I have enjoyed with my language learning friends.

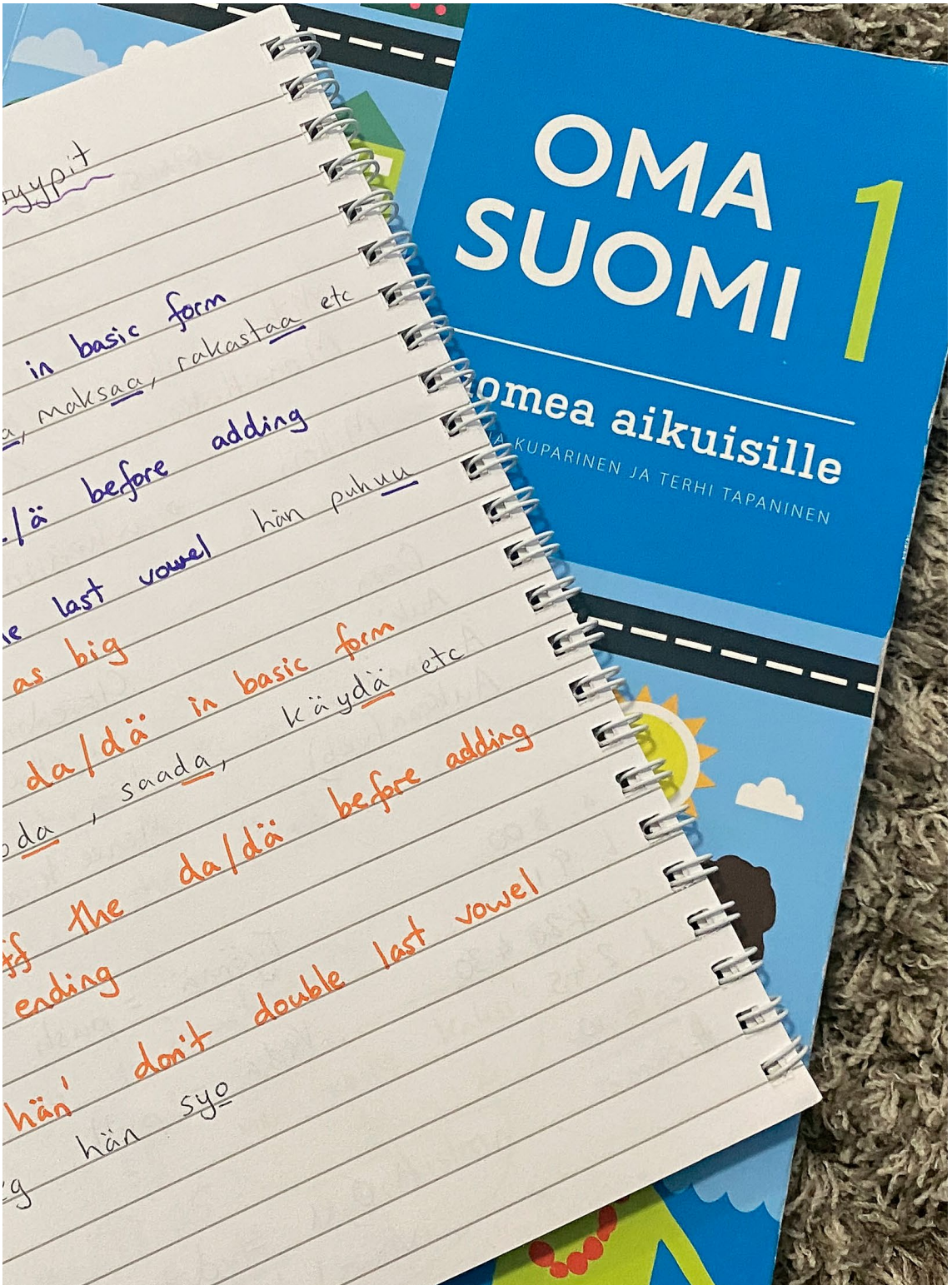
**“Practice,
practice,
practice!
The beginnings
of language
learning require
lots of note
taking.”**

**Read
the full
blog:**



So, is it impossible?

Whilst yes, the Finnish language isn't going to be learnt in one or two months, it is surprising how quickly you can start to understand more and more when you surround yourself with the language. If you are looking to learn Finnish, find a way of doing it that brings you joy and you won't even realise you are studying it.



About the author

Sophie from the UK is currently completing her master's degree in Learning, Education and Technology. She loves Finnish music - Käärijä is her favourite artist – and she has already travelled all over Finland to go to his concerts.

Kummi Family may turn into a lifelong friendship

A Canadian exchange student didn't know in 1997 that he'd host his Kummi Family at his wedding in France many years later, much less that he'd visit their shared 70th birthday in Oulu, 25 years down the road. Indeed, The Kummi Family Programme has the potential for creating lifelong relationships.

Matthew Sawatzky came to Oulu in the fall of 1997 as an exchange student for a year. He was in his early 20's and didn't really have any preconceived notions about Finland beforehand.

"I wanted to experience something really different from North America and I thought I would go to Europe, but as far north as possible. So, I chose Oulu. I remember flying from Calgary to Minneapolis to Amsterdam to Helsinki, and seeing this big sign at the airport that said 'Tervetuloa' ['welcome']. I had absolutely no idea what that meant," Sawatzky chuckles.

After only a couple of weeks of studying in Oulu, a University staff member walked into a classroom and asked foreign exchange students if they would be interested in meeting a Finnish family for casual conversation, maybe over a meal. Sawatzky perked his ears.

"I heard 'free meal' and, being a student, I was all in! I thought it was going to be a one-time thing, but I ended up spending so much time with them," Sawatzky says.

Sawatzky had been paired with **Timo and Seija Mattila**, a local family with three children. The Mattilas had had a positive experience with an American exchange student previously, and they were willing to meet a new person, mostly to improve their language skills.

"Improving conversational English was really

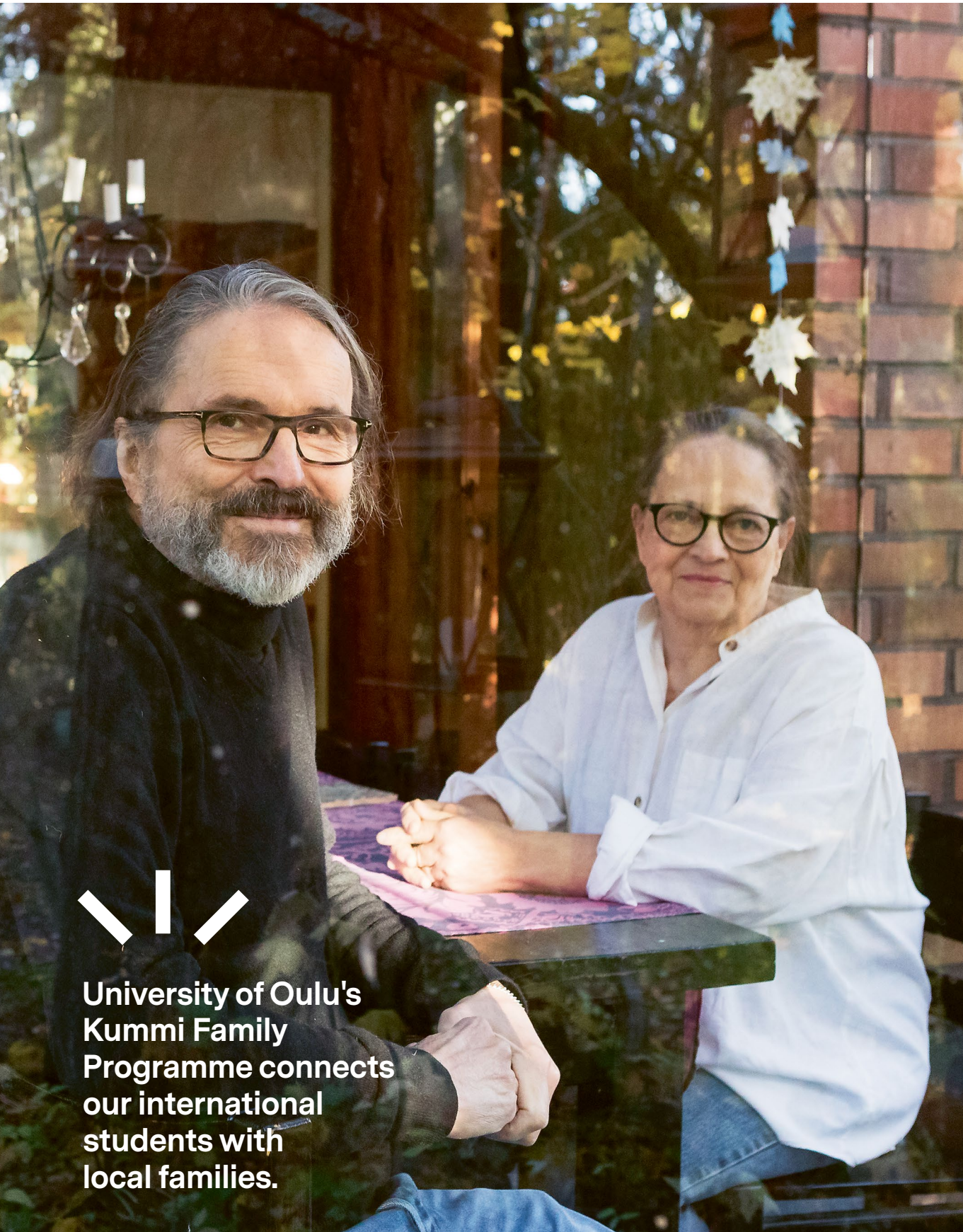
my motivation, as I had been studying German before," says Seija Mattila. "It turned out that Matthew learned Finnish really quickly, but I still got to practice with him."

Timo Mattila says that they felt an instant connection with Sawatzky, that 'click' that sometimes happens in life.

"He is a great guy, very curious and interested in other cultures. We were really on the same page with him as a family right from the start. We started spending time with him every couple of weeks or so, having him over for family dinners, going to the summer cabin or the theatre. Just normal life stuff," Timo Mattila says.

Sawatzky and the Mattilas became fast friends, and today they call each other family. When Sawatzky got married, he seated the Mattilas, his own parents and his bride's parents at the same table. For their part, the Mattilas call Sawatzky their fourth son and enjoy keeping in touch with his children, their honorary grandchildren.

"Not every Kummi Family connection is going to be like this," Sawatzky says. "But, it will be a chance for you to see another culture from the inside. You're going to see and experience things you wouldn't otherwise and it will make you look at your own culture in a different light."



**University of Oulu's
Kummi Family
Programme connects
our international
students with
local families.**

Finland – the happiest country in the world

One of the world's most peaceful countries

The country of thousands of lakes, Lapland wilderness, and high technology cities, Finland has been recently ranked as one of the most peaceful, competitive, and happiest countries in the world. Finland has a diversified modern industrial economy and the income per capita is among the highest in Western Europe.

Modern welfare state

A member of the European Union since 1995, Finland was the only Nordic state to join the Euro system at its initiation in January 1999. Today, the key features of Finland's modern welfare state are a high standard of education, equality promotion, and national social security system.

Easy access

From Finland you have easy access to other Nordic countries, especially Sweden and Norway, and Continental Europe. The two official languages, Finnish and Swedish, are complemented with English as many Finns speak fluent English.

Finland

- › has 5.5 million inhabitants, 17.9 inhabitants per square kilometre
- › is one of the leading countries in internet and mobile phone use
- › has ca. 2 000 000 saunas
- › has exactly 187 888 lakes
- › is the home of sauna, sisu, Moomins, Supercell, Marimekko, Nokia, Polar Electro, Oura Ring, Alvar Aalto and Santa Claus
- › has one of the highest educational participation rates in the world

Finns

- › are among the biggest coffee drinkers
- › are among the biggest ice-cream eaters
- › claim sports as their favourite leisure time activity

Read more about Finland
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“I strongly recommend learning Finnish as it gives you a stronger sense of community and belonging. It facilitates your integration and gives you more opportunities in and outside of the University.”

10 Reasons for Choosing Oulu

1. Location.

How cool is north? Oulu has a perfect location in the north with close distances to all Arctic destinations and good connections to the rest of Finland. Despite its northern location, Oulu still isn't remote; the city is vibrant and has an active student life!

2. Excellent university rankings.

The University of Oulu is one of the world's leading universities ranked in the top 3 percent of all the 17,000 universities of the world. Here you will get world class education.

3. High-quality research.

Studying here puts you in the center of ground-breaking research: all our eight faculties and award-winning research units provide our students an exceptional environment for learning and innovating.

4. Safety and Reliability.

Finland is a safe country. Students here feel safe riding a bike, walking or travelling by bus during day and night, but it's always good to remember general cautiousness.

5. Finnish people.

Typically, Finnish people are known to be honest, punctual, hard-working, and reliable, but they sure know how to relax also! At first, Finns might seem shy or introverted but when you get to know them, you will gain a true friend for a lifetime.

6. The Nature, Peace and Cleanliness.

Finland is known for its pure nature and space. The environment here is stress-free and calm. The transfer from urban spaces to nature in Oulu is amazingly short. You can get from your home to and from the University to the forests and by the waters in 5–15 minutes and relax after a busy day!

7. Bullying and Harassment free university.

University of Oulu does not tolerate bullying or harassment. Study in an environment that supports equality and non-discrimination.

8. Ecological commuting.

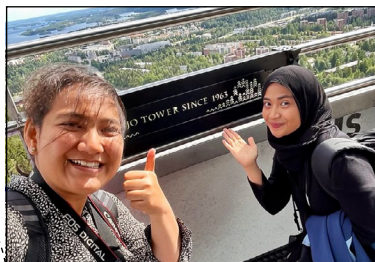
Oulu has the widest biking network in Finland. Around 20 percent of all trips in Oulu are made by bicycle. It's eco-friendly, cost-effective, and good for your health. Many of our students even bike throughout the year!

9. Get a good-looking mark on your CV.

Not everyone has been here and not everyone knows what life is like in the north. Being a forerunner makes you interesting! Use your experience here as an asset to set you apart from others in the international competition.

10. Arctic Attitude.

Our northern location requires Arctic Attitude – a state of mind for never giving up and working together. Here you will learn to seize opportunities and go through challenges with positive and determined mind! Are you up for the challenge?



Read more
about traveling in Finland
[on page 48.](#)



“I love to attend one of the many events that goes on in and around Oulu. Be it a music concert or festival, an art installation or just wandering around one of the many beautiful nature spots, I am never without an activity to be doing.”



Oulu – a higher grade of living



**Oulu2026
European
Capital of
Culture**

You are welcome to live in Oulu, comfortably and more inexpensively than in other big cities in Finland. Oulu is located just a two-hour drive from the Arctic circle and Finnish Lapland.

The nature is close, but the city is bustling with urban life. The Oulu region offers the best latitude and conditions for sustainable experiences and activities. Northern lights can be spotted in wintertime in Oulu, and the four seasons make a distinction to leisure activities to enjoy from.

Getting around in Oulu and coming here is easy both by car and public transport. The 20-minute city means that nothing is far away. Two wheels are quite enough for swift mobility, too, for Oulu is one of the self-evident cycling capitals in the world.

Living the arctic attitude

A youthful student city, Oulu is of comfortable size, it has tranquil surroundings and a Scandinavian ambience. Living in Oulu means easy access to both high technology and wild nature. Museums, architecture, cinemas, clubs, festivals, concerts, theatres, libraries – the arts and culture of Oulu have many venues. Air Guitar World Championships, Polar Bear Pitching and Lumo Light Festival are just a few examples of the creatively innovative northern attitude.

120 different nationalities

In Oulu, you can live in a safe and active environment. Already 120 different nationalities call Oulu their home. Collaboration between the University of Oulu, the city, research institutes, and businesses has been remarkably productive. For many companies, Oulu has been a favorable environment for their R&D and the region has played a vital role in Finland's technological lead.

Oulu

- › 65°01 N, 25°48 E
- › is a global tech hub and a future European Capital of Culture
- › has the youngest population in Finland
- › has 23,000 higher education students
- › has the population of ca. 200,000
- › one third of the people have an academic degree
- › is located on the shore of the Bay of Bothnia, along the Oulu River
- › is the Winter Cycling Capital of the World
- › was founded in 1605 by King Carl IX of Sweden



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Iceland

DID YOU KNOW?
We have snow on the ground
160–175 days a year.

Arctic Circle

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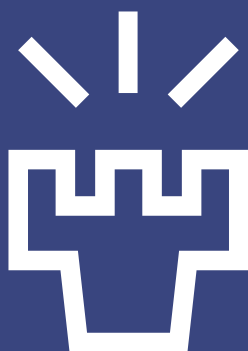
I would like to think
everything is possible.

I would like to swim in the sea
whether it is summer or winter.

I would like to see opportunities
everywhere, adventures here and there.

I would like to think I can find my own
path. Be a part of something unique,
find my own crew at the University
of Oulu, where future pioneers are
educated to build a more sustainable,
intelligent, and humane world.

Oulu, always a good idea.



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