Häme University of Applied Sciences, FINLAND

– Achieving Excellence in Education and Research –
HÄME UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
HIGHER EDUCATION SINCE 1840

Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK) is a multidisciplinary institution of higher education. The student is the centre of all our operations and the workplace is the immediate beneficiary. We work for the benefit of the region and we are a solid part of the national and international higher education community.

HAMK is authorised by the Government of Finland.

Activities in a Nutshell
- 7000 students
- 700 staff members
- 70 million euro budget
- 7 campuses
- 5 fields of education
- 23 bachelor’s degree programmes, of which 4 delivered in English
- 7 master’s degree programmes, of which 2 delivered in English
- 4 professional teacher education programmes
- 4 research units to serve the needs of business and industry
- 100 partner universities around the world

HAMK VISION FOR 2020

HAMK offers the most inspiring higher education and the most customer-oriented applied research.
EDUCATION

Here at Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK), we offer an applied, multidisciplinary academic learning environment for our 7000 students. We use various online tools and our graduate employment rate is one of the highest in Finland as is also the rate of graduates who start their own business.

The success of our education is based on strong cooperation with the labour market. In addition, HAMK is one of the five higher education institutions in Finland offering professional pedagogical qualifications for teachers.

HAMK offers education in the following areas:
- bachelor’s and master’s degrees
- professional teacher education
- continuing and further education
- open university studies
- exchange studies
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES DELIVERED IN FINNISH

Culture
• Design

Natural Resources and the Environment
• Agricultural and Rural Industries
• Built Environment
• Equine Industries
• Forestry
• Horticulture
• Sustainable Development

Social Sciences, Business and Administration
• Business Administration
• Business Information Technology

Social Services, Health and Sports
• Nursing
• Public Health Nursing
• Social Services

Technology, Communication and Transport
• Biotechnology and Food Engineering
• Construction and Civil Engineering
• Construction Management
• Electrotechnology and Automation Engineering
• Information and Communication Technology
• Mechanical and Production Engineering
• Traffic and Transport Management

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES DELIVERED IN ENGLISH

Social Sciences, Business and Administration
• International Business

Technology, Communication and Transport
• Construction Engineering
• Electrical and Automation Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES DELIVERED IN FINNISH

• Bioeconomy Business Development
• Business Development
• Construction
• Social and Health Care Development, Leadership and Management
• Strategic Leadership of Technology-based Business

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES DELIVERED IN ENGLISH

• Business Management and Entrepreneurship
• Social and Health Care Development and Management

PROFESSIONAL TEACHER EDUCATION

• Formal Professional Qualification in Pedagogy
• Professional Special Needs Teacher Education
• Professional Student Counsellor Education
• International Professional Teacher Education Programme delivered in English
REGIONAL IMPACT AND CUSTOMER-ORIENTED APPLIED RESEARCH

HAMK’s activities are present throughout the entire region. We have four customer-oriented applied research units for collaboration with business and industry in the region:

- Bioeconomy
- Professional Expertise
- Sheet Metal Centre
- Smart Services

Research is strongly integrated into studies and projects are available to all students.
INTERNATIONAL

At HAMK, the international perspective is a natural part of all our activities. We have a highly international environment with a tolerant atmosphere. Alongside our Finnish students, we have degree and exchange students from around 70 different countries. We have partner institutions in all corners of the world.

Internationalisation at HAMK also has a significant impact on the internationalisation of the region’s enterprises and the community.

Measured by the amount of research and development conducted, HAMK is among the top universities of applied sciences in Finland. We are developing and strengthening our international R&D activities in cooperation with partner higher education institutions and research centres abroad.

HAMK has global education activities for the international markets as Finland is undeniably well known for its strengths in the field of education.

HAMK’s global responsibility takes the form of development cooperation based on ethical sustainability.
HIGH STANDARD OF FINNISH EDUCATION

The educational standards are excellent with reliable public administration. The OECD PISA acknowledgement of Finnish high-quality education allows us to present our expertise in a global context, and provides a reliable framework for international cooperation. We are among the leading countries in young peoples’ literacy and skills in mathematics and science (OECD, PISA survey).

Finland’s system of higher education is based on a dual model, where more academically oriented traditional universities and more practically oriented universities of applied sciences complement each other. Both award legally equivalent academic Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees.

Universities of applied sciences – with their combination of theory and practice – provide an interesting alternative to traditional scientific universities.
EDUCATION SYSTEM OF FINLAND

BASIC EDUCATION
(comprehensive schools) 7–15-year-olds
Pre-primary education, 6-year-olds

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION
General upper secondary schools

BACHELOR’S DEGREES
Universities

BACHELOR’S DEGREES
Universities of Applied Sciences

MASTER’S DEGREES

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Vocationals Institutions and apprenticeship training

DOCTORAL DEGREES
licentiate degrees

Work experience 3 years

Specialist vocational qualifications

Further vocational qualifications

Work experience

Additional basic education

Duration in years

ISCED classification:
0 Primary education
1 Primary education or first stage of basic education
2 Lower secondary or second stage of basic education
3 (upper) secondary education
4 Post secondary education
5 First cycle of tertiary education
6 Second cycle of tertiary education
QUALITY

Audited by FINEEC
In Finland, the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) audits the quality assurance systems in higher education. The quality assurance system of HAMK was audited at the end of 2010. The overall status of HAMK’s quality assurance system is “advanced” - which is the highest level and the best ever of a Finnish higher education institution.

Federation of Universities of Applied Sciences
FUAS, the Federation of Applied Sciences, is a strategic alliance formed by Häme, Lahti and Laurea Universities of Applied Sciences.

We operate in the greater Helsinki metropolitan area and have been nominated as centres of excellence more than 10 times.

Together we offer our students a very wide range of study opportunities.
THIS IS FINLAND

Finland is a peaceful country in northern Europe with four distinct seasons and nature-loving people. We have a strong and reliable education system, infrastructure, healthcare system in addition to an exciting cultural life.

The Finnish people are friendly and hospitable. Many of us speak several foreign languages. You will certainly come into contact with the following Seven S’s: Sauna, Sisu (“guts”), Sports, Suomi, Safety, Silence and Sincerity.

Famous news providers, such as the Economist Intelligence, Newsweek and Harvard Business Review, rank Finland high in innovation and education.
FINLAND IN BRIEF

People
• Population 5.4 million
• Literacy level 100%
• Official languages Finnish (92%), Swedish (6%)
• Religion Evangelical-Lutheran (75%), Orthodox (1%)

Economy
• Currency euro
• GDP per capita €37,102

Geography
• Total area 338,145 km²
• 188,000 lakes
• Capital Helsinki (ca 620,000 inhabitants)

Climate
• Four seasons
• Cold winters (mean temperature in Helsinki in February -5.7 Celsius)
• Warm summers (mean temperature in Helsinki in July +17 Celsius)

Governance
• Parliamentary republic since 1917
• 200-member, single-chamber parliament elected every four years
• Head of the republic is the President
• Member of the EU since 1995
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