





#### **Finland**

- The country of thousands of lakes and forests
- Listed by Lonely Planet as one of the TOP 3 travel destinations in 2017
- Capital: Helsinki
- 5,5 million inhabitants
- Official Languages: Finnish, Swedish, Sámi
- 338,400 km<sup>2</sup>-18,1 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>
  - 70% forest
  - 10% water: 190,000 lakes
  - and approximately as many islands Europe's largest archipelago







# Living in Finland

- Finland is a land of contrast.
  Untouched nature and modern thinking.
- A mix of urban culture and nature
- Finland always features among the safest countries to live in peace and quiet, democracy and equality
- A positive environment to live and study in
- One of the most corruption free countries in the world
- <a href="https://www.finlanduniversity.com/finland">https://www.finlanduniversity.com/







# Key facts about AAU

- A multidisciplinary and international university located in the south-western part of Finland
  - Swedish is the main language of instruction
- 5500 students
  - 1000 international students from over 80 countries
- 1100 employees
- Very good employment situation among graduates and doctors: 92 % work with tasks that correspond to their education
- Internationally acknowledged research university
  - Minority Research, Molecular Process and Material Technology, Drug Development and Diagnostics







### Åbo - Turku

- Population of about 187 000, with 5,2% Swedish speaking Finns
- Turku in Finnish, Åbo in Swedish
- Finland's oldest city, with nature just a short bike or bus ride away
- Considered the best student city in Finland, with about 40 000 students
- The campus is located in the old part of the city
- https://www.abo.fi/en/turku/







#### Vasa - Vaasa

- Population of about 67 000, with 24,8% Swedish speaking Finns
- Vaasa in Finnish, Vasa in Swedish
- "The sunniest city in Finland"
- Vasa lies in the Kvarken Archipelago, which is found on the Unesco World Heritage List
- 13 000 students at six different universities
- The Vasa campus is situated in the "Academill" building which is an old mill renovated for the university's purpose.
- https://www.abo.fi/en/vaasa/







# Studying at AAU

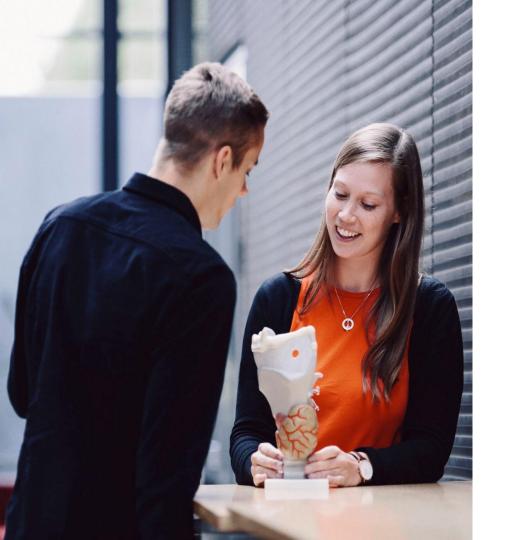
- The atmosphere at campus is cozy and familiar
- We pay a lot of attention to the <u>wellbeing</u> of our students
  - E.g. Orientation week, tutors, tutor teachers...
- Student life around 80 student associations with different focus e.g. music, theater, politics
  - They organize different events, where you can get to know your fellow students
- Libraries with free access to especially course literature
- <u>Campus Sport</u> training at affordable prices





# Orientation Week

- Orientation week so everyone will have a good start
- Takes place on week 35/ last week of August
- Information about the university services and studies
- https://www.abo.fi/en/study/alreadyin-2/orientation-course-for-newinternational-degree-students-andexchange-students/





### Student Tutors

- Every Master's Degree Program has Student Tutors.
- Tutors can help you with
  - Getting settled upon arrival
  - your studies
  - your ways around the campus and the city
  - Practicalities like opening a Finnish bank account, going to the registration office etc.
- https://www.abo.fi/en/study/alreadyin-2/student-tutors/





# Student Union

- Student lunch starting from 2,60 €
- Student Health Care Services
- 50% Discounts on ticket prices on trains and long distance buses
- Reduced rates at youth hostels and lots of other student discounts
- <a href="https://www.studentkaren.fi/en/mem">https://www.studentkaren.fi/en/mem</a> bership-fee/



### Welcome to Åbo Akademi









