



Welcome to Finland!



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 km² - 18,1 inhabitants per km²
 - 70% forest
 - 10% water: 190,000 lakes
 - and approximately as many islands – Europe's largest archipelago

Living in Finland



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
- <https://www.finlanduniversity.com/finland>



Åbo Akademi University (ÅAU)





Key facts about ÅAU

- 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



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





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 in Finland



Studying at ÅAU

- The atmosphere at campus is cozy and familiar
- We pay a lot of attention to the wellbeing 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
- Campus Sport – 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/already-in-2/orientation-course-for-new-international-degree-students-and-exchange-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/already-in-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
- <https://www.studentkaren.fi/en/membership-fee/>

Welcome to Åbo Akademi





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