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Häme University  
of Applied Sciences

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# Presidents' Greeting



## Welcome to HAMK, to make a change!

At Häme University of Applied Sciences, we firmly believe that the world can be improved through practical actions and inspired individuals who keep their feet on the ground.

We are at the forefront of the Nordic higher education, excelling in both research and teaching. We work in strong cooperation with companies and partners for development in our own region, throughout Finland and internationally. Sustainable development aspects are a key part of our impact.

**With us you will find your path to do meaningful things, either with small steps or giant leaps.**

### Join the Bettermakers!

**Pertti Puusaari,**  
President

**Heidi Ahokallio-Leppälä,**  
Vice President

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**Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK)** is a learning and research community of people driven to make a positive impact on the world.

We are a team of approximately 10,000 people shaping the future of bioeconomy, health, education, business, design, and technology. Our presence spans cross seven campuses, online, and internationally.

We provide exceptional tools and environments to our students, staff, and partners to work and collaborate together to accomplish useful actions. Welcome to learn more about HAMK!

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# Did you know this about HAMK?

Ranked 19th in global sustainability ranking – over 1000 participants

Out of the classroom, into the world” -approach

Interdisciplinary learning across subjects

Students 84% employment rate\*

More than 80% consider interaction with HAMK professional and useful\*\*



“HAMK has a positive attitude towards the business world and is actively exploring different possibilities for cooperation.”

Kari Turunen,  
Vice president of Lujabetoni Co.



# Only at HAMK

We offer unique study options, which you cannot find anywhere else in Finland. For example:

Horticulture education at higher education level

Bachelor's degree at Traffic and Transport Management

Bachelor's degree at Sustainable Development

Bachelor's degree in Equine Business Management

Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology and Food Engineering

Bachelor's degree in Design, focus in Glass and Ceramics

Bachelor's degree in Agriculture in English

The only higher education level education in Footwear Design in Nordic countries

\*survey for alumni 2023, \*\*survey for stakeholders 2023

# HAMK in numbers

9000 students

700 staff

Over 40 degree programmes

1000 partner companies/organizations

130 research projects annually



# Our History

- 1840** Agricultural education starts in Mustiala
- 1862** Finland's oldest forestry school starts in Evo
- 1885** Wetterhoff Craft School established
- 1910** Education in horticulture starts in Lepaa
- 1950** Technical, nursing and trade business schools start in Forssa, Hämeenlinna, Riihimäki and Valkeakoski
- 1959** Teacher education starts in Hämeenlinna
- 1992** 17 areal educational institutions form HAMK University of Applied Sciences
- 2020** HAMK becomes a part of RUN European University

# The Bettermakers

**Our future needs to be rebuilt.** A group of true change-makers is needed – the ones who are willing to take action and do their fair share to solve the world’s most pressing issues. Therefore, we concentrate on research and initiatives that are ambitious, but also tangible and useful.

Our staff and students build the future together with commitment and enthusiasm.

We also cooperate with about a thousand companies and organizations every year. With many partners, our collaboration is long-lasting, profound, and effective. These organisations are HAMK’s Bettermakers partners.

According to our survey 2023 almost 70 percent of young people, aged 16-25, consider it important that in their future work they can influence big issues that affect the world.

## Meet some of our Bettermakers!

Find their stories and more:  
[hamk.fi/thebettermakers](https://hamk.fi/thebettermakers)  
[hamk.fi/news](https://hamk.fi/news)



” I want to promote a student life where everyone has the opportunity to make a difference and participate in activities that suit everyone.”

**Aino Kouri,**  
Student in Horticulture

” I want to ensure that research funding is used responsibly for things that matter.”

**Annikka Pakarinen,**  
Research Director



” We need to rethink how we use space as a species. Because even though human imaginations might be infinite, the space that we have to inhabit on the planet is not.”

**Philip Vaughter,**  
Lecturer, Sustainable Urban Design



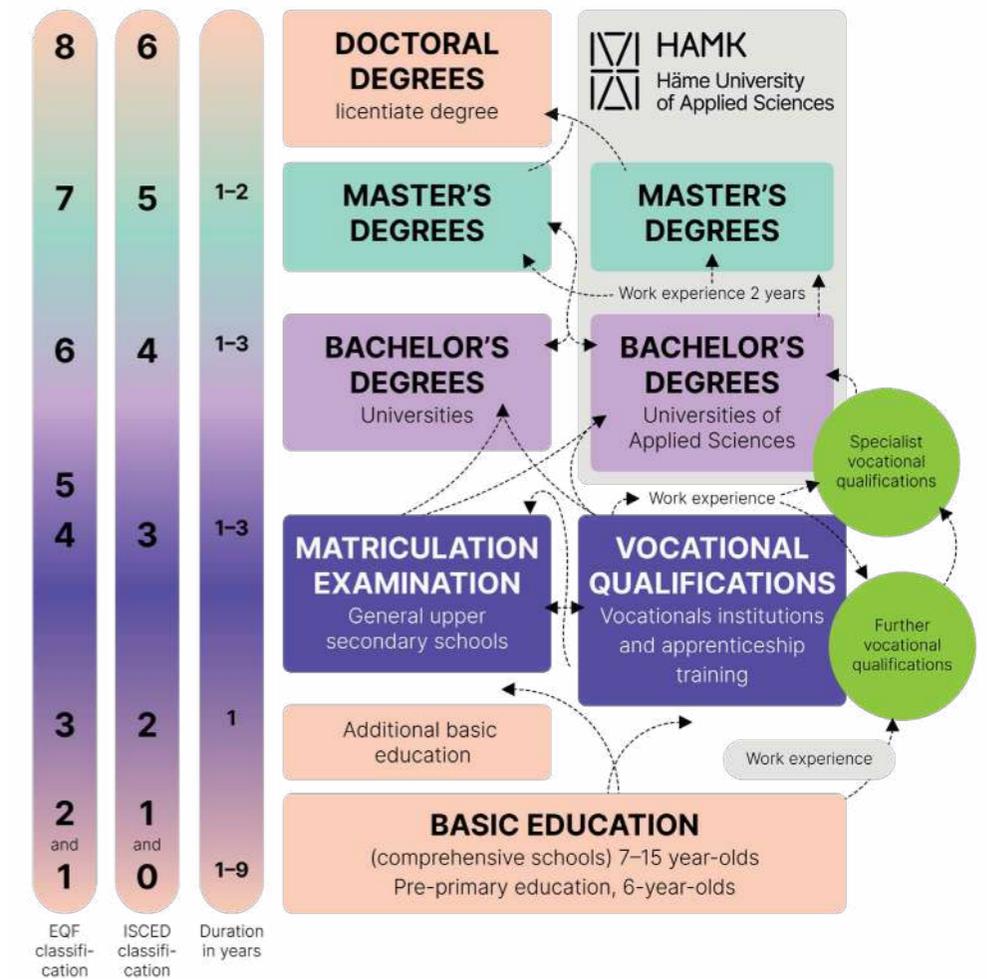
## Quality assurance at HAMK

**At HAMK, quality assurance refers to the procedures, processes or systems that are used to secure and develop the quality of the institution's education and other operations.** Quality assurance comprises quality control and quality development. The HAMK quality assurance system refers to the entity formed by the quality assurance organisation, including its responsibilities and procedures. Häme University of Applied Sciences is a state recognised higher education institution licenced by Finland's Ministry of Education. We follow the Bologna Process and use European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, ECTS, for student evaluation. Our degrees are internationally recognised so students can continue their studies in higher education institutes worldwide.

### Audited by FINEEC

In Finland, the Finnish Education Evaluation Council (FINEEC) audits the quality assurance systems in higher education. The quality assurance system of HAMK was audited during spring 2022. The areas of education and quality management were both evaluated to be at the level "excellent".

## Education in Finland



### 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

\*International Standard Classification of Education

# Learning at HAMK



**At HAMK, studying is a team effort - both with other students and with partners.** Strong links with working life are also important: our students get to solve real working life problems right from the start of their studies. Project-based learning, group work, and internships form the basis of practical teaching style.

**” Just one year of studying has given me confidence and a new way of thinking that, wait a minute, I can do this.”**

**Marjukka Larvala,**  
Student, Equine Industries



## Our fields of education

In these fields, you can complete degrees at bachelor's or master's level or develop your skills through different levels of continuous learning.

Design

Entrepreneurship  
and Business

Health  
and Social Services

IT and ICT

Natural Resources  
and Biotechnology

Teacher education

Technology and Traffic



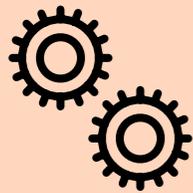
## CONTINUOUS LEARNING

One doesn't always have to study for a full degree. You can develop your skills with us at any stage of your life. Participation is open to individuals as well as to organisations that need tailor-made training for their staff, for example.

We offer a wide range of training courses, from individual modules and seminars to longer training packages. Continuous learning options include open university studies, professional specialisation studies, workforce training and continuing education.

**“So far, I have enjoyed every moment of my studies. The teachers, the course design, the learning platforms and the schedule for studying have been aces!”**

Student in a feedback



## ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITY

Registered as a trademark in 2021, our Entrepreneurial University concept is a way of learning that allows students from all our disciplines to experiment and develop their own business ideas and work in teams. At HAMK, we want to foster an entrepreneurial mindset and encourage entrepreneurship as a future career option, whatever the field. Entrepreneurial University concept is delivered through optional studies.



## RUN EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

We are building a common future with eight other European higher education institutions in the RUN-EU (The Regional University Network – European University). The aim of the RUN-EU is to secure economical, societal, cultural and ecological sustainable progress within our regions and among stakeholders. We develop together cutting-edge teaching, learning and research to meet the future competence needs of the surrounding world. Short, flexible student and staff mobilities, study modules, research collaboration and groups, PhD paths, double and joint degrees and joint administrative structures are our forms of collaboration.

**“Taking part in a RUN-EU programme was truly a one-of-a-kind experience that affected both my professional and personal life.”**

**Tatiana Vetešková,**

Student, Construction Engineering



## GLOBAL EDUCATION SERVICES

We also provide services to increase pedagogical capacity at emerging markets in Latin America, Asia, Russia, Africa and Europe. This includes research-based development of professional teacher education and consultancy on education reforms. We focus in particular on vocational, higher and early childhood education, implementing digital strategies, enhancing the relevance of education and developing pedagogy and leadership.

# Research at HAMK



**Our multidisciplinary applied research is ambitious but also tangible and useful. We focus on sustainability, the well-being of nature and people, and the creation of innovative solutions.**

Our research helps our partners, for example businesses, industry, municipalities and communities, to develop and promote vitality and competitiveness both internationally and nationally. Together with our partners we are forming three key ecosystems.



## **SmartBio – Smart Solutions in Biotechnology**

Looks for innovative ways for bio-based production of raw materials and sustainable bio-based circular economy.



## **SmartBuilt – Smart and Sustainable Built Environment**

Promotes sustainable construction and creates conditions for human well-being in the built environment.



## **SmartEdu – Smart Future Education and Competences**

Develops learning solutions and reforms education, educational systems and teacher training.

# Our Campuses

## Hämeenlinna

Our evolving, growing and modern main campus, Hämeenlinna University Centre brings together thousands of students and hundreds of employees. Our extensive campus area facilities and services for a wide range of fields of study and research work. The campus is located in a few kilometres away from the city centre.



## Evo

Our unique forest campus offers students a close-knit and warm community surrounded by nature. Our main learning environment is 1 800 hectares of observation forest around the campus. Evo campus is a centre for forest education and research, with history dating back to 1862.



## Forssa

Our Forssa campus is located in an old cotton mill, whose premises have been renovated with respect for its cultural history. The campus park area, next to the river Loimijoki and old red buildings create one of the most beautiful campus areas in Finland.



## Lepaa

Mansion and gardens, tomato production and 20 hectares of parks... At our Lepaa campus you can get a sense of the horticultural world up close. The idyllic campus area offers an ideal setting for studying and researching natural resources. Located in Hattula, the campus is also a popular destination for summer excursions.



## Mustiala

Historic and peaceful in the countryside, Mustiala is the oldest of HAMK's campuses. Today, around the old and idyllic buildings you can find a progressive organic farming teaching and research farm, which offers students a hands-on learning environment.



## Riihimäki

Diverse engineering skills, robotics and transport, all this you will find at the Riihimäki campus. There is also an excellent framework for both theoretical and practical study and research. At the campus you will meet an active and international student community.



## Valkeakoski

A truly international learning environment can be found in Valkeakoski, as you can get to know your fellow students in the corridors of the campus from all over the world. In addition, the facilities are comfortable and modern with a variety of teaching and independent work spaces. Active campus community also collaborates a lot with the various companies and operators in the region.



### Life is not just for studying. Our campuses offer also:

- Golf course and frisbee golf (Lepaa)
- Bowling alley (Forssa)
- Brewery and beer restaurant (Mustiala)
- Winery (Lepaa)
- Sauna (Evo, Lepaa, Mustiala, Valkeakoski)
- Museum (Evo, Lepaa, Mustiala, Forssa)
- Archery range (Riihimäki)
- Sports hall (Hämeenlinna)
- Gym (all campuses)
- Toukopoijat Sports club, Metsäsissit Wilderness and Fishing Club, Turha Toivo Temperance Club (Mustiala)



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