



HAMK

Häme University
of Applied Sciences



Study in Finland with The Bettermakers

International Applicant's
Guide 2025

Häme University of Applied Sciences,
Finland



Finland

The happiest country!

Welcome to Finland, an enchanting country nestled in the heart of Northern Europe! Finland is a safe, modern and equal country with a great global reputation and high living standards.

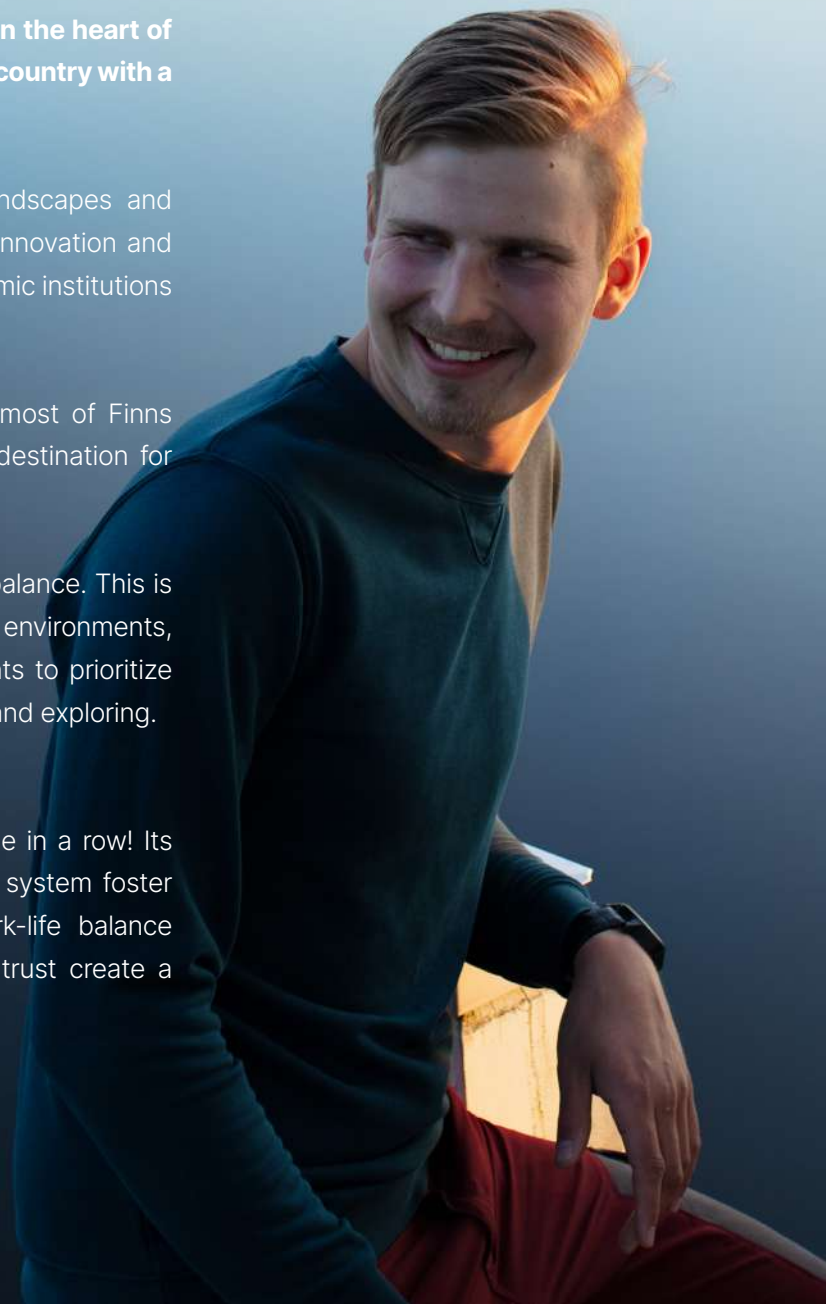
Prepare to be captivated by breathtaking natural landscapes and hospitality of Finnish people. Finland is also a hub of innovation and technological advancement, offering world-class academic institutions and research opportunities.

The English proficiency level in Finland is high, with most of Finns being fluent in English, which makes Finland a great destination for international students.

Finland is ranked one of the top countries in work-life balance. This is achieved through flexible working hours, supportive work environments, and a culture that values leisure time. It allows students to prioritize their studies while having time for hobbies, socializing, and exploring.

The happiest country for the 7th time in a row!

Finland shines as the happiest country for the 7th time in a row! Its strong social support, inclusive approach, and welfare system foster happiness. Gender equality, quality of life, and work-life balance contribute to fulfilling lives. Low corruption and high trust create a positive environment.



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points why to study in Finland

1. High-quality education system.
2. Internationally recognized degrees
3. Safe and peaceful environment.
4. High Level of Academic Freedom
5. Strong focus on innovation and technology
6. Chance to experience the unique Finnish culture
7. Multicultural and inclusive society
8. Low hierarchy between students and staff

#1 Happiest Country

World Happiness
Report, 2024

#1 Sustainable development

Sustainable Development
Report, 2024

#4 Greenest Country

GreenMatch, 2024

#5 Safety & Security

Global Peace Index, 2024

#6 Global Innovation Ranking

Global Innovation Index,
2023

#1 Life satisfaction

Better Life Index,
OECD, 2023

Immigration as a student

If your studies last over 90 days you will need to apply for a residence permit.

You do not need a residence permit if you are a EU citizen or hold a residence permit granted by another EU member state.

More information about residence permit and registration can be found from Finnish Immigration Service's website: www.migri.fi



Welcome to HAMK

**You are here
to make a
change!**

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 over 10,000 people shaping the future of bioeconomy, health, education, business, design, and technology. Our presence spans across 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.

**The
Bettermakers**

We believe that the world can be saved with both feet on the ground. All it takes are brave people and concrete actions. We are united by the idea of saving our future with real actions. Studies include lots of sustainability related courses and themes. We aim for sustainable solutions.

That's why we, at HAMK, are called "The Bettermakers".



Location

HAMK has seven campuses located in and around the picturesque lakeside town of Hämeenlinna in southern Finland which has good transport links to the rest of the country.



Ranked 19th in Green metrics

HAMK is ranked 19th among over 1000 institution in Global Green Metrics higher education ranking, which measures universities' environmental commitment and initiatives.



RUN-EU

HAMK is part of RUN-EU (The Regional University Network – European University), which brings together eight European higher education institutions from eight different countries, all committed to a common vision. For students It creates new possibilities for short, international study modules and study exchange opportunities.



Internationality

We have more than 120 international partners, which gives you great possibilities to join intensive studies abroad, learn from visiting lecturers, go for an exchange or have your internship abroad.

10 000 Students

1300 International students

760 Teachers & Staff

7 Campuses

17 English taught degree programmes

Studying at HAMK

We welcome you to join our community where we do things together, in a smart way. All our studies combine theory, practice and work life connections. At the end of your studies, you have gained not just knowledge, but skills and understanding of the working life in the industry and gained some important contacts for your future employment as well as understanding of sustainability.

During the studies, you complete projects in teams for companies and get to practice your skills as you would do when you are employed. These practical oriented studies, are in the benefit of the students and the industries. HAMK has also 4 research units, which collaborate closely with our international students in various projects and assignments.

We welcome students from all around the world. We have around 1300 international students from over 70 countries to enrich HAMK's international environment. We offer various services for students as well as possibilities to network with each others and companies. You may for example take part in Friendship programme where we pair you up with a Finnish friend and you can learn more about Finland and its culture!



Student Life and Wellbeing

HAMK offers health services, special needs support, and a variety of sports activities through HAMK Moves. You can join HAMKO for student benefits and participate in events for an active, balanced lifestyle.



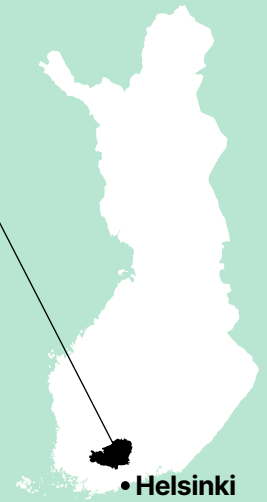
Support

Students can connect through virtual communities before arriving to Finland and find friends and make connections. We also help international students integrate into Finnish society through our guidance and career counsellors as well as tutor students.

7 Campuses

HAMK has seven campuses and all of them are located in southern Finland. All our campuses are equipped with the latest technology to ensure our students reach their full potential at HAMK. The campus you'll study at depends on your programme. Six out of the seven HAMK's campuses are located in Häme Region (Kanta Häme) and one is located in Pirkanmaa Province.

Häme is one of the oldest regions in Finland, situated in southern Finland, north from the capital city of Helsinki. Due to its location, Häme is easy to reach by rail and road.



Hämeenlinna

Hämeenlinna University Centre is the largest of HAMK's campuses with over 5000 students. There are around 20 different degree programmes and HAMK's four research units. Hämeenlinna is a beautiful lakeside city just a one-hour drive from the Helsinki-Vantaa airport. The campus is located 2 km from the Hämeenlinna city centre.



Forssa

Forssa campus is situated in a beautiful historical area and there are around 800 students studying here. Forssa is a small town situated in southern Finland, only a 1.5-hour drive from Helsinki, Tampere and Turku. Forssa campus is located in the town centre.



Riihimäki

Riihimäki campus has degree programmes in engineering and there are around 1300 students studying here. Riihimäki is a lively town in the junction of southern Finland's main motorways and railway lines. The town is located about 70 km from Helsinki and the airport, it takes only 45 minutes to reach Riihimäki from the Helsinki metropolitan area.

Valkeakoski

Valkeakoski campus has an international atmosphere as there are lots of international students. Altogether there are 850 students. Valkeakoski is a town in the southern part of Finland, in the middle of the Finnish Lake District, just a 30 minute drive from Tampere, the third largest city in Finland. Valkeakoski campus is located 3 km from the Valkeakoski town centre.



Mustiala

Mustiala is the oldest of HAMK's campuses and a traditional higher agricultural education provider. Mustiala has historically beautiful scenery with tomorrow-proof technology, as well as organic research- and educational farm with 185 hectares of fields and a cowhouse. Mustiala campus has around 400 students, and it is located in southern Finland, in the small town of Tammela, a 1.5-hour drive from Helsinki, Tampere and Turku. Most services and leisure activities are around 10 km from Mustiala.



Evo

Evo Campus is situated in the village of Iso-Evo in the Lammi area. Lammi is a rural district and part of the city of Hämeenlinna. It takes about 40 minutes by car from Hämeenlinna to Evo and it is in the middle of a forest. Evo campus is specialised in forestry. It was founded in 1862 and it was the first forest school in Finland. Evo campus has HAMK's own demonstration forest of 1 800 ha, which offers a unique way to learn more about forestry.



Lepaa

Lepaa campus is located in a beautiful manor park with beautiful scenery, gardens, and parks. Lepaa has our own greenhouse, which is used in several research studies and it is utilized during the studies. This gives a great practical approach to horticulture. Lepaa is the oldest and most prestigious institute where you can study horticulture in Finland. There are around 400 students studying at Lepaa and it is located in the town of Hattula, 17 km from Hämeenlinna and 120 km from Helsinki.



10 Reasons to choose HAMK

1. High emphasis in sustainability
2. Practically oriented studies which equip you for worklife
3. "Out of classroom – into the world" approach
4. Excellent opportunities for business interaction
5. Through projects and work placements
6. Great possibilities for international intensive courses and exchanges abroad
7. Interdisciplinary learning across subjects
8. Internationally recognised degrees and teaching quality
9. HAMK graduates are desired experts in the labour market; they are global problem-solvers with a creative and progressive approach
10. All campuses surrounded by beautiful nature with great outdoor possibilities



"I am very pleased with the program as we are not only getting the practical skills, but it also boosts our creativity, which is a very important for a designer."

Milda, student in Design



"The challenging and mind twisting materials we are getting served is one of my best experiences ever, as it gave me an unshakeable base in the logic required and hands-on skills that makes you the most wanted when applying for any job in the field of technology."

Karim, Engineering student



"Starting the International Business degree gave me many opportunities, such as working on the projects for real companies, creating networking line with people from the business industry and using my knowledge in practice."

Martyna, Business student



"HAMK UAS Mustiala gave me the ideal conditions to develop my knowledge in the field. The curriculum is extremely multidisciplinary and rich in valuable information, we covered the fundamentals of agriculture, the possible future paths of sustainable agriculture within a changing climate, the importance of rural development and many more important topics."

Gonçalo, Agriculture student

Money matters

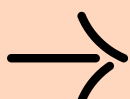
Estimated life expenses for a student

Rent, food and other expenses approximately

950-1200 € / month

*Estimation only, based on prices in Autumn 2024.
Monthly expenses varies depending on lifestyle.

Tuition fees



Non-EU/EEA Citizens

Bachelor's degree: **9 700 € / academic year**

Master's degree: **11 700 € / academic year**

No tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens

Scholarships

We grant scholarship for the tuition fee paying students based on Finnish language skills. The aim is to support the employment of international degree students.

Bachelor's degree

- Basic User of Finnish **3 200 €**
- Independent User of Finnish **6 500 €**

Master's degree

- Basic User of Finnish **2 500 €**

We do not offer fully funded scholarships.

Early bird

Students who pay their annual tuition fee in one instalment by the given dates will get a discount of

- **800 € (Bachelor's degree)**
- **1 000 € (Master's degree)**

for the first year's tuition fee.

Other costs

- Insurance
- Finnish Student Health Service
- Residence permit (only nonEU/EEA students)
- Proving your incomes for residence permit (only nonEU/EEA students)
- Flight ticket to Finland
- Transportation from airport to your campus
- Deposit for your apartment
- Household items and some furniture
- Laptop

Apply to HAMK – Intake 2025

Choose the right application method for you

Direct Application - Fast track to HAMK

Apply directly to HAMK during our extended application period from Nov 15, 2024, to Mar 31, 2025, for Bachelor's degrees and 1 Feb until March 31, 2025 for Master's degrees. Early applications are recommended, as each program's application period may close once it's filled. For Bachelor's programs, we primarily use certificate-based selection (except for Smart and Sustainable Design, which has a longer application period). This ensures a smooth application process, allowing you to begin your journey to Finland sooner. The process typically takes 2 weeks to 2 months, and most English-taught programs are available.

Finnish Joint Application

If you apply in Finnish joint application (application period 8-22 January 2025), you are able to apply for degree programmes in multiple Finnish Higher Education institutions by filling one form. Students are selected by using joint selection methods. You will receive the decision from the different institutions during the spring and can make your final decision within 3-5 months. More information about Joint Application: uasinfo.fi

Steps to take

1. Check application periods and programmes at <https://www.hamk.fi/en/come-to-study/>
2. Fill in an application form at studyinfo.fi and upload
 - a copy of your school certificate and transcripts
 - Original and official translation in English
 - a copy of your passport
 - language certificate.
3. Follow the given instructions and check if you need to send some more documents or do something else
4. **Direct application:** You will get either an study place offer from HAMK or rejection. Except if you apply for Smart and Sustainable Design, you will be first invited to an entrance exam. **Joint Application:** You will be invited to an UAS exam via email.
5. Confirm your study place, pay the possible tuition fee, register for the academic year, and apply for a residence permit (if applicable)
6. Start preparations for the start of your studies!

English taught Degree Programmes

Enter our website to find all
degree programmes from here:



Smart and Sustainable Design

Bachelor of Culture and Arts, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Hämeenlinna

The Smart and Sustainable Design degree equips students to create sustainable products in fashion, footwear, glass, and ceramics. The program integrates traditional design skills with modern technologies like 3D printing and digital modeling, emphasizing eco-friendly practices and material efficiency. With specializations in footwear and glass design, it's the only program of its kind in Finland. Students work on real-world projects, building their expertise and forming valuable industry connections. Graduates are prepared for careers in product development, fashion design, and entrepreneurship, ready to address global challenges through innovative design. The degree's focus on sustainability ensures students are at the forefront of responsible production and eco-conscious design trends.



International Business

**Bachelor of Business Administration, 210 ECTS, 3.5 years,
full-time Valkeakoski or part-time Online**

The International Business degree provides essential skills in global business, digital marketing, and data-driven decision-making, with a focus on sustainability and ethics. Students can specialize in areas like esports management and human resource management, tailoring their studies to their interests. The program emphasizes practical experience through projects, internships, and entrepreneurial activities. Additionally, the diverse international environment enhances students' global awareness and communication abilities. Graduates are well-prepared for careers in international sales, business development, and management, equipped with leadership and adaptability skills to meet the evolving challenges of global markets.



Health Care, Nursing

Bachelor of Health Care, 210 ECTS, 3.5 years, full-time, Hämeenlinna

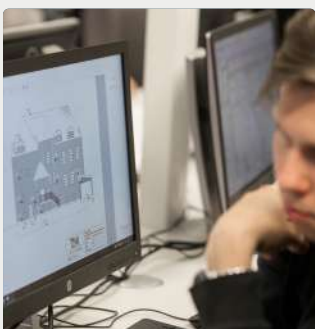
The Bachelor of Health Care, Nursing degree trains students to become registered nurses, offering a comprehensive education in medical and nursing science. Students learn core areas like medical-surgical nursing, mental health, pediatric care, gerontology, and perioperative nursing, with a special focus on patient-centered care and evidence-based practice. The program integrates both theoretical knowledge and practical skills through extensive clinical placements in hospitals, healthcare centers, and specialized units. Students study also Finnish to ensure they can work in local healthcare settings after graduation. Emphasis is placed on ethical decision-making, leadership, and adapting to rapidly changing healthcare environments.



Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

Bachelor of Social Services, 210 ECTS, 3.5 years, full-time, Hämeenlinna

In your studies, you primarily learn to promote the well-being of children and families using a sociopedagogical approach. You learn to plan, implement and evaluate pedagogical activities for child groups in multidisciplinary cooperation with teachers and childcarers. You will develop a deep understanding of how to foster community and inclusiveness in ECEC; how to support participation and a child's holistic development. Additionally, the studies prepare you to work with other client groups and incorporate principles of social counselling to promote people's well-being and support their growth in society. At HAMK we believe the best learning outcome is from a combination of theory and practice. Your studies will include 30 ECTS of practical placement and 25 ECTS of Finnish language studies.



Construction Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Hämeenlinna

The Construction Engineering degree equips students with the expertise to design and manage the construction of sustainable and durable structures. The program covers key areas such as structural engineering, building information modeling (BIM), and the latest design technologies. Students engage in hands-on projects and internships, gaining practical experience in structural design, sustainable building techniques, and construction management. Topics include mathematics, mechanics, CAD, and 3D visualization. Graduates are prepared for roles in the construction industry, with opportunities to specialize in areas such as concrete and steel structures, apartment buildings, or environmental construction.



Electrical and Automation Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Valkeakoski

The Electrical and Automation Engineering degree equips students to design and develop energy-efficient electrical systems and advanced automation technologies. The program covers essential topics such as sustainable energy, robotics, and industrial process control. Students learn to use modern tools like building information modeling (BIM) and simulation, gaining practical skills through real-world projects and laboratory work. They are trained to design, program, and test systems used across industries such as energy, manufacturing, and smart infrastructure. Specialization areas include smart grids, renewable energy systems, and industrial automation, preparing graduates for roles in automation design, electrical engineering, and process management.



Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology

Bachelor of Engineering, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Riihimäki

The Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology degree equips students with the skills to design advanced machinery, develop efficient manufacturing processes, and implement automation technologies. The program emphasizes practical learning through real-world projects, workshops, and industry collaboration. Students study topics like 3D modeling, robotics, structural analysis, and artificial intelligence in manufacturing. Specializations include 3D engineering, robotics, sustainable production, and manufacturing automation. Graduates are well-prepared for careers in machine design, production management, and process engineering, with the ability to work in both global and local industries.



Sustainable Urban Design

Bachelor of Engineering, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Riihimäki

The Sustainable Urban Design degree focuses on creating eco-friendly, smart cities that prioritize sustainability in urban environments. Students develop skills in using modern tools like artificial intelligence, data analytics, and service design to plan and build urban areas that meet environmental challenges. The curriculum includes sustainable mobility services, innovative urban infrastructure, and data-driven planning techniques. Students work on hands-on projects with partner cities and businesses, gaining practical experience in solving real-world urban challenges. Graduates are equipped for careers in urban planning, smart city development, transportation systems, and sustainable infrastructure design.



Computer Applications

Bachelor of Business Administration, 210 ECTS, 3.5 years, Hämeenlinna

The Computer Applications degree provides an extensive education in programming, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and software development. The curriculum covers essential topics such as web and mobile app development, cloud computing, software robotics, and cybersecurity. Students gain practical experience through projects, internships, and collaborations with partner companies, ensuring they are well-prepared for the job market. Specialization areas include game development, machine learning, and IT project management. With a strong focus on both technology and business, graduates are ready for roles in software development, data analysis, and IT leadership in a global context. Networking events and recruitment opportunities further support students' career paths, enabling them to succeed in the rapidly growing IT industry.



Information and Communication Technology; Circular Economy

Bachelor of Engineering, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Forssa

The Information and Communication Technology, Circular Economy degree merges ICT expertise with sustainable development practices, emphasizing the circular economy's role in resource management. Students acquire skills in data analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), and smart systems, applying these technologies to address real-world environmental challenges. The program focuses on key areas such as energy efficiency, waste reduction, and water management. Through hands-on projects and collaboration with industries, students gain practical experience that prepares them for roles such as circular economy engineers, sustainability consultants, and data analysts.



Information and Communication Technology; Robotics

Bachelor of Engineering, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Riihimäki

The Information and Communication Technology, Robotics degree offers a comprehensive education in robotics, automation, and intelligent systems. Students gain expertise in key areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, robotic process automation (RPA), and sensor technology, while also learning to design, program, and manage advanced robotic systems. The program covers various sectors including healthcare, manufacturing, and logistics, aiming to improve efficiency and innovation through robotics. Hands-on learning is central, with students engaging in real-world projects, industry collaborations, and internships, ensuring they are well-prepared for diverse career paths.



Climate Smart Agriculture

Bachelor of Natural Resources, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Mustiala

The Climate Smart Agriculture degree focuses on developing sustainable farming techniques to address the challenges of climate change. Students learn to manage plant and animal production through the use of advanced technologies like precision farming, data analytics, and eco-friendly solutions. The program covers a wide range of topics, including bioeconomy, soil health, organic farming, and rural entrepreneurship. Students also participate in hands-on training at HAMK's research and educational farm, gaining valuable practical experience. Graduates are well-prepared for careers as agricultural experts, consultants, farm managers, or project leaders. The program emphasizes innovation, sustainability, and adaptation to future agricultural challenges, preparing students to work in global and local contexts. Additionally, the curriculum supports rural development and smart agricultural entrepreneurship., offering numerous opportunities for collaboration with the industry.



Professional Horticulture

Bachelor of Natural Resources, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Lepaa

The Professional Horticulture degree focuses on sustainable plant production, equipping students with a blend of biological, technical, and entrepreneurial skills. The curriculum covers a broad range of subjects, including plant biology, greenhouse management, eco-friendly cultivation, and horticultural business strategies like cost analysis, product development, and marketing. Students gain hands-on experience through the Lepaa campus' extensive gardens and greenhouses, as well as industry internships and practical projects. The program emphasizes sustainability and modern technology, preparing graduates for careers in commercial horticulture, consulting, research, and education. With a strong focus on international and national contexts, graduates are well-prepared to take on roles in diverse horticultural industries worldwide.



Sustainable Forest Management

Bachelor of Natural Resources, 240 ECTS, 4 years, full-time, Evo

The Sustainable Forest Management degree focuses on sustainable planning, caring and utilization of forest resources. Students develop skills in multi-objective approach, factors affecting climate change, biodiversity and the carbon cycle in forest nature, open data and applications. The program offers hands-on learning through projects in Evo's 1,800-hectare demonstration forest, allowing students to apply theory in real-world environments. The curriculum also includes elective courses and work placements, providing opportunities to specialize in areas like challenges and conflicts in the forestry sector, wood processing in future forest environments and projects working on changing topical issues. Graduates are prepared for careers in forest services, consulting, wood procurement, and sustainable resource management, both in Finland and internationally. The program emphasizes a balance between environmental sustainability and economic forestry needs, equipping students to manage forest ecosystems responsibly.

Master's Degree Programmes



Management in Sustainable Business

Master of Business Administration, 90 ECTS, 2 years, Online

The Master of Business Administration, Management in Sustainable Business program is designed for professionals looking to lead organizations toward sustainability, focusing on balancing profitability with environmental and social responsibility. The curriculum covers key topics like sustainable management practices, leadership, innovation, and data-driven decision-making, giving students the tools to address modern business challenges. Delivered fully online, the program offers flexibility for students to continue working while studying, and emphasizes practical learning through real-world projects and a research-based thesis. Graduates are well-prepared for advanced roles as sustainability managers, consultants, and business leaders, capable of driving sustainable transformation in a variety of sectors such as corporate strategy, operations, and consultancy.



Wearable Intelligence

Master of Engineering, 90 ECTS, 2 years, multiform studies

The Wearable Intelligence Master's program is the first international master's program in its field, focusing on smart textiles, exoskeleton robotics, and wearable technology. Offering a unique blend of theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience, the program covers topics such as AI-based wearable robotics, biosensors, and smart textile design. Students will develop innovative wearable solutions, gaining skills ranging from textile electronics and exoskeleton robotics to human anatomy and biomechanics, preparing them to create devices that support physical, mental, and social well-being.

This pioneering program is organized by three Fenno-Scandinavian universities—HAMK University (Finland), the University of Borås (Sweden), and the University of Southern Denmark. It includes international exchanges and strong partnerships with industry, giving students the opportunity to build a professional network across Scandinavia and Europe while advancing their expertise in wearable intelligence.



Applied Machine Learning

Master of Business Administration, 90 ECTS, 2 years

Get a jumpstart to a career in machine learning & artificial intelligence. You will learn to apply machine learning to solve practical real-world problems in your given industry while also developing a strong academic background in the subject. The degree is suitable for professionals with an IT background.

Something to ask?

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