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This application guide helps you in the application procedure

South Carelia Polytechnic offers education in English in Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology, Paper Technology and in Tourism.

South Carelia Polytechnic in South-East Finland is an institute of higher education offering Bachelor's degrees in following faculties: Technology, Business Administration, Health Care and Social Services, Tourism and Hospitality and Fine Arts and Design. South Carelia Polytechnic provides also Master's degrees in International Business Management, Civil Engineering and Health Care. We have 2,900 students and our units are situated in the cities of Lappeenranta and Imatra.

Our five faculties provide 19 degree programmes. In three degree programmes all education and studying is conducted exclusively in the English language. These degree programmes are Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology, Paper Technology and Tourism. You can apply to these three programmes in a system of joint application during 15 January - 9 February 2007. The programmes start in August 2007. We hope this guide helps you in your application procedure.

These three degree programmes have interested many foreign students to come to Finland to take their degrees. The Bologna process has truly created a pan-European educational area, where Bachelor's and Master's degrees are harmonized and accepted in all EU countries. They are certainly valued outside Europe, too.

South Carelia Polytechnic has certain strategic areas of expertise. Pulp and paper technology is one of our competence areas. In international business and marketing we have a special focus on international business with Russia, a rapidly growing business sector especially here in South-East Finland, on the borderline of the EU and Russia.

Good luck with your application and studies!

Ms. Anneli Pirttilä
Rector, South Carelia Polytechnic





Three students from Beijing Technology and Business University, China

The exchange students Chen Shu Shu, Meng Zhao Zhao and Xie Ting praise the teaching method of South Carelia Polytechnic. “The combination of practice and theory is really apt. The relationship between teachers and students is very nice. You can ask any questions and the teachers will take the time to explain until you understand. The teachers don't just show the results, they want you to understand the process, this is really

important. The atmosphere is encouraging at South Carelia Polytechnic – you are indeed allowed to put questions and discuss. This kind of a study we had always dreamed of. Lovely Finnish nature, clean environment, friendly people, excellent teachers; is there anything more you could wish!”



How to apply to Polytechnics / Universities of Applied Sciences

Applying to programmes conducted in English at polytechnics/UAS (Universities of Applied Sciences) takes place through a system of joint application. Prospective students can apply to four different degree programmes at polytechnics/UAS using the same application form.

The application form can be submitted online or sent by post to the admissions office of the applicant's first choice polytechnic/UAS.

When applying

Apply online at www.admissions.fi. It is important to follow all the instructions.

The application period starts on 15 January 2007 and closes on 9 February at 4.15 pm Finnish time (+2 hrs GMT). All online applications must be submitted before the closing time. All required attachments have to be at the admissions office of the applicant's first choice polytechnic /UAS by 23 February 2007 at 4.15 pm Finnish time.

Paper applications not submitted online must arrive at the admissions office of the applicant's first choice polytechnic/UAS by 9 February 2007 at 4.15 pm Finnish time.

Please contact the admissions office of the polytechnic/UAS of your first choice in all matters relating to your application and to changes in your circumstances.

Eligibility

Eligibility for studies at polytechnics/UAS depends on completing the Finnish Matriculation examination or upper secondary examination, European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate or Reifeprüfung examination, vocational qualification of three years or more in duration, a non-Finnish degree or studies equivalent to these qualifications. A vocational qualification of less than three years in duration gives eligibility to a corresponding field of study. Eligibility for polytechnic/UAS studies in a corresponding field of study may be broadened into general eligibility for polytechnic/UAS studies.

More information about eligibility can be found in the chapter on admissions criteria.

Time table for joint application

Degree programmes starting in autumn 2007

- Application period 15 January – 9 February 2007. Online application closes on 9 February at 4.15 pm Finnish time (+2 hrs GMT).

Officially notarised copies of relevant certificates and authorised translations of them must arrive by 23 February at the latest.

Paper application forms must arrive by 9 February at 4.15 pm Finnish time at the latest to the polytechnic/UAS of the applicant's first choice.

- Entrance examinations are held between 2 April and 11 May 2007.

- Polytechnics/UAS announce the results by 20 July 2007.

- Admitted students must confirm their study places by 3 August 2007 at 4.15 pm Finnish time at the latest.

More Information

Admissions offices at your service

All polytechnics/UAS have an admissions office that is happy to assist you in all questions and matters relating to applying. The admissions offices' contact details can be found at www.admissions.fi

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Online application to polytechnics/UAS. At the website you can find out more about studying in Finland, available degree programmes and links to the polytechnics/UAS.

:: www.koulutusnetti.fi

Up-to-date information about education on offer.

:: www.mol.fi

Ministry of Labour's website with useful information about careers and working life.

:: www.cimo.fi

Centre for International Mobility's website with a wide range of information on studying in Finland.

Other guides

- National Board of Education
- Polytechnics/UAS publish their own application guides



Application

Online application

You can apply to up to four different degree programmes conducted in English at www.admissions.fi.

The application service guides and helps you to fill in the application form, and gives information relating to studying and applying.

Follow the instructions carefully and submit the application. An application submitted online is directly received by the admissions office of the polytechnic/UAS of your first choice. Print a copy of the application form for yourself for future reference.

Officially notarised (In Finland: the magistrates. Elsewhere: designated competent authorities), copies of relevant certificates and authorised translations of the certificates into English, Finnish or Swedish must arrive at the polytechnic/UAS of your first choice by 23 February 2007 at 4.15 pm Finnish time. The selection is not final until the original certificates have been checked. If the applicant has given false information about his/her qualifications, it will make him/her ineligible for admission.

The online application service is open until 9 February at 4.15 pm Finnish time (+2 hrs GMT). During the application period, the service is open 24 hours per day, except for short maintenance periods during the night.

Paper application form

A paper application form is available as a pdf-file at www.admissions.fi or from the admissions offices. Please remember that a paper application form must arrive at the polytechnic/UAS of your first choice by 9 February at 4.15 pm Finnish time. A postal stamp from that date will not be sufficient. All applications arriving after the closing date are void.

Consider your options of preference carefully. You can apply for up to four different degree programmes at 25 polytechnics/UAS in Finland.

The order of preference chosen in the application is binding and cannot be altered after the application closes.

If you are not accepted on the programme of your first preference, your points will be checked to see if you can be accepted for your second, third or fourth preference. If you are accepted on the degree programme of your first preference, you cannot be selected for your second, third or fourth preference.

Once you have been placed on a reserve place, you can be accepted for a higher preference option due to cancellations, if you have decided to be placed on a waiting list for a higher preference option or you have not accepted another study place.

Changing the application

- The order of preference can only be changed during the application period.

- Changes in address or other relevant personal details can be changed outside the application period.

- All changes in the application or additional information must be sent in writing to the admissions office of the polytechnic/UAS of your first preference.

Selection of new students

All polytechnics/UAS arrange entrance examinations. At South Carelia Polytechnic all applicants who meet the admission criteria receive invitation letters to the examinations. Final selection is based on the results of the entrance examinations for all applicants who apply with certificates other than the Finnish Matriculation examination completed in spring 2007 or earlier or Finnish EB, IB, Reifeprüfung, completed in 2006 or earlier. Selection of those applying with the Finnish Matriculation examination completed in spring 2007 or earlier or Finnish EB, IB, Reifeprüfung, completed in 2006 or earlier, is based on the results of the entrance examination and points awarded for school certificates. Carefully read the next chapter describing the admission criteria.

Many polytechnics/UAS cooperate in the entrance examinations. This means that an entrance examination completed at one polytechnic/UAS is accepted by another. Please note that some polytechnics/UAS require that you participate in their own entrance examination.

The admission of a student is conditional until the polytechnic/UAS has checked the applicant's school and other relevant certificates. The polytechnic/UAS may withdraw the admission, if the applicant has given false information.

Make sure that you confirm your study place by 3 August 2007 at the latest, otherwise you will forfeit the study place offered to you.

One study place per year

You can only accept one study place at a higher education institution in Finland starting in the same academic year (1 August – 31 July). This rule does not prevent you from accepting another study place during another academic year.

If you are not selected

If you do not receive a study place in the joint application, you will receive a letter informing you of your points and the possible reserve places for the options to which you have applied. Applicants allocated to reserve places are chosen according to the level of their results, should study places become available. Find out about your possibilities by directly contacting the institutes of higher education.

You can always apply again next year and it is worth contacting the admissions offices or employment offices in order to plan how to improve your chances for admission.

Appeal

An applicant not satisfied with the results of the student selection process should first contact the polytechnic/UAS he/she has applied to. If the matter is not resolved, the student may appeal in writing to the executive board of the polytechnic/UAS in question. Such an appeal must be made within 14 days from the time the applicant had the possibility of receiving information on student selection.

Registers used in the joint application

All the information related to every applicant's application is entered into the polytechnic/UAS joint application register and student selection register. The National Board of Education acts as registrar. Further information on the registers can be found at www.admissions.fi.





One-place-per-student provision

According to this provision, a student may accept only one study place leading to a higher education degree during one academic year. The purpose of this is to ensure admission to higher education institutions for as many students as possible. Higher education degrees are Bachelor degrees and Master degrees awarded by universities, and Bachelor degrees and Master degrees awarded by polytechnics/UAS. The provision applies to all degree studies in higher education regardless of how the studies are provided. The provision does not apply to the National Defence College, the Police College of Finland and the Åland Polytechnic. Furthermore, the provision cannot be applied to studies completed at foreign higher education institutions.

The academic year (from 1 August to 31 July) is the set framework for implementation. The provision does not prevent acceptance of a place in another degree programme during another academic year. Even if the student postpones the commencement of studies for one year, or interrupts his/her studies, that student cannot accept another study place for a degree programme starting in the same academic year.

Confirming the study place

Admission results for degree programmes starting in autumn 2007 will be sent by mail to the students by 20 Jul 2007 at the latest.

In addition to the letter of admittance, the admitted student will receive a confirmation form. It is imperative that the student submits the confirmation form to the higher education institution in which he/she wishes to study by 3 Aug 2007 at 4.15 pm Finnish time at the latest, otherwise the student will forfeit the study place.

*** Confirmation of the study place is binding and cannot be altered or cancelled.**

If you have applied to several degree programmes, please wait until you have received all the admission results. Once you have received all the results, select your study place and return the confirmation form. A student forfeits his/her study place, if the confirmation form arrives at the higher education institution after the set date.

Reserve places

If a student has not been admitted to any of his/her study options and he/she is placed on a reserve place, he/she might be admitted on a later date.

A student can be placed on the waiting list for a reserve place if he/she has been admitted to a lower preference study place by 20 July, 2007. The reserve place is for one of the higher preference options that the student has expressed in his/her joint application.

Those admitted after the set date cannot be put on the waiting list.

A student remains on the waiting list until 17 Aug 2007. By this date, the student is either admitted to a reserve place on the waiting list, or to the study place initially offered to him/her. A student may have only one reserve place on the waiting list. This reserve place cannot be replaced by another on the waiting list.

*** Please note that waiting lists are not available for some degree programmes at universities.**

*** Please check the availability from the universities before submitting the study place confirmation form.**

The applicant sets his/her study options in order of preference when applying to polytechnics and certain university degree programmes. This order of preference cannot be altered after the application period has ended. The applicant cannot choose a reserve place from options of a lower preference than that to which he/she has already been admitted.

The higher education institution will inform those admitted on 21 Jul 2007 or after about the date for submission of the confirmation form. These applicants cannot be placed on the waiting list.

*** Please note that waiting lists are not available for the programmes starting in spring 2008.**



Admission Criteria

Admission groups

50% of applicants will be admitted on the basis of the entrance examination only, and 50% on the basis of the combined points for previous school performance and the entrance examination. If study places become available later, applicants on the waiting list will be admitted in the order indicated by their admission points. The Polytechnics Act (351/2003) states the groups that are eligible for studies at polytechnics/UAS.

1. Admission on the basis of total of points for school performance and the entrance examination

Eligible applicants are those who have completed Finnish upper secondary education or the Finnish Matriculation examination, the European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate or Reifeprüfung examination in Finland. Applicants completing their Finnish Matriculation exam in the spring of the year of their application will be admitted with this group.

Applicants receive a maximum of 30 points for school performance and a maximum of 100 points for the entrance examination, which is scaled down to a maximum of 70 points. The maximum points total is therefore 100 points.

2. Admission on the basis of the entrance examination

Applicants with Finnish vocational degrees, or whose eligibility to apply is based on non-Finnish certificates, and are not mentioned in section 1, apply to polytechnics / UAS studies solely on the basis of points awarded for the entrance examination.

The admission of those completing an EB, IB or RP examination in Finland in the spring of their year of application is also based only on this method. The maximum entrance examination points total is 100.

Certificates

1. Finnish upper secondary education and Finnish Matriculation examination

You can apply with the Finnish upper secondary leaving certificate and Finnish Matriculation examination certificate. On your application, please give grades from both certificates, if available.

If you graduate in spring 2007, you can apply with your latest upper secondary school certificate. Grades for the Matriculation examination are received from the Matriculation Examination register.

Points awarded for school performance:

Matriculation examination certificate

Grades	L/E	M	C	B	A
Mother tongue	5	4	3	2	1
Advanced level English	5	4	3	2	1
Mathematics or the best general studies test (general studies if the exam was taken before 2006)	5	4	3	2	1

The average of all grades on the general upper secondary school leaving certificate

	≥8.00	≥7.50	≥7.00	≥6.50	≥6.00
Points awarded	15	13	11	8	4

European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung examinations completed in Finland

In your application, you will need to convert the grades of the European Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung examinations.

Points awarded for school performance:

Conversion chart for EB, IB and Reifeprüfung examinations

Finnish Matriculation examination	Reifeprüfung examination	IB examination	EB examination	
			Mathematics	Other subjectspecific tests
Laudatur	13–15 points	7 (Excellent)	9.50–10.00	9.00–10.00
Eximia cum laude approbatur	12–10 points	6 (Very good)	8.50–9.45	8.00–8.95
Magna cum laude approbatur	8–9 points	5 (Good)	7.00–8.45	7.00–7.95
Cum laude approbatur	7 points	4 (Satisfactory)	6.00–6.95	6.00–6.95
Lubenter approbatur	5–6 points	3 (Mediocre)	5.00–5.95	5.00–5.95
Approbatur	4 points	2 (Poor)	4.00–4.95	4.00–4.95

Conversion chart for the grades on leaving certificates

Finnish upper secondary school leaving certificate	Reifeprüfung programme leaving certificate	IB programme leaving certificate	EB programme leaving certificate
10	13 – 15 points	7 (Excellent)	9 – 10
9	10 - 12 points	6 (Very good)	8
8	7 - 9 points	5 (Good)	7
7	5 - 6 points	4 (Satisfactory)	6
6	3 - 4 points	3 (Mediocre)	5
5	1 - 2 points	2 (Poor)	3 – 4

2. Vocational upper secondary diploma/higher vocational diploma/vocational qualification in adult education

These qualifications give you general eligibility for the programmes.

Eligibility for applying for a corresponding field of study is given by:

- a vocational qualification of less than three years in duration, completed in vocational upper secondary education and training, referred to in the Vocational Education and Training Act (630/98), or a corresponding earlier qualification
- combined education programmes of less than three years in duration, referred to in the Act on Youth-level Education and the Polytechnic experiment (391/91)
- vocational qualifications or further vocational qualifications in adult education of less than three years duration, referred to in the Vocational Adult Education Act (631/98)
- a non-Finnish certificate or studies equivalent to the qualifications mentioned above.

Eligibility for polytechnic/UAS studies in a corresponding field of study on the basis specified above may be broadened into general eligibility for polytechnic/UAS studies by:

- 1) additionally completing
 - a) general or vocational studies that extend the post-basic education studies to three

- years of duration, or
 - b) a further vocational qualification or
 - c) a specialist vocational qualification or

- 2) gaining at least three years of work experience in a corresponding field, after completing the qualification.

The corresponding field of study is defined according to the following fields of vocational education and training: humanities and education; culture; natural sciences; natural resources and the environment; tourism, catering and domestic services; social services, health and sports; technology, communications and transport; social sciences, business and administration.

A polytechnic/UAS can also take into consideration a vocational qualification or school-level vocational education that does not fall into the fields of education and training specified above as studies in a corresponding field, if its content is close to the study programme specialisation.

3. Finnish Matriculation examination and vocational qualification

If you have taken the Matriculation examination and have a vocational college diploma, you can choose which certificate you use for applying.

4. Non-Finnish qualification or studies equivalent to the qualifications mentioned in sections 1 to 2. International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung examinations completed in countries other than Finland.

In order to demonstrate eligibility to polytechnic/UAS studies, an applicant applying with a non-Finnish certificate must provide an officially notarised copy of the original certificate to the admissions office of his or her first-choice polytechnic/UAS by the set date. The polytechnic/UAS will then decide on the applicant's eligibility for all options expressed in the application. In addition, an official Finnish, Swedish or English translation of the certificate must be provided, if the certificate is not written in one of these languages. The certificate copies must be delivered to the admissions office by 23 February 2007 at 4.15 pm Finnish time.

5. Polytechnic/UAS and/or university degree

You cannot apply to polytechnic/UAS degree programmes with a polytechnic/UAS or a university degree. Use your upper secondary school leaving certificate for applying to higher education institutions.

Entrance examination

A written entrance exam is arranged consisting of three parts, English, mathematics and a personal interview. The Entrance test will be arranged in Finland on 8 May 2007. A separate entrance test can be arranged abroad.

Language test

Polytechnics/UAS evaluate applicants' language skills in a language test included in the entrance examination. An applicant who fails the language test is withdrawn from admission. An applicant can be exempted from the language test at the majority of polytechnics/UAS.

An applicant can be exempted from the language test, if he or she has provided a certificate of his/her language skills to his/her first-choice polytechnic/UAS.

The minimum language skills requirement is IELTS score academic level 5.5, TOEFL score 550 for the paper-based test, 213 for the computer-based or 79-80 for the internet-based test, grade C in the Finnish Matriculation examination in advanced level English, or skills level 4 in English in the Finnish general language examination (www.oph.fi -> Tutkintopalvelut -> Yleiset kielitutkinnot). Both TOEFL and IELTS test results are valid for two years. The Finnish general language examination does not have a set date of validity.

In addition, secondary school education in English completed in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa, or a Bachelor or Master degree completed in English in one of these countries, is also accepted as a demonstration of sufficient English language skills.

The language certificate or an officially notarised copy of the certificate must be delivered to the admissions office by 23 February 2007 at 4.15 pm Finnish time.

An applicant who has failed the language test can be accepted for admission if

- he/she has received grade C or higher in the Finnish matriculation examination in advanced level English during the application process or

- he/she has received IELTS score academic level 5.5, TOEFL score 550 for the paper-based test, 213 for the computer-based or 79-80 for the internet-based test, or skills level 4 in English in the Finnish general language examination.

The applicant must provide the relevant certificate to his/her first-choice polytechnic/UAS by 21 May 2007.

Selection between applicants with equal admission points

In cases of a tie in admission points, applicants are ranked on the following basis:

1. order of preference of the options
2. result of the entrance exam
3. grade point average in all subjects
4. points awarded for school performance



Technology

Calendar for the joint application - Application period 15 January-9 February 2007

Degree programme	Degree title	Town	Intake	Entrance examination
Degree Programme in Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology	Insinööri (AMK), Bachelor of Engineering	Lappeenranta in Finland	15	on 8 May 2007 in Finland
Degree Programme in Paper Technology	Insinööri (AMK), Bachelor of Engineering	Imatra in Finland	15	on 8 May 2007 in Finland

Degree Programme in Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology

Degree:

Insinööri (AMK), Bachelor of Engineering

Duration and extent of studies:

3,5 years (including one summer semester)
240 cr, including 30 cr of practical training

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Degree Programme in Paper Technology

Degree:

Insinööri (AMK), Bachelor of Engineering

Duration and extent of studies:

- 3,5 years (including one summer semester)
- 240 cr, including 30 cr of practical training

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Degree Programme in Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology

Description of the Degree Programme

This international program prepares students for international mechanical engineering careers especially in Machine and automation design, Production planning and Research and development.

Graduates from this program can work as technical experts, managers, designers, developers and sales engineers in metal and forest industries, automation and information technology in Finland, European countries and all over the world.

During their studies students learn how to...

- design, develop and manufacture products and mechatronics equipment
- design and dimension machine elements
- develop modern automation, control and information systems
- implement total quality management in enterprises
- manage projects, lead individuals and teams
- communicate, work and do business with people having different cultural and linguistic backgrounds

get...

- an international Bachelor's Degree in mechanical engineering
- an extensive technical education and practical skills in mechanical engineering and automation systems
- experience in international co-operation

and in finding and processing specialist information

- good friends and a perspective in international networking
- a good command of languages and multicultural skills

Studies in the international group

The students of the international group come from different parts of the world. Also foreign lecturers (mainly from Denmark and Germany) visit Polytechnic at the beginning and end of study year. Lectures, practical exercises, team and lab works are an essential part of the learning process. The atmosphere between students and teachers is open and interactive. The international group has own tutors, who help and advice students in daily matters in studies and living in Finland.

The computer equipment and programs in the polytechnic are very modern. Every student will get a private email, www-page and web-learning profile. Part of the studies will be organized as virtual studies through the internet.

The 3rd study year will be spent in an institution of higher education in Denmark. The students have the possibility for double degree.

Degree Programme in Paper Technology

Finland is the leading country in Europe in terms of educating experts for the forest industry and doing research in the field. South-Eastern Finland comprises the largest

concentration of the forest industry in Europe.

The aim of our degree programme in Paper Technology is to provide students with the skills necessary to work in independent managerial, planning, consulting, technical sales and expert positions in the pulp, paper and process industries as well as working in mill projects. The degree programme has been built in close co-operation with the paper industry.

A Bachelor of Engineering in Paper Technology can work e.g. as product engineer, product development engineer, salesman and purchaser, supervisor, manager and consultant.

The students get acquainted with the entire process of the chemical forest industry, from raw material to products. They learn to know the equipment and processes of the pulping and paper industries, their chemistry and converting of paper and board. They also focus on various mill concepts, production lines, mill operations and departments, operation systems and processes as well as automation and electrical planning. Plant design systems, process modelling and simulation are applied in the learning process.

Paper technology, pulping technology, process engineering and modelling with state-of-the-art design systems, automation, paper converting, applied chemistry, physics and mathematics are examples of the study courses. The studies also include management and economics. Extensive summer training periods in industry form an essential part of the

studies. Students have good possibilities to complete their B.Sc. thesis directly for the needs of the industry. The language of instruction is English.

South Carelia Polytechnic has signed co-operation agreements with Stora Enso Ltd, UPM-Kymmene Ltd, Jaakko Pöyry Group and PIRA International. The companies offer tutorial help and practical training opportunities for our students in their agencies in Finland and abroad. Several students write their theses or prepare work-related projects on the practical cases in the forest cluster companies of South-Eastern Finland.

South Carelia Polytechnic has cooperation with domestic and foreign polytechnics and universities. Our students can choose courses at other institutions, as well.

We focus on work-related competence and problem solving

Teamwork, collaborative networking and job-related problem solving form an essential part of the studies. Students are encouraged to look at matters in a new way, from various aspects, and to gather and produce information independently.

South Carelia Polytechnic has currently invested in the facilities and equipment of its paper technology laboratory in Imatra. At the beginning of 2006 a laboratory building of about 1,400 m² was completed and the equipment was updated. The laboratory's new digital printing machine, for instance, makes it possible to take on development challenges in paper manufacture and state-of-art technologies.

Tourism and Hospitality

Calendar for the joint application - Application period 15 January-9 February 2007

Degree programme	Degree title	Town	Intake	Entrance examination
Degree Programme in Tourism	Restonomi (AMK), Bachelor of Hospitality Management	Imatra in Finland	19	on 8 May 2007 in Finland

Degree Programme in Tourism

Degree:

Restonomi (AMK), Bachelor of Hospitality Management

Duration and extent of studies:

- 3,5 years

- 210 cr, including 30 cr of practical training

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Degree Programme in Tourism

Description of the Degree Programme

Tourism is a constantly growing worldwide industry. This dynamic industry needs qualified, multicultural, customer-oriented experts with good IT, language and management skills. In response to this demand an International Degree Programme in Tourism was started at Imatra. Imatra is located in south-east Finland, close to the Russian border on the shores of Imatrankoski Rapids, one of the oldest tourist attractions of Finland.

The studies emphasise the knowledge of different cultures and international business environments, business studies and networking with international operators. Core competences are international tourism, cultural and event tourism, destination management and planning as well as tourism management. To succeed in the interdisciplinary field of tourism versatile language and cross-cultural management skills are required. This requirement is reflected in the specially developed curriculum here at Imatra.

Internationality at home and abroad

Studies are carried out entirely in English and they include compulsory semester-long studies abroad at one of our partner polytechnics or universities. A wide range of foreign work placements exists to provide students with the most worthwhile and widest experiences. The programme aims to expand students' intercultural competence and language skills. The international mix of the student group means that this aim of inter-

nationalisation can be achieved here at Imatra, as well as on study abroad and work placement. Visiting professors from various international institutions are also a part of studies.

The education comprises programme-specific basic studies, advanced professional studies, elective studies, a Bachelor's Thesis (15 cr) and practical training (30 cr) in Finland or abroad. Project-based learning, e-learning and studying in small groups are central learning methods used in the degree programme.

Good career opportunities after graduation

The graduates from the degree programme will work as experts in the tourism sector employed on different planning and development duties such as destination, sales or marketing managers. However, to be an effective manager, practical, operational expertise is essential. This particular aspect is accomplished through the compulsory practical training period.





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