

# INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT'S GUIDE TO MASTER'S DEGREE STUDIES

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## ***The University of Eastern Finland– an opportunity for the future***

This guide is about the Master's Degree Programmes of the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus, for the Master's Degree Programmes of the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu campus please see <http://www.uef.fi/uef/admission>.

A thousand new students are starting their studies at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus also this year. Over 200 of them are international students. Perhaps you will be one of them?

You are about to make an important decision - decision that affects the rest of your life. If you appreciate high quality in teaching, well-being of students, promotion of accessibility and benefits of a small university (student counselling, teacher and student tutoring, quality student housing, beautiful lake-side campus and excellent leisure-time activities), you should definitely choose the University of Eastern Finland!

The University of Eastern Finland is the result of a merger involving the Universities of Joensuu and Kuopio. The three campuses of the University of Eastern Finland in Kuopio, Joensuu and Savonlinna will host altogether 14 000 students. The University of Eastern Finland meets working life needs by providing a high level of research-based education in nearly one hundred major subjects and degree programmes. Most of the degree programmes are offered in Finnish but there is a growing number of Master's programmes offered in English too. Approximately 150 doctoral degrees and 2 400 Bachelor's and Master's degrees are completed at the university each year. The Bachelor's and Master's degrees in all fields of study at the University of Eastern Finland lay a solid foundation for postgraduate education. The university's investments in student counseling and effective student and career services promote the studies, graduation and employment of its students.

The attractive campuses of the university are located close to services and nature. Furthermore, the university's modern learning environments draw on state-of-the-art technology. The University of Eastern Finland promotes lifelong learning and meets changing working life needs by offering a versatile selection of adult education.

Student housing situation in Kuopio campus is excellent in comparison to many other university cities in Finland. Apartments are located close to the University Campus and the quality standards are high. The city of Kuopio offers great leisure-time activities, beautiful and scenic nature as well as safe living environment. As we are well organised, like you will hopefully soon see, Kuopio is a comfortable and nice place to study and work.

To find out what else the Kuopio campus can offer to you, please read through this guide carefully so that you won't miss out on any important information. If you cannot find information that you are looking for in this guide, you are most welcome to contact us for further details.

Best of luck and success for your future choice. We hope to see you at the Kuopio campus with us!

## Introduction

International students have different status depending on the purpose and duration of their studies at the University of Eastern Finland. Generally international students belong to one of the three different categories below:



This guide is intended for **undergraduate applicants** wishing to pursue studies leading to **Master's degree**.

- Applicants wishing to apply to our University as an **exchange student** can find further information about applying at: <http://www.uku.fi/intl/english/prospective/applying.shtml#Exchange>
- Information for applicants wishing to pursue **doctoral studies** is available at; <http://www.uku.fi/intl/english/prospective/applying.shtml#PG>

This guide has been designed to help you in applying to our University. In this guide you will find essential information concerning admission to the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus. If you are looking for information about studies offered in English, general admission requirements, application procedure or practical matters such as tuition fees, scholarship, student accommodation, please read on. You will find all this information and more in the guide. If you wish to find out more details about studying and living in Finland, please have a look at the list of useful links at the back of the guide.

The selection of students to Finnish Universities may differ considerably from what you are used to. Therefore it is very important to read through this guide carefully before returning your application. Make sure that you find out about admission requirements, language proficiency test requirements, enclosures, application deadlines etc.

Sufficient funds to cover your living expenses in Finland are a requirement for obtaining a residence permit to Finland. So, it is also necessary to start planning your finances early enough. Start looking for scholarship possibilities, save money or look for employment in your home country.

Start planning and preparing your application as soon as possible - preferably 1-1,5 years before the intended start of your studies. Scheduling a language test, getting your certificates and transcripts attested and writing a thoughtfully composed personal statement takes time.

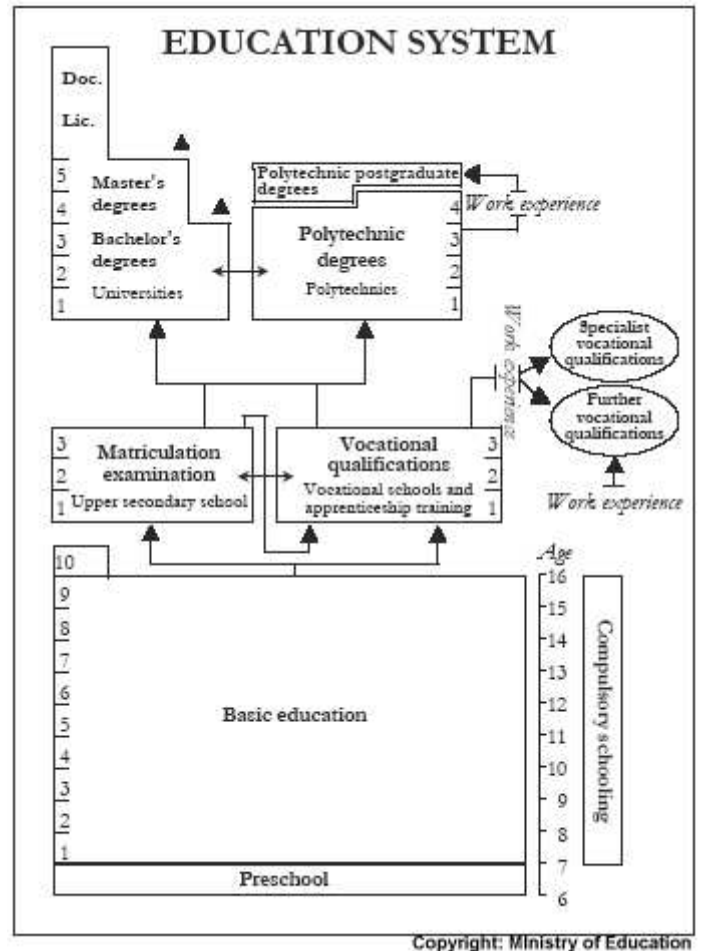
## 1. HIGHER EDUCATION IN FINLAND

### 1.1 Finnish higher education and internationalisation

Higher education is offered in 20 Universities and 29 Universities of Applied Sciences (formerly polytechnics) in Finland. All Finnish universities are state institutions and subordinates to the Ministry of Education. Universities receive their primary funding from public funds, whereas most polytechnics are funded by municipalities, federation of municipalities or private organisations.

Universities are specialised in carrying out scientific research and providing theoretical academic instruction. Universities of Applied Sciences are more focused on providing education for the needs of the working life, focusing more on practice-oriented teaching.

Internationalisation of education has been one of the key development areas in Finnish educational policy since the late 1980s. All Finnish higher education institutes have close cooperation with foreign institutions, such as active research or student and teacher mobility schemes between the institutions.



In autumn 2005, the Finnish higher education system underwent a degree reform. The degree structure of Finnish universities was amended to become more compatible internationally. The reform was consistent with the Bologna Process, the goal of which is to create a strong, unified system of education in Europe.

The reform brought changes to the degree structure. It emphasised on having a Bachelor's degree and a Master degree as two separate degrees where as before Bachelor's degree was seen only as a stepping stone towards the Master's degree. The grading and credit system are also changed to a European standard. All programmes are now based on a joint **European credit transfer and accumulation system (ECTS)**, which facilitates international transparency and recognition of Finnish degrees at a global level.

Finnish higher education institutes also offer a growing number of degree programmes in English. Currently there are about 350 international study programmes in a variety of disciplines available in English. Finnish universities offer approximately 100 degree programmes taught in English at Master and Doctoral level.

Some 8 400 international students representing more than 40 nationalities are studying for a degree in Finnish higher education institutes. Approximately 4 700 international students are enrolled in universities. In addition, approximately 9 000 exchange students come to Finland annually.

Sources: Centre for International Mobility, Ministry of Education, Finnish National Board of Education

## 1.2 Education in Universities

Universities provide lower (*Bachelor's*, 180 ECTS credits) and higher (*Master's*, 120 ECTS credits) academic degrees. The most common undergraduate degree in Finland is the Master's degree (*maisteri*). Completion of a Bachelor's degree takes approximately three years and Master's two years after the completion of the Bachelor's degree. One year of full-time study corresponds to 60 credits.

After completing the Master's degree graduates can apply for admission to doctoral studies. Student may take the *Licentiate's degree* before taking the *Doctor's degree*. Licentiate's degree is, however, an optional degree and it is not even offered in all fields of study. Completion of a Licentiate's degree takes about two years after the Master's degree. The full-time studies for a Doctor's degree take about four years after the completion of a Master's degree.

## 1.3 Costs and finance

For the time being, students do not pay tuition fees in Finnish universities. The only fee that the students have to pay is the annual Student Union membership fee (app. 109 EUR per academic year). This fee includes the services of the student health care.

Because education is free in Finland, there are no scholarship programmes available for undergraduate students (Bachelor's and Master's). Therefore applicants should search for scholarship and grant possibilities in their home country. University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not have any scholarship programmes and cannot offer any financial aid to international students. Non-citizens of Finland who come to Finland for the purpose of studying are not eligible to Finnish student financial aid.

The cost of living in Finland is approximately the same as in other countries in the European Union. In average it is estimated that a student spends about EUR 500 to EUR 700 per month depending on the personal spending habits. This estimate includes accommodation, transportation and meals.

**Please note that finding a job without excellent Finnish skills is impossible.** Therefore, you should not count on getting a job in Finland in order to finance your living in Finland.

## 1.4 Academic year

Academic year begins in August and ends in July. It is divided into two semesters:

- Autumn semester (syyslukukausi) from August to December
- Spring semester (kevätlukukausi) from January to May

Instruction usually begins in September and ends in May. Exact starting and ending dates of instruction vary considerably from field to field. In many departments courses are not spread over the whole semester. Thus, the actual starting and ending date of studies depends on the field of study and the courses taken. There are no official exam periods. Exams may be held anytime during the semester.

The summer holiday begins in the beginning of June and ends in the beginning of September. Although there is no summer term, some departments arrange examinations and libraries and university restaurants/cafeterias are open in the summer.

## 2. UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND, KUOPIO CAMPUS -WHY KUOPIO?

Are you looking for opportunities for studying abroad? Look no further - choose Kuopio just like over 200 other international students every year! Still hesitating? Read the comments from our former and current international students. Here are at least eight good reasons for choosing us:



### 1) Academic excellence and quality

The University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus has an international reputation in the fields of health, environment and well-being, with particular strengths in biotechnology, biosciences and molecular medicine.

*"It is one of the universities known to produce good students. I wanted to be among the good students."*

*"I chose the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus because of the good reputation of the Finnish educational system."*

*"I'd recommend this university because it is really well-organised, efficient and you live here in a beautiful environment."*

### 2) Interesting study programmes and excellent study facilities

The University offers a wide range of degree and non-degree programmes in English. Internship and research opportunities are also available for international students. Students are also offered free Finnish language courses at various levels.

We offer students a modern learning environment and flexible support services. The university is well equipped; there are lots of computers, libraries and laboratories for the students to use.

*"The University provides an excellent, conclusive learning atmosphere. The teaching methods are excellent in the sense that it promotes learning and understanding of concepts not only for passing exams but using in the field of study"*

*"The University is well equipped with learning and information material for everybody."*

*"Lecturers and professors really care a lot about the students."*

### 3) We take good care of our students!

We pride ourselves for taking good care of our international students. International students receive comprehensive pre-arrival information package and we make every effort to help students' integration to their new learning environment.

Each international student will have a peer tutor, a senior student, who will meet them upon arrival and help them with both practical and social matters.

In the beginning of autumn and spring semesters the International Student Services arranges an Orientation Week for the International Students. This week is designed to introduce new international students to the academic, social and cultural life at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus and in the city of Kuopio.

*"One reason for my survival here during the first year has been my tutor. She was like a mother for me here. She helped me and was my friend. We are really close friends and have a friendship, I hope forever."*

*"I've never been to Finland before. I've heard that students are treated extremely well. And that's true."*

*"The care of the International Student Services in Kuopio was great. I think most of the tutors do a very good job. They really make an effort to help students feel at home in Kuopio. The help of a student tutor is very important in the beginning of the stay!"*

#### **4) Learn and explore!**

KISA (Kuopio International Students Association) arranges several interesting trips to for example Lapland, Russia and Sweden. KISA also organises a great variety of free time activities such as country presentations, theme parties and sauna evenings etc.

*"For me it was one of the best experiences of my life. It was so great to get to know so many different people, to travel around in Finland and to get to know new aspects in my field of studies."*

*"KISA is a great organisation and they have really made the time in Kuopio very enjoyable."*

#### **5) Unique destination**

Finland is a Nordic country with uniqueness that you can't find anywhere else. In Kuopio you can familiarise yourself with all the Finnish traditions such as sauna and ice fishing in an intercultural atmosphere. The nature is everywhere in Kuopio. You are surrounded by lakes, forests, nature trails, skiing tracks, you name it! You can do all kinds of free time activities in the pure and unspoilt nature. Even the university campus is located by a lake.

*"I was curious about getting to know new cultures and the way of life in a country which was not a usual destination. Everyone can go to France, UK and Germany, but Finland is different!"*

*"Finland: snow, skiing, sleigh-riding, Santa Claus, very interesting culture and something completely different. What more can I say?"*

#### **6) Safety and purity**

It's very safe to live in Kuopio; you can walk on the streets and forests without any fear. The crime rate in Kuopio is very low. However, this doesn't mean that Kuopio is a boring place. You can enjoy lively student night life, culture and sports as well as experience the nature at its best. Why don't you try picking berries and mushrooms in the pure nature?

*"I chose Kuopio because it is not such a big city. It is easy to find your way around in the city and get to know people"*

*"Kuopio is a very comfortable city to live in. You can walk or cycle almost everywhere. Everything you need is within easy reach. It's great to have all your friends living close to you. You don't have to spend hours on travelling."*

## 7) Friendly and compact place to study and live

Kuopio is a great city to live in. It is small enough to really get to know people but big enough to offer a variety of activities. Kuopio is also easy to reach. Travel connections to/from Kuopio are excellent.

Generally the Finns speak very good English and they are always happy to help you. The people in Kuopio are especially known to be very easy-going and friendly.

*"One of the most positive aspects of my experience in Kuopio was to live in a foreign country, and in such a beautiful and peaceful place as Finland."*

*"Against all rumours people in Finland are not shy but they are always happy to help."*

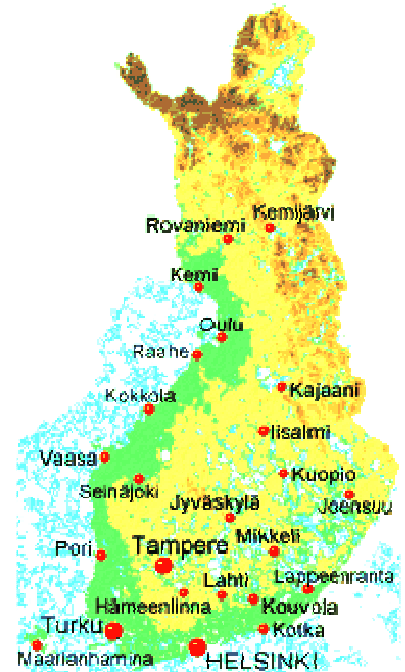
## 8) Guaranteed accommodation

Students are guaranteed a room in student dormitories if they apply for accommodation by the deadlines. Student housing is offered by the Kuopio Student Housing Company. Most of the international students' apartments are located within comfortable walking distance from the University campus. All apartments have a free broadband internet connection, launderette, sauna and common room. Apartments are self-catered but they have good cooking facilities.

*"The student accommodation was good. It was nice to live together with other international students as well as with the locals"*

*"Big room with reasonable rent. Really good overall services"*

*"Having the broadband Internet connection in my room was great. It was so easy to keep in touch with everyone, especially with my family and friends at home."*



### **3. MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN ENGLISH**

#### **3.1 Faculty of Health Sciences**

##### **3.1.1 Master's Degree Programme in General Toxicology and Environmental Health Risk Assessment (ToxEn), specialization in General Toxicology**

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Studies begin in September 2010

Toxicology and environmental science are applied sciences which are based on basic sciences like chemistry, biology, physiology and physics. The backbone for human toxicological risk assessment and exposure assessment is the understanding of the mechanisms of toxic effects in human body and good quality toxicity testing of new chemicals.

The programme aims to offer skills in risk assessment related to chemicals and health-related environmental factors. Students apply either to General Toxicology or to Environmental Health -section of the program. After common basic studies the students of General Toxicology -section will specialize to general toxicology, including toxicological risk assessment.

The Master's programme holds the following scientific core competences:

- knowledge on principles of methodologies used in risk assessment
- professional skills to carry out chemical or environmental health risk assessment
- good background to become an expert in the scientific field of the studies
- a solid background for PhD studies in the field of studies

##### **3.1.2 Master's Degree Programme in Health Promotion in Nursing Science (MNS)**

Application period begins in autumn 2010

The programme offers courses on the various aspects of nursing science, including health promotion theories, nursing theories, research methodology and practical training in health promotion. Additionally, multidisciplinary studies such as studies in health policy and management, studies in public health and also alternative studies e.g. studies in intercultural competence and studies in social work are provided.

The objective of the programme is to educate students to be able to utilise their skills after graduation as experts of health promotion and preventive work, researchers, project planners and administrators. Please note that the application round is offered every other year.

##### **3.1.3 International Public Health**

There are three options available: Master's Degree Programme in Public Health (MPH), Master of Public Health Nutrition (MPHN) and Master's Degree Programme (CBU) in Public Health. All these programmes are available in English.

The Master's Degree Programme in Public Health aims to increase applicants' knowledge of philosophical, epidemiological, social, behavioural and environmental aspects of public health. The curriculum encompasses a variety of courses related to management and leadership skills in preventing and resolving health problems.

### **3.1.3.1 Master's Degree Programme in Public Health (MPH)**

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Studies begin in September 2010

Master's Degree Programme in Public Health, operative as an MPH Diploma Programme since 1993, started as a full Master's programme in 2005.

The Master's Degree Programme in Public Health offers training in various aspects of public health including epidemiology, medical anthropology, environmental health, ergonomics, exercise medicine, health policy and management, public health nutrition, occupational health and social pharmacy.

The programme is designed for applicants with a prior academic degree in a health related field who are motivated in acquiring further skills in public health. The program is appropriate for individuals working in social and health care at the primary municipal, regional, or state level and for employees of social and health insurance and state administration.

### **3.1.3.2 Master's Degree Programme (CBU) in Public Health**

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Studies begin in September 2010

Finnish-Russian Cross-Border University Master's Degree Programme in Public Health is offered jointly by partner universities both in Russia and in Finland. The aim of the programme is to prepare graduates to apply a wide range of professional knowledge and abilities in practice both in Russia and in Finland.

### **3.1.3.3 Master of Public Health Nutrition (MPHN)**

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Studies begin in September 2010

Public health nutrition focuses on the promotion of good health and maintenance of well-being through nutrition in the whole population. Prevention of diet-related illnesses is also emphasized. The aim of the programme is to train specialists in public health nutrition who can work e.g. in related research, development and projects.

University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus is one of the 19 European institutions that offer the European Master's in Public Health Nutrition - EMPHN - programme. The studies in the Master of Public Health Nutrition can be chosen to meet the requirements of the EMPHN programme.

### **3.1.4 MSc Degree Programme in Molecular Medicine and Biotechnology and MSc Degree Programme in Neurobiology**

Application period begins in autumn 2010

Education in both Master's degree programmes is extensively research-orientated. The core curricula consist of the most recent advances of the corresponding fields of science. In addition, students will get true hands-on research experience by accomplishing exciting projects - the topics of which may be chosen according to one's own interest from comprehensive offerings.

MSc-graduates of both programs will

- Have solid knowledge of the specific scientific field
- Be familiar with a variety of modern methods

- Be competent in planning a research project
- Be skilled in scientific presentation - both oral and written
- Probably continue for PhD-education and training, or will be experts prized by the international biobusiness and pharmaceutical industry

## 3.2 Faculty of Science and Forestry

### 3.2.1 Master's Degree Programme in Atmosphere-Biosphere Studies (ABS)

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Studies begin in September 2010

Master's Degree Programme in Atmosphere-Biosphere Studies (ABS) is a multidisciplinary programme in environmental research, involving versatile education in the sciences of global change: atmospheric physics and chemistry, meteorology, natural geography, biogeochemistry and ecology. It is organised together by ten universities in Nordic and Baltic countries, bringing together some of the world's leading research groups in the topic, belonging to European and national centres of excellence in global change and atmospheric sciences research. The programme is organized by departments belonging to faculties of science and/or forestry in following universities: Universities of Helsinki (coordinator) and Eastern Finland in Finland, University of Tartu and Estonian University of Life Sciences in Estonia, Universities of Gothenburg, Lund and Stockholm in Sweden, and Universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus and Technical University of Denmark in Denmark.

The ABS programme can be seen as an outgrowth of Nordic centre-of-excellence programme in climate change research, especially BACCI (Biosphere – Aerosol – Cloud – Climate –Interactions) and NECC (Nordic Centre for Studies of Ecosystem Carbon Exchange and its Interactions with Climate System). ABS is also closely related to the Nordic graduate school CBACCI.

Education in the 2-year programme consists of 120 ECTS credits. The programme is multidisciplinary, and there are two lines of study to choose from: general atmospheric science and biogeochemical cycles. All students will learn the basics of both lines and after introductory courses are free to select courses covering the following phenomena:

- processes in aerosol physics and atmospheric sciences
- micrometeorological processes
- biogeochemical cycles of carbon, nitrogen and other elements/compounds
- processes in land-ecosystem-atmosphere interactions involving phase transitions or mass and energy fluxes
- advanced computational and laboratory-based methods as well as field measurements for the analysis of processes in the atmosphere and biogeosphere
- working in an international scientific context.

Courses are organised by the departments involved in the programme, and can be delivered by a variety of means, as they include lecture courses, intensive and field courses in research stations and courses given via e-learning. As courses are given by several institutions in different countries, it is mandatory for the applicants to spend at least one semester in another institution. There are some grants offered for covering travel costs between the various locations of the ABS-network. All teaching is given in English.

### **3.2.2 Masters Degree Programme in Environmental Biology and Biogeochemistry (EBB)**

Application period begins in autumn 2010

Education in the 2-year programme (120 ECTS credits) is extensively research-orientated. The core curriculum includes the most recent advances in environmental biology and biogeochemistry. In addition, the applicants get true hands-on research experience by accomplishing exciting projects - the topics of which can be chosen according to one's own interest within the field of research of the department. All teaching is given in English. Applicants who successfully complete the programme receive a degree of Master of Science approved by the Finnish Ministry of Education.

The M.Sc. degree programme is organized by the Department of Environmental Science as an extension for the highly successful Master's Programme in Environmental Sciences. Research conducted by the department in Environmental Biology and Biogeochemistry has achieved the Nordic Centre of Excellence status which is an international acknowledgement for top-quality research.

The programme aims at increasing students' knowledge of biological and biogeochemical aspects of the state of the environment. The curriculum encompasses a variety of courses related to biodiversity, environmental adaptation to global change, sustainable plant production, ecological risk assessment and fluxes of greenhouse gases.

The programme offers training in various aspects of environmental science including biogeochemistry, soil ecology, ecophysiology of plants, microbiology, interaction ecology, environmental entomology and design of experiments in environmental research. The programme also encourages applicants to pursue continuous education throughout their lives.

### **3.2.3 Master's Degree Programme in General Toxicology and Environmental Health Risk Assessment (ToxEn), specialization in Environmental Health**

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Studies begin in September 2010

Toxicology and environmental science are applied sciences which are based on basic sciences like chemistry, biology, physiology and physics. The backbone for human toxicological risk assessment and exposure assessment is the understanding of the mechanisms of toxic effects in human body and good quality toxicity testing of new chemicals.

The programme aims to offer skills in risk assessment related to chemicals and health-related environmental factors. Students apply either to General Toxicology or to Environmental Health -section of the program. After common basic studies the students of Environmental Health -section will specialize to environmental health risk assessment with special emphasis on exposure assessment.

The Master's programme holds the following scientific core competences:

- knowledge on principles of methodologies used in risk assessment
- professional skills to carry out chemical or environmental health risk assessment
- good background to become an expert in the scientific field of the studies
- a solid background for PhD studies in the field of studies

### **3.2.4 Master's Degree Program in Scientific Computing (SCICOM) and Master's Programme in Medical Physics and Engineering (MPHYSENG)**

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Studies begin in September 2010

The programs are based on internationally recognized high quality research in Scientific Computing and Medical Physics and Engineering. In the Department of Physics, there are 6 professors and approximately 60 researchers/teachers in these fields actively participating in teaching and scientific research.

#### **SCICOM**

The increase in computer power and methodological development in Scientific Computing enables more powerful use of modelling in science and technology. By using modern computing methods it is possible to gain more accurate information from the experimental measurements e.g. in limited angle tomography or in fluid dynamics. By using simulations it is also possible to reveal in advance whether complicated and usually expensive measurements will be feasible.

High quality education guarantees the greatest benefit from scientific computing. Effective utilization of scientific computing requires competence in using the applications as well as expert knowledge in applied mathematics, physics, statistics and computer science. Unfortunately, it is not possible to include extensively advanced courses of scientific computing into e.g. physics or mathematics curricula.

In SCICOM applicants will gain comprehensive understanding of simulation and modelling methods. Typical applications relate to continuum mechanics, fluid dynamics, heat transfer and electromagnetism.

#### **MPHYSENG**

Medical physics and engineering is recognized as one of the most rapidly growing areas worldwide. Especially musculoskeletal disorders are increasing due to the aging of the population. This causes major challenges to modern healthcare. To ensure the quality of life of the elderly means ensuring their ability to move and take care of themselves. This can be supported by means of medical technology. Major improvements are achieved in dynamic areas of tissue technology and biomaterials. Another important field of medical physics and engineering is hospital physics, i.e. physics needed in clinical work in hospitals.

After completing either of the MSc-degree programs the applicants are qualified to:

- Continue for PhD-education.
- Initiate, organize and conduct high quality research in the field of science and engineering.
- Develop and execute proposals and projects, and design programs and interventions as part of a professional team.
- Innovatively apply theoretical concepts into practical questions.

In MPHYSENG applicants will gain basic knowledge of the different areas of medical technology, i.e. medical instrumentation, physics of medical imaging and radiation therapy, biomaterials and material technology. The field is highly cross-disciplinary and the students will gain good competence to use information from various fields to solve relevant challenges.

### **3.3 Faculty of Social Sciences and Business**

#### **3.3.1 Master's Degree Programme in International Social Work**

Application period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010  
Studies begin in September 2010

The Master's Programme in International Social Work is an innovative Master's programme based on the partnership of 10 European universities. The aim of the programme is to develop the capacity and expertise of the university-educated staff working in the field of social work and social care. The overall purpose of the programme is to develop applicant's personal and professional skills to a higher level of practice than can be achieved in nationally oriented professional education.

Students who have successfully completed the programme are qualified to work in projects and assignments in the field of social work. National qualifications for working as a social worker have to be acquired separately.

## **4. ADMISSION**

### **4.1 General information**

There is no central organisation processing applications to the University of Eastern Finland. The University does not liaison with any applicant recruitment agencies either. All applicants should apply directly to the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus.

In general, obtaining admission to the University of Eastern Finland is competitive. Only a fraction of those with a Bachelor's degree are accepted to pursue studies at Master's level. Because there are many more applicants than there are places available, degree programmes assess all applicants and compare their qualifications to each other.

Currently there are no entrance examinations for applicants applying to Master's programmes that are offered in English. International applicants apply on the basis of their previous academic studies. In general applicants are evaluated according to the applicability of the applicant's academic background, previous academic records and qualifications, academic performance, English language proficiency, personal motivation and other relevant academic/ work experience. However, the Admission Committee at each faculty and/or department decides independently on the detailed admission criteria and, similarly, the ranking of the applicants is decided by each faculty and department. All applicants who meet the general admission criteria are not admitted because only the best applicants will gain admission at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus.

Principally international applicants are accepted outside of the faculty specific intake quotas attested by the University Board. Therefore, faculties determine quotas for each international degree programmes independently. Master's programmes are not obliged to fulfil student admission quotas.

Faculties and academic departments will begin processing applications after the application deadline has passed.

## 4.2 Application procedure

Application period for Master's degree programmes of the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus is from **1st December 2009 to 1st February 2010 at 16.15 GMT +2**. The application form is available at <http://www.uku.fi/apply> only during the application period.

### To apply to the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus:

1. Complete the application form with a type writer or fill it in electronically and print it out. If that is not possible, use BLOCK LETTERS and write very clearly.
2. Print the application form and sign the application.
3. Send the application form by post with all the required enclosures to:

**University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus**  
**International Student Services**  
**P.O. Box 1627**  
**FI-70211 Kuopio**  
**FINLAND**

**Deadline** for submitting the application is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at 16.15 GMT+2. The applicant must send the completed application form and the enclosures by post. The signed paper application form must reach the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at 16.15 GMT+2. The applications that arrive after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 are not considered.

If you are unable to send all the enclosures by the deadline (1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at 16.15 GMT+2), you may send them until 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. The enclosures that arrive after 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 are not considered.

Remember to fill in all the necessary fields of the application and submit all the required enclosures. Incomplete applications will not be processed. In addition the applications that are not duly signed will not be processed.

Applicants may apply to two Master's degree programmes at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus. In this case the applicant must send two complete sets of applications with all the required enclosures. The staff of the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not take photocopies of the applications or enclosures.

Please note that the International Student Services do not send a confirmation of the received applications. If you wish to confirm that your application is received, please e-mail to [intl@uku.fi](mailto:intl@uku.fi).

### 4.2.1 Admission decisions

Faculties and academic departments will begin to process the applications after the application deadline has passed. Faculties will process international applicants' applications by the end of March 2010. All applicants will be informed about the outcome of the student selection by post/e-mail during April and May 2010.

### 4.2.2 Request for rectification

An applicant dissatisfied with the results of the student selection may apply for amendment to the decision in writing from the Dean of the Faculty within 21 days after the announcement of the outcome of the student selection. The applicant must clearly state the reasons for requesting rectification. The request must include concrete evidence on a mistake or unfair treatment made in the admission process. Requests that do not

include all the requested enclosures are not processed. Further information on making an appeal will be sent directly to the applicants after the admission decisions have been made.

If the applicant is still dissatisfied after receiving the Faculty decision, he/she may appeal to Administrative Court in Kuopio, Finland. Decision made by the Administrative Court is final and it is not possible to appeal against their decision.

#### **4.2.3 Fraudulent information used to gain admission**

The discovery of the use of any kind of fraudulent information (e.g. fraudulent documentation, untrue or misleading documents or omission of pertinent facts) during the application process will result to immediate rejection of the application.

If the applicant has already been accepted at the University of Eastern Finland when the use of fraudulent information is discovered, the University of Eastern Finland has the right to terminate the student's study right immediately. All frauds are reported to the Police and Finnish Immigration Services.

Submission of false or forged documents is a violation against the Finnish Law and is considered grounds for legal action (Finnish Criminal Code: <http://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1889/en18890039.pdf>).

### **4.3 Documents required for admission**

The applicants must **duly complete and sign the application form**. Applicants are required to send all following **required enclosures** documents enclosed in their application:

1. Officially certified copy of the original university degree certificate/ diploma (Bachelor's degree)
2. Original (or officially certified copy of) official Transcript of Academic Records
3. Proof of proficiency in English language: Original TOEFL -test report **or** copy of IELTS -test report (if not sent directly from the test centre) **except** if you are Finnish or you have completed your Bachelor's degree in English in an EU/EEA country, USA, Australia, Canada or New Zealand
4. Curriculum Vitae (CV). Please use the Europass template: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu> → Europass CV
5. Letter of Motivation
6. Abstract of the Bachelor's thesis
7. Photograph

Please note that none of the sent enclosures are returned. If admitted, be prepared to present the original documents upon arrival.

#### **4.3.1 Officially certified copy of the original university degree certificate/ diploma (Bachelor's degree)**

##### **Bachelor's degree in applicable field**

Applicant wishing to pursue studies leading to a Master's degree should hold an academic Bachelor's or equivalent degree (min. 180 ECTS, 3-4 years of university-level studies) from an internationally recognised University. The obtained degree must give the applicant eligibility to apply for a Master's degree also in the country in which the degree has been awarded.

NB! Applicant's Bachelor's degree must be in the same (or a relevant field) as the Master's studies applied for. More information about the possible relevant fields from the specific programme coordinators, please see Chapter 7 (contact details and useful links). It is **not** possible to switch to a completely new area of study between Bachelor's and Master's degree

Example: If you have a Bachelor degree from the field of Business, you are not eligible to apply for Master's degree programme in Public Health. In order to be eligible to apply for Public Health, you should hold an academic degree in a health-related field.

### **Applicants on their final year**

Applicants who are on their final year but whose Bachelor's degree is not completed at the time of application may be eligible to apply for studies leading to a Master's degree provided that they complete their Bachelor's degree by 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010. Admission offer for these applicants is conditional until the Bachelor's degree certificate is submitted to the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus. Please note that all programmes do not accept applications from students with an incomplete degree. Please check the eligibility requirements by contacting the specific programme coordinators, please see Chapter 7 (contact details and useful links).

### **Applicants from the Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences**

Applicants holding a Bachelor's degree from a Finnish University of Applied Science may be required to complete complementary studies in addition to the Master's degree programme. Applicants should note that all Master's programmes do **not** accept applicants with a degree from the Universities of Applied Sciences. For more information please contact the specific programme coordinators, please see Chapter 7 (contact details and useful links).

### **Certificate requirements**

Enclose a certified copy of the original university degree certificate/ diploma in the application. If your degree certificate/diploma is in a language other than English or Finnish, an authorised translator must translate the degree certificate into English or Finnish.

Certifying of degree certificate/ diploma must be done **by a reliable public authority such as an authorized university official** (e.g. university registrar, controller of examinations, director of studies), **reliable commissioner or public notary**. Please note that the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus may also ask for authentication of the degree certificate from an authorized official at the degree issuing institution.

You should not send the original degree certificate/ diploma. The University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not return any application enclosures.

#### **4.3.2 Original (or officially certified copy of) official transcript of academic records**

Transcript of academic records is an official document that contains details of courses/ modules that you have completed at university level (title, credits, grades etc). In some countries the transcript of academic records is also called 'syllabus', 'marksheet' or 'statement of marks'.

Attach either original (or officially certified copy of) official transcript of academic records to your application. If the transcript of academic records is in a language other than English or Finnish, an authorised translator must translate the transcript of academic records into English or Finnish.

Certifying of official transcript of academic records must be done **by a reliable public authority such as authorized university official** (e.g. university registrar, controller of examinations, director of studies), **reliable commissioner or public notary**. Please note that the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus may also ask for authentication of the official Transcript of Academic Records from an authorized official at the degree issuing institution.

If grading scale applied used in the evaluation of applicant's performance is not included in the transcript, please attach a clarification of the grading scale on a separate sheet of paper.

#### **4.3.3. Proof of proficiency in English language (TOEFL or IELTS -test report)**

All applicants must demonstrate excellent skills in English language. This is to ensure that applicants will fully benefit from their academic degree programme and their learning is not hindered by inadequate language skills. Excellent language skills also help the students to integrate more easily socially in the academic and local community. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his/her English language skills are sufficient for academic studies. Please note that the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not offer any preparatory or supplementary courses in English.

University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus accepts only globally recognised English proficiency test in order to ensure the comparability and quality of the applicant's language test report. The only recognised language proficiency tests are the *Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* **or** *International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)*. Test score reports must not date back more than two years. Applicants are required to have achieved at least the following or preferably higher test scores:

**TOEFL:**        237 in computer based test (CBT)  
                     580 in the TOEFL paper-based test (PBT)  
                     90 in the Internet based test (iBT)

**IELTS:**        Overall 6.5 with a minimum band score of 6.0 in writing

Please note that the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not accept copies of the TOEFL -test reports. Applicant must send the original test score report enclosed with the application or ask the testing organisation to send the test score report directly to the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus. The information required to send the test report directly from the test organisation is the following:

The institutional TOEFL code for the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus is 9779. Address for sending the test report form: University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus, International Office, PL 1627, FI-70211 Kuopio, Finland.

If the test organisation does not send the original test report directly to the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus, please enclose the original TOEFL or IELTS -test report in your application. A copy of the TOEFL -test report is **not** accepted, but the copy of the IELTS -language test report can be considered. Please note that details in the copy of IELTS -language test report will be confirmed from the international database.

The following applicants are exempted from providing an official English language test report:

- Applicants who are Finnish or have completed their Bachelor's degree in English in the EU/ EEA\* countries
- Applicants who have completed the Bachelor's degree in Australia, Canada, Finland, New Zealand or the USA

\*Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lichtenstein, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

#### **4.3.4 Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

Applicants are required to submit current curriculum vitae (CV) with their application. Please use the Europass CV template. It is available at: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europass+Documents/Europass+CV/navigate.action>

#### **4.3.5. Motivation letter**

Motivation letter is an essential part of your application because motivation is one of the admission criteria. University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not usually interview applicants, so the motivation letter is your chance to provide information about yourself to the Admission Board.

In the motivation letter introduce yourself and explain your reasons for wishing to pursue Master's studies at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus. You can tell about your special strengths, interests, academic achievements, career goals. You should also briefly describe how you are going to finance your studies in Finland. Make sure that your motivation letter is clearly structured and thoughtfully composed. Recommended length of the personal statement is about 500 words.

#### **4.3.6 Abstract of the Bachelor's thesis**

In the abstract the applicant should briefly describe the aims, research methods, content and results of the Bachelor's thesis with about 200 words. Applicants should use the form provided in the application form.

#### **4.3.7 Photograph**

Every applicant is required to attach his/her photograph to the application.

### **4.4 National applicant register**

Finnish universities use a national *Universities' applicant and enrolment register (HAREK)* in the applicant selection. All applicants' personal and application data are entered into the national register. The register is maintained by the National Board of Education in Finland.

"The applicant has the right to check his/her personal data from the registers. The request has to be in writing. An applicant or a person admitted to a university or a polytechnic is able to check his/her personal

data from the polytechnic or the university he/she has applied for or has been admitted to. A person who has applied to several institutions can check his/her personal data from the registrar.

The registered information can be disseminated to education authorities, Statistics Finland, the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (KELA), the employment authorities and providers of applicant health care. In addition, the registrar can also disseminate registered names and addresses, with the applicant's permission, for marketing and education-related information purposes. There is more information about processing personal data at the Internet address, [www.tietosuoja.fi/1560.htm](http://www.tietosuoja.fi/1560.htm) (in English)."

Source: Finnish National Board of Education ([www.oph.fi](http://www.oph.fi))

## 5. ACCEPTING THE OFFERED STUDY PLACE

### 5.1 Confirming the offered study place

Admitted applicants will be sent a *Notification of Admission* (i.e. Letter of Acceptance/ Admission Letter/ Admittance Letter) by post. Notification of admission is an offer of a study place. Therefore, you must officially accept or decline the admission offer in order to secure your study place. Official confirmation form for accepting the study place will be sent to the admitted applicants together with the notification of acceptance.

Admitted applicants must either accept or decline the admission offer by **3rd August 2010 at 16:15 (+2 GMT). This is an absolute deadline and treated as such.** If the confirmation form does not reach the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus by this deadline, the applicant will lose the study place. **Confirmation is binding and irrevocable and cannot be altered.**

Please note that Notification of Admission does not mean that you will be automatically granted a residence permit to Finland. You must apply for a residence permit at your nearest Finnish Embassy. The Finnish Embassy will submit the residence permit application to the Finnish Directorate of Immigration which is a subordinate to the Finnish Ministry of the Interior. The Directorate of Immigration is the office that processes and decides on immigration matters.

### 5.2 Registration

Students admitted at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus must register as *present* or *absent* each academic year. Registration must be done by 15 September annually. The validity of student's registration is checked from the student register and from the annual Student Union membership fee payment.

Admitted students must submit all required original certificates relevant to student selection to the university for verification upon registration. It is not possible to register until all certificates have been verified. For further information about registration, please see: Undergraduate applicants (Bachelor and Master) <http://www.uku.fi/opiskelu/registration.shtml>

### 5.3 Registration as an absent student (deferring studies)

If the admitted student wishes to defer the commencement of his/her studies by one year, he/she can register himself/herself as an absent student. NB! **Please note that the right to deferment of studies does not apply to all international Master's programmes. Admitted students should always check the possibility for deferment from the academic coordinator of the specific degree programme.**

Registration as an absent student reduces the number of years that the student is allowed to spend on completing the degree. The duration of study shall not include **leave due to voluntary military service or conscription, or to maternity, paternity or parental leave**. Normative duration of study for a Master's degree is two years but the student may exceed the normative duration by two years. For further information, please see: <http://www.uku.fi/opiskelu/registration.shtml>

## 5.4 One-place-per-applicant provision

“According to this provision, a student may accept only one study place leading to a higher education degree during one academic term. This rule applies to all higher education included in national joint applications to universities and polytechnics. The purpose of this is to ensure admission to higher education institutions for as many students as possible. The provision does not apply to higher education not included in joint applications, 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 term (from 1 August to 31 December or 1 January 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 term. Even if the student postpones the commencement of studies, or interrupts his/her studies, that student cannot accept another study place for a degree programme starting in the same academic term.”

Source: Finnish National Board of Education ([www.oph.fi](http://www.oph.fi))

## 6. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 6.1 Residence permit

Required immigration documents are dependent on your nationality.

**Students coming from the Nordic Countries** are allowed to arrive, reside, study and work without permits in Finland.

**Citizens of the member states of the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA)** do not need a residence permit. However, if you are staying in Finland for **longer than three months** (90 days) you must register at the local police station **after** your arrival in Finland. Take several passport-sized photos with you for registration purposes.

**Students coming from countries outside the EU / EEA** and who are staying in Finland for longer than three months must acquire a residence permit **before** coming to Finland. Apply for a residence permit at a Finnish Embassy or Consulate in your home country. If there is no Finnish Embassy in your country, you should visit the nearest Finnish Embassy in the neighbouring countries. A list of Finnish Embassies around the world can be found at: <http://www.formin.fi/Public/> -> "in English" -> "Diplomatic missions" -> *Finnish missions abroad by country*".

We strongly recommend you to contact your nearest Finnish Embassy or Consulate as soon as possible because it usually takes about 1-3 months to acquire a residence permit.

In order to have a residence permit granted, the student must have a valid health insurance and she/he must be able to show that his/her income is secured either with a scholarship, a grant or other funds. He/she should be able to prove that you have a minimum of EUR 500 per month (12x EUR 500 = EUR 6000 per year) to cover living expenses in Finland. Residence permit must cover the entire period of your stay in Finland.

Please note that the acceptance letter from the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not entitle you to get the residence permit automatically. The Finnish Embassy will submit your residence permit application to the Finnish Directorate of Immigration which is a subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior. The Directorate of Immigration is the agency that processes and decides on immigration matters.

If the studies last for more than a year, the residence permit is usually granted for one year at a time. Extension of the residence permit can be applied at the local police station in Kuopio. Please note that in order to apply for an extension, the student must be registered as a full-time student at the University of Eastern Finland and he/she should have completed an average amount of credits per study year (about 60 ECTS). If the student has not progressed in his/her studies, the extension of the residence permit may be denied. Sufficient funds to cover living expenses (500 € per month) must be proven each year.

## 6.2 Health care and insurance

University of Eastern Finland does not have an insurance policy for its applicants. Therefore, it is essential to have a valid **insurance** to cover the costs of any medical treatment you may need. The easiest and usually the cheapest option is to buy the insurance in your home country before leaving for Finland. Don't forget to check that your insurance also covers your travel to/from Finland.

As of 1 September 2007 non-EU applicants required to have a comprehensive health insurance by law. Health insurance is a precondition for obtaining a residence permit.

**For studies of less than two years in duration**, an applicant must have private insurance which primarily covers the costs of medical treatment up to 100,000 euros (cost level in 2007). **If the studies last two years or longer**, a applicant will usually have a home municipality in Finland and is therefore entitled to municipal health care services. In such cases, it is sufficient for the insurance to primarily cover the cost of medicines (in practice the cover extends to doctor's fees and costs of treatment and examination), up to 30,000 euros (cost level in 2007).

For more information, please visit: <http://finland.cimo.fi/studying/practicalities/insurances.html> and <http://www.migri.fi/>

## 6.3 Accommodation

Admitted applicants are advised to apply for accommodation as soon as they receive the decision of acceptance.

The University of Eastern Finland does not offer accommodation for students. All student apartments are offered by the Kuopio Student Housing Company (KUOPAS, [www.kuopas.fi](http://www.kuopas.fi)). Kuopas is a private company and it is not part of the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus.

Kuopas offers international students reasonably priced furnished rooms in student dormitories near the University campus. **Please note that it is your responsibility to apply for accommodation. University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus does not automatically arrange accommodation for you.**

## 6.4 Student support services

### 6.4.1 Orientation Week

Orientation is a week of activities designed to introduce new international students to the academic, social and cultural life at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus and in the city of Kuopio. Although lectures and activities offered during the Orientation Week are optional, we highly recommend that you take advantage of the opportunities provided that week. Orientation is also a great chance to connect with other students and learn about the support services that we offer to you to help your succeed in your studies at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus.

### 6.4.2 Peer tutoring

International students admitted at the University of Eastern Finland will be assigned a student tutor. Tutors are senior students who are interested in international activities. Many of the tutors have also been abroad as exchange students themselves or are planning to in the future. Tutors meet the newcomers at the Kuopio airport or train/bus station on their arrival and help them in practical matters especially in the beginning of the exchange period.

### 6.4.3 Academic counseling - individual attention

The teachers and professors of the University have time for individual meetings with student. The academic coordinators in each department support our international students in academic affairs. All students studying at the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio campus will make a personal study plan (PSP). International students are also always welcome to visit the International Office with problems big and small.

## 7. CONTACT DETAILS AND USEFUL LINKS

<b>General enquiries and practical information on living and studying in Finland</b>	
Web:	<a href="http://www.uku.fi/intl/english/">http://www.uku.fi/intl/english/</a>
Contacts:	Ms. Pauliina Tamminen, Coordinator of International Student Services International Student Services E-mail: <a href="mailto:exchange@uku.fi">exchange@uku.fi</a>

### Academic or programme specific questions:

<b>Master's Degree Programme in Atmospheric-Biosphere Studies (ABS)</b>	
Web:	<a href="http://www.uku.fi/abs/">http://www.uku.fi/abs/</a>
Contacts:	Mr. Jussi Malila, Researcher Department of Physics E-mail: <a href="mailto:Jussi.Malila@uku.fi">Jussi.Malila@uku.fi</a>  Ms. Hanna Silvennoinen, Senior Assistant Department of Environmental Science E-mail: <a href="mailto:Hanna.Silvennoinen@uku.fi">Hanna.Silvennoinen@uku.fi</a>

### **International Master's Degree Programme in Environmental Biology and Biogeochemistry**

Web:	<a href="http://www.uku.fi/ebb/">http://www.uku.fi/ebb/</a>
Contacts:	Ms. Hanna Silvennoinen, Senior Assistant Department of Environmental Science E-mail: <a href="mailto:Hanna.Silvennoinen@uku.fi">Hanna.Silvennoinen@uku.fi</a> or <a href="mailto:coordinator.ebb@uku.fi">coordinator.ebb@uku.fi</a>

### **Master's Degree Programme in General Toxicology and Environmental Health Risk Assessment (ToxEn)**

Web:	<a href="http://www.uku.fi/toxen/">http://www.uku.fi/toxen/</a>
Contacts:	Ms. Päivi Mensalo, Administrative Coordinator (General Toxicology) Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Email: <a href="mailto:paivi.mensalo@uef.fi">paivi.mensalo@uef.fi</a> or <a href="mailto:coordinator.toxen@uku.fi">coordinator.toxen@uku.fi</a>  Mr. Timo Kumlin, Coordinator (Environmental Health) Department of Environmental Science Email: <a href="mailto:timo.kumlin@uku.fi">timo.kumlin@uku.fi</a> or <a href="mailto:coordinator.toxen@uku.fi">coordinator.toxen@uku.fi</a>

### **Master's Degree Programme in Health Promotion in Nursing Science (MNS)**

Web:	<a href="http://www.uku.fi/hoitot/imns/">http://www.uku.fi/hoitot/imns/</a>
Contacts:	Ms. Arja Haapakorva, Coordinator Department of Nursing Science E-mail: <a href="mailto:Arja.Haapakorva@uku.fi">Arja.Haapakorva@uku.fi</a>

### **MSc Degree Program in Molecular Medicine and Biotechnology MSc Degree Program in Neurobiology**

Web:	<a href="http://www.uku.fi/aivi/mscprograms/index.shtml">http://www.uku.fi/aivi/mscprograms/index.shtml</a>
Contacts:	Ms Kati Pulkkinen, Coordinator A.I.Virtanen Institute for Molecular Sciences E-mail: <a href="mailto:Kati.Pulkkinen@uku.fi">Kati.Pulkkinen@uku.fi</a>

### **Master's Programme in International Social Work**

Web:	<a href="http://www.uku.fi/intl/english/prospective/studies/social.shtml">http://www.uku.fi/intl/english/prospective/studies/social.shtml</a>
Contacts:	Ms Leena Leinonen, Assistant Department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy E-mail: <a href="mailto:Leena.Leinonen@uku.fi">Leena.Leinonen@uku.fi</a>

**Master's Degree Programme in Public Health (MPH)  
Master's Degree Programme (CBU) in Public Health  
Master of Public Health Nutrition (MPHN)**

Web:	<a href="http://www.publichealthkuopio.info/">http://www.publichealthkuopio.info/</a>
Contacts:	Ms Annika Männikkö, MPH Coordinator School of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition E-mail: <a href="mailto:coordinator.kansy@uku.fi">coordinator.kansy@uku.fi</a>  Ms Paola Kontro, MPH Coordinator School of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition E-mail: <a href="mailto:kansy@uku.fi">kansy@uku.fi</a>

**Master's Degree Programs in Scientific Computing (SCICOM)**

Web:	<a href="http://physics.uku.fi/mscprograms/">http://physics.uku.fi/mscprograms/</a>
Contacts:	Mr Stefanos Georgiadis, Researcher Department of physics E-mail: <a href="mailto:stefanos.georgiadis@uku.fi">stefanos.georgiadis@uku.fi</a>

**Medical Physics and Engineering (MPHYSENG)**

Web:	<a href="http://physics.uku.fi/mscprograms/">http://physics.uku.fi/mscprograms/</a>
Contacts:	Mr Ossi Riekkinen, Researcher Department of physics E-mail: <a href="mailto:Ossi.Riekkinen@uku.fi">Ossi.Riekkinen@uku.fi</a>

**Useful links:**

Centre for International Mobility (CIMO) <http://www.cimo.fi>

Discover Finland <http://finland.cimo.fi/Finnish>

Info bank <http://www.infopankki.fi/>

National Board of Education <http://www.oph.fi/english>

Virtual Finland <http://virtual.finland.fi/>

Visit Finland <http://www.visitfinland.com/>

Weather in Finland <http://www.fmi.fi/en/index.html>

City of Kuopio <http://www.kuopio.fi/englishhome.nsf>