



WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU Finland

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TURUN YLIOPISTO
UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

ACADEMIC HERITAGE IN TURKU SINCE 1640

Royal Academy of Turku – Academia Aboensis
(1640–1828)

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU
the first Finnish-language University 1920



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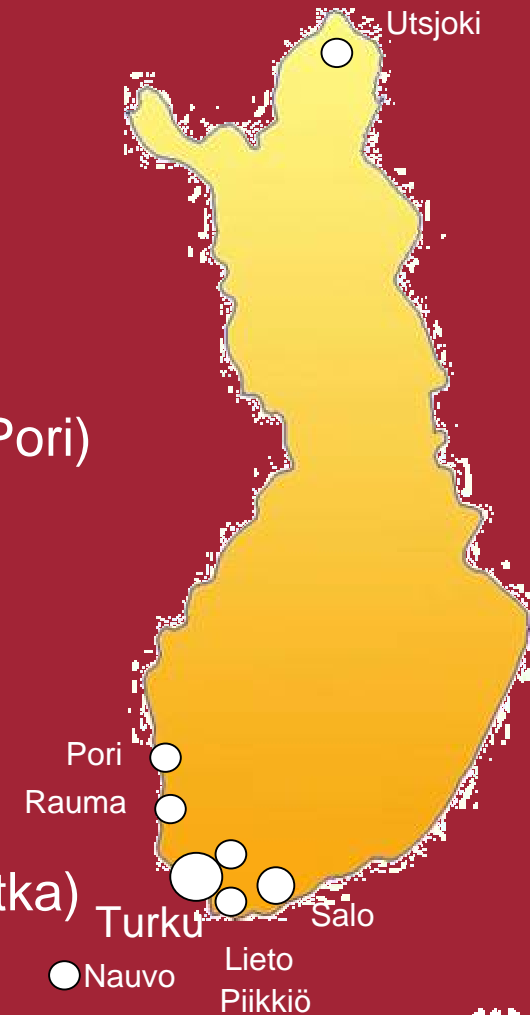
Among the TOP 100 universities
in Europe and
among the TOP 300 universities
in the world*

**THES – QS World University Rankings 2007*



UNIVERSITY SITES IN FINLAND

- Turku
- Environmental Research Centre
 - Kevo Subarctic Research Institute (Utsjoki)
 - Satakunta Environmental Research Centre (Pori)
 - Archipelago Research Institute (Seili, Nauvo)
- Dept. of Teacher Education in Rauma
- Tuorla Observatory (Piikkiö)
- School of Cultural Production and Landscape Studies (Pori)
- Centre for Maritime Studies (Pori, Rauma & Kotka)
- Department of Information Technology (Salo)
- Vanhalinna Museum (Lieto)



18,000 STUDENTS

14,000 Degree Students,
2,000 Doctoral Students &
2,000 Non-degree Students

3,000 EMPLOYEES

OVER 1,000

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

from 78 countries



FACULTIES

Humanities

Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Medicine

Law

Social Science

Education



SPECIAL UNITS

Centre for Maritime Studies

Functional Foods Forum

Environmental Research Centre

Research Unit for the Sociology of Education, RUSE

Turku Centre for Biotechnology

Turku PET Centre

Turku Centre for Computer Science

Centre for Extension Studies

Language Centre

Library



AREAS OF STRENGTH IN RESEARCH

Biosciences

Mathematical Research

Research in Processes Related to the Interaction of Culture and Society

Astronomy and Space Research

Research in Learning and Education



NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE
designated by the Academy of Finland
coordinated by the University of Turku:

Evolutionary Genetics and Physiology (2006-2011)

Translational Genome-Scale Biology (2006-2011)

Integrative Photosynthesis and Bioactive Compound Research at Systems
Biology Level (2008-2013)

Host Defence Research (2008-2013)

Public Choice Research (2008-2013)

Molecular Imaging in Cardiovascular and Metabolic Research (2008-2013)

NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE designated by the Academy of Finland

in cooperation with the University of Turku:

Plant Signal Research (2006-2011)

Global Governance Research (2006-2011)

Foundations of European Law Polity Research (2008-2013)



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SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS in 2007

Total 2,773

72% of which in international publications

12 scientific publications per professor



GRADUATE SCHOOLS 2008

15 National Graduate Schools funded by the
Ministry of Education

7 Graduate Schools funded by the
University



**Centres of Excellence in University
Education 2007–2009 designated by the
Finnish Ministry of Education**

Faculty of Law

Psychology

School of Art, Literature and Music

**National University of Excellence in Adult
Education for 2007–2009**

National Coordination of Education Networks

Psykonet (Psychology Education)

East and Southeast Asian University Network

DEGREES in 2007

1,175 Master's degrees

614 Bachelor's degrees

138 Doctoral degrees



ACTIVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH-WEST FINLAND

as well as the Finnish
scientific and cultural domain



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ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

research projects and programmes
global academic networks
student & staff exchanges
joint curriculum development



Coimbra Group

An association of long-established European multidisciplinary universities of high international standard, founded in 1985 in Coimbra

38 members including universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Lyon, Prague, Bologna, Uppsala, Barcelona, Tartu

University of Turku invited to join the Group in 1996



Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN)

Founded in 2000 in Turku by 17 universities in the Baltic Sea Region

39 member universities by 2007

Supporting joint research projects and information exchange

Encouraging student and staff mobility

Coordinated by the University of Turku



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Member of Nordic Centres in Asia & Africa

Nordic Centre at the University of Fudan (Shanghai, China)

Nordic Centre SANORD (at the Western Cape University, South Africa)



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY in 2007

376 Finnish students left on exchange programmes*,
Germany, Spain, France, Sweden, Great Britain and Sweden as
the most popular destinations

295 Foreign students arrived here as exchange students*,
the majority of them from Germany, France, Spain and Italy.

* *More than three months*



A WIDE RANGE OF NON-DEGREE STUDIES

in English for exchange students

e.g.

Baltic Sea Region Studies

Finnish-Nordic Society and Culture

European Studies

North-American Studies

East Asian Studies

Development Studies

Environmental Sciences, Bioinformatics, Information Technology



INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDIES

The number of International Master's Degree Programmes has increased from five (2005) to nine (2008)

Over 1,500 applications from over 60 countries (2008)

Online application since 2007

Application from January 1 – April 15
(individual deadlines depending on the programme)



INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES 2008

Asian Studies

Baltic Sea Region Studies

Bioinformatics

Environmental Sciences

European Heritage, Digital Media and the Information Society

Information Technology

Institutions and Social Mechanisms

Learning, Learning Environments and Educational Systems

Finnish and Other Finno-Ugric Languages (in Finnish)



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SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCING MOBILITY TO TURKU

Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation
Window

for Russians www.utu.fi/iii

for mobility from India, Nepal, Pakistan and

Sri Lanka www.mrtc.mdh.se/eureca



EXCELLENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Student tutors

Orientation week

Academic contact persons

International coordinators in faculties

Extensive Language Centre services

Well equipped libraries & computer services



REASONABLY PRICED ACCOMODATION

Close to the campus

All the services nearby

Built and designed for students

Up-to-date standards

with e.g. Internet-access



ACTIVE STUDENT UNION

run by students – for students!

Starting packages

Counselling services

Events and activities

International degree students network



CITY OF TURKU Today

a modern ambitious city
with 170,000 inhabitants and
with the largest cluster of
bioscience and IT
in the Nordic countries



FAMOUS FOR VIBRANT STUDENT LIFE

Three universities, 4 polytechnics, active student unions and altogether over 40,000 students guarantee action 24 hours a day



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Within easy reach
THE UNIQUE
TURKU ARCHIPELAGO

Fascinating and interesting opportunities
for excursions and travelling



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