International students typically choose the University of Helsinki because of the excellent reputation for high-quality research and teaching. The University of Helsinki offers a wide range of programmes taught in English. Helsinki is a very safe, modern, and green city with half a million friendly folks. Everything here is within easy reach and things work here. Helsinki is a good place to explore the cool urban culture, surrounding nature and the sea that makes its presence felt everywhere in Helsinki.

Location
Finland, Helsinki

How to Get There
By air
You can find flights from Cork to Helsinki via London. They will be operated by Aer Lingus, British Airways or Finnair. There are several ways to transfer from the airport to the Helsinki city centre. The best option is probably taking the bus. HSL bus 615 or 620 (depending on your time schedule) is easy and affordable.
The trip to central railway station costs 5€ and takes some 33-43 minutes. The bus runs every 30 minutes between 05:00 and 03:55.

How to Apply
All students will need to complete an admission application form. Information regarding the application process is available at https://www.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies.

Application Deadlines:
Academic Year or Autumn Semester: 15th May
Spring Semester: 15th October

Modules/Subjects
Click here to view information regarding modules/subjects offered to Erasmus students at the University of Helsinki.

International degree students are strongly advised to learn at least the basics of either Finnish or Swedish – preferably at the beginning of their studies. You should go to the University of Helsinki Language Centre to find out more about these courses if you are interested.

Grading System
As a rule of thumb, passing an examination requires obtaining 50% of the maximum points in the examination. There is almost no grade inflation in Finland and GPAs of over 4.0 are rare. In fact, it is not uncommon that any given examination is failed - or passed with grade 1 - by most students.

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Academic Calendar
Click here to view the academic calendar.

Autumn Term
End of August – End of December
Spring Term
Early January – End of May

Welcome Day and Orientation Week

Your studies at the University of Helsinki begin with the Orientation Week. The week includes the Welcome Fair, your faculty’s own orientation meetings and tutoring. You need to take part in all three! Please note that orientation usually takes place at the end of August. You should then plan to arrive in Finland.

For further information, you can click [here](#).

Accommodation

Exchange students coming through an official exchange programme apply for housing through a separate housing application in the Mobility Online application system. Applicants fill in one housing application in Mobility Online for both Unihome and Hoas locations. To find out more about accommodation, click [here](#).

Estimated Costs

Erasmus students do not pay registration/tuition fees to the host university. Travel expenses and living costs, however, are covered by each student. See the table below for estimated expenses students might have while living abroad. Please note that these are just rough estimates and will vary for each student, depending on their personal needs and choices.

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Extracurricular Activities

Student life is an important part of your experience at the University of Helsinki. The best way to make most of your student life is to be part of the active community of students, the Student Union of University of Helsinki (HYY). All degree students are members of HYY and exchange students are welcome and encouraged to join, too. HYY provides its 28 000 members with various membership benefits and services, advocacy work and several events throughout the year.

For further information, click [here](#).