



Guide  
for those  
interested in  
remote higher  
education

# ENERGISED

by competence

Study a degree online • Open studies • Path & pathway studies



Study, live,  
and engage in  
hobbies – right  
where you live

## Information about the project and the guide

The project **“Tapahtumaosaamisella virtaa seutukaupunkeihin”** develops the event organisation skills of associations, sports clubs and other actors to better meet today’s requirements and to utilise digital opportunities in event communication and implementation.

The project highlights the strengths of the sub-regions by providing options for leisure, housing, entrepreneurship and studying.

## Study in higher education anytime, anywhere

There are several ways to study online. Here, you can learn more about the different options for studying online in Finland.

**The purpose of this guide is to raise awareness of the opportunities to study at a university regardless of where you live.**



Free

## Studying for a degree online


Higher education independent of time and place has become increasingly popular. It is now possible to complete a number of higher education degrees online for which the programmes are applied to in the joint application.

You can apply to both universities of applied sciences and universities in the joint application to higher education. The joint application is organised three times a year, twice in spring and once in autumn.

For the majority of study programmes, you can only apply in the 2<sup>nd</sup> spring joint application. The number of programmes available in the autumn application period is significantly lower.

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Find out when the study programmes that interest you are available in the joint application.



Some courses  
and modules are  
free of charge

Free

Tuition fee

## Open UAS and Open University

Several universities of applied sciences offer non-stop courses and modules that are open to everyone and are available year-round. Some of these courses are conducted fully online.

The studies completed at **Open UAS** can be recognised if you continue your studies towards a degree at the same UAS. Before transferring to another UAS, you should check the equivalence of your studies at the new institution.

At **Open University**, you can study the courses belonging to university degrees in the same way as with Open UAS, regardless of your location, age or educational background. Almost all universities offer Open University courses. Open University courses follow the university's curricula, which means that the credits can later be approved as part of your degree studies.

You can enrol for Open UAS and Open University studies on the websites of the universities. Students are usually admitted in the order of enrolment. Some studies may have certain admission requirements with regards to prior learning or studies. Tuition fees vary depending on the institution. Some courses and modules are free of charge.

# Application periods and enrolment for higher education







**Not selected as  
a degree student in  
the joint application?  
Check out  
path studies!**

#### Tuition fee


## Path studies

Path studies refer to studying at a university of applied sciences together with a group of degree students through Open UAS.

Path studies are mainly first or second-year UAS studies. Path studies are arranged as daytime, online or multiform studies. After completing the path studies, students can apply as a degree student through separate application. There is a tuition fee for path studies.

There is a limited number of study places available for path students, which are mainly filled in the order of enrolment. Some path studies may have other application criteria, such as required previous studies (Master's degree programmes). In some degree programmes, admission to path studies requires the completion of a selection course, an advance assignment or a motivation letter.

Path studies are also a good option if you were not selected as a degree student in the joint application.



Start higher education studies during upper secondary education.

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## Pathway studies

Pathway studies offer upper secondary school students the opportunity to begin pursuing higher education while still in upper secondary school or a vocational institution.

During pathway studies, students complete Open UAS studies online or on campus. After completing the pathway study programme and upper secondary education, students can apply for degree studies at a UAS through the open path separate application without an entrance exam.

Pathway studies provide a new route to higher education.



# More information and links

Lifelong learning is worthwhile!



## Opportunities for pursuing a higher education degree online (UAS and University)

[studentum.fi/koulutushaku/etaopiskelu?languageId=1](https://studentum.fi/koulutushaku/etaopiskelu?languageId=1)



## Information about open studies

Open studies offer teaching that is carried out based on the higher education institution's own syllabus. Open studies are open to everyone regardless of education and age. You can study according to individual study units or bigger study modules.

[opintopolku.fi/konfo/en/sivu/open-studies](https://opintopolku.fi/konfo/en/sivu/open-studies)

## Opin.fi

[Opin.fi](https://opin.fi/) / [digivisio2030.fi/en/opin/](https://digivisio2030.fi/en/opin/)

Opin.fi is a website that gathers all the open studies offered by Finnish higher education institutions in one place. It offers anyone interested in higher education an opportunity for continuous learning: regardless of time, place or circumstances. Opin.fi is under development and will become available to all learners in 2025.



## Information about the study options at SAMK

[www.samk.fi/en/apply-to-study/](https://www.samk.fi/en/apply-to-study/)



## Subscribe to SAMK's Continuous Learning newsletter

[newsletter.samk.fi](https://newsletter.samk.fi)





# Pursue higher education studies online anytime, anywhere

The purpose of this guide is to raise awareness of the opportunities to study at university, regardless of where you live and how old you are.

Explore the different options and take a step towards new studies!

There are  
several ways to  
study online



The European Agricultural Fund  
for Rural Development:  
Europe investing in rural areas

