

Opasraportti

FHum - Study Guide: General information (2019 - 2020)

Faculty of Humanities

Instruction at the Humanities at the University of Oulu first started within the Faculty of Philosophy. The current Faculty of Humanities opened in 1972.

The Faculty educates experts in the fields of languages, culture, and history. The Faculty offers three degree programmes with 14 major subjects. Over 1,500 students are currently enrolled at the Faculty, studying for a Bachelor or Master of Arts degree.

The Faculty of Humanities trains Bachelors of Arts, Masters of Arts, and Licentiates in Philosophy. Doctoral education at the University of Oulu is conducted by the University of Oulu Graduate School (UniOGS). See <http://www.oulu.fi/uniogs>.

Degree Programmes, Major Subjects and Subsidiary Subjects

There are three degree programmes in the faculty. Each programme has one or several major subjects.

Degree Programme in History, Culture and Communication

- Archaeology
- History
- History of Science and Ideas
- Information Studies
- Cultural Anthropology
- Saami Culture
- Science Communication (Master Level Studies)

Degree Programme in Languages and Literature

- English Philology
- German Philology
- Literature
- Swedish Language
- Saami Language (North Saami and Inari Saami)
- Finnish Language

Degree Programme in Logopedics

- Logopedics

Subsidiary subjects

The faculty offers following subsidiary subjects, all of which are available at least as a Basic Studies (BS) package, and some of which are also available as Intermediate (IS) and Advanced Studies (AS) packages.

- Ancient Languages and Culture (BS + IS)
- Film Studies (BS + IS)

- Future Studies (BS + IS)
- Philosophy (BS + IS)
- Environmental Studies in the Humanities (BS)
- Japanese Studies (BS + IS)
- Museology (BS)
- French Language (BS + IS)
- Saami as Foreign Language (BS + IS)
- Scandinavian Studies (BS)
- Finnish as Second Language (BS + IS)
- Communications (BS)
- General Linguistics (BS + IS)

Degree programmes' joint study packages

The degree programmes have three joint study packages. Students can complete an entire package to form a subsidiary subject, or take individual courses.

- Digital Humanities (BS)
- International Business Communication (BS)
- Working Life Studies (BS)

Important study terms

Abbreviations

BA = Bachelor of Arts

MA = Master of Arts

PHL = Licentiate

PHD = Doctorate

ECTS credit = European Credit Transfer System

BS = Basic Studies

IS = Intermediate Studies

AS = Advanced Studies

at = autumn term

st = spring term

ay = academic year

dp = degree programme

Degree Structure

Students are typically accepted to complete both the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts degrees in one of the three degree programmes.

As their first degree, students complete a Bachelor of Arts, which is the lower level degree. Its scope is a minimum of 180 ECTS credits but no more than 190 ECTS credits. The Master of Arts is the higher level degree and can be taken after the lower level degree is completed. Its scope is a minimum of 120 ECTS credits and no more than 130 ECTS credits. Studies in the Bachelor's degree are structured to allow a fulltime student to complete the degree in three years (60 ECTS credits per year). Studies in the Master of Arts can be completed in two years (60 ECTS credits per year).

Registration

In order to study at the University of Oulu, all students in lower and higher level degrees programmes and all doctoral students are required to register annually at the University.

University registration is arranged at the start of the academic year, when students register as either present or absent for the autumn and spring semesters. Only students registered as present can pursue their studies. If a student of the University does not register as either present or absent by the registration deadline, the student loses the right of study at the University for the academic year. To be re-granted the right of study, the student must pay a fee of 35 Euros before registering; this concerns all students, including postgraduate students.

Detailed information about registering online: <https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/annual-registration>.

Duration of Degree Studies

Students selected to study both a lower and a higher level degree are required to complete their degree studies at maximum two years beyond the determined duration of the combined degrees. Students with the study right for a lower level (Bachelor's) degree are required to complete their degree one year beyond the normal duration of that degree. Students with the study right to a higher level degree must complete their degree studies within two years after the normal duration of the degree.

The duration of studies does not include leave due to voluntary/conscription military service or maternity, paternity or parental leave. The duration of studies does not include absences of a maximum of two terms for which the student has registered herself or himself as absent.

ECTS Credit System

Studies are measured in ECTS credits. Each module has a number of ECTS credits that corresponds to the work load required to pass the module. To complete one academic year, the required workload totals approximately 1,600 hours, which corresponds to 60 ECTS credits. Accordingly, one credit is approximately the equivalent of 27 hours of academic studies.

Study Packages

Major and subsidiary subject studies consist of study packages. The first study stage is the Basic Studies package, with a scope of 25 ECTS credits. The Basic Studies are followed by the Intermediate Studies package, with a scope of 45 ECTS credits for major studies and 35 ECTS credits for subsidiary studies. A thesis of 10 ECTS credits is mandatory for major studies. The overall scope for the Advanced Studies package is 80 ECTS credits, of which 40 ECTS credits (in logopedics 30 ECTS cr and in science communication 35 ECTS cr) are awarded for the Master's thesis.

Major subject

Students are typically selected directly into their major subject. In Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology, in History and History of Science and Ideas and in Literature and Finnish Language students choose their major subject during their first academic year.

Degrees only include one major subject; all other subjects are subsidiary subjects. The smallest possible study package for subsidiary subjects is 25 ECTS credits (Basic Studies). In some cases a smaller study package can be accepted as a subsidiary subject.

Subsidiary subjects

Subsidiary subjects form nearly 60% of the Candidate's degree and about one-third of the Master's degree. Students familiarize themselves with the subsidiary subject options when putting together their personal study plan (PSP).

A subsidiary subject consists of a Basic Studies package of 25 ECTS credits or equivalent. A Candidate's degree requires at least 25 ECTS credits of Basic Studies in at least one subject, but it is recommendable to also complete an Intermediate Studies package of 35 ECTS credits in a subsidiary subject.

Joint Studies, Language and Communication Studies

The Bachelor of Arts includes Joint Studies and compulsory Language and Communication studies. These are, among others, native language studies (Finnish/Swedish), the second national language studies (Swedish/Finnish) and studies in one foreign language. Additionally, there may be other required Language and Communication studies, depending on the degree programme and major subject.

Other, optional Studies

Degrees may include study modules which do not form a coherent study package. These can be, for example, additional language studies or study modules completed at another Finnish university or abroad.

Evaluation of Modules and Study Packages

Studies are evaluated using a numerical grading scale of 1–5 in which

0 = Failed

1 = Sufficient

2 = Satisfactory

3 = Good

4 = Very good

5 = Excellent

Moreover, the evaluation Pass/Fail may be used.

Study modules and packages are evaluated on the above numerical scale so that the degree diploma denotes the grade numerically and cites a verbal evaluation, for example *very good* (4).

The overall grade for study units is achieved by calculating the total number of credits on a weighted average in the following manner:

Sufficient (1) = 1.00–1.49

Satisfactory (2) = 1.50–2.49

Good (3) = 2.50–3.49

Very good (4) = 3.50–4.49

Excellent (5) = 4.50–5.00

The grade for the Master's Thesis is not calculated in the overall grade for the Advanced Studies package. Evaluation of the Thesis is explained in more detail in the section on the Master's Thesis and Thesis in a Subsidiary Subject.

Study Register Oodi

Oodi is the electronic study registry which supports the student's studies and instruction.

Students may access their Oodi registry by using the WebOodi interface. This system can be used to check personal details, change or add contact details, register to the University, sign-up for modules, sign-up for examinations, browse completed studies and order a transcript of records.

All completed studies are registered in Oodi.

Other student information systems

Tuudo: <https://www.tuudo.fi/etusivu.html>

Degree Programme in History, Culture and Communication

The major subjects are

- Archaeology
- History
- History of Science and Ideas
- Information Studies
- Cultural Anthropology
- Saami Culture

BA degree in History, Culture and Communication

The minimum scope of the Bachelor of Arts degree is 180 ECTS credits, the maximum being 190.

Upon completion of the Bachelor's Degree, the students

- Have obtained the qualifications to work in jobs in their field of study.
- Know the fundamentals of their major and subsidiary subjects and are able to follow and interpret the developments of their major subject as well as its significance in society.
- Have the ability to advance their studying skills as well as take responsibility of their own work.
- Can apply scholarly work methods in interpretation, deduction and reporting of information.
- Are able to use their communication skills and acquired knowledge in the jobs of their field of study according to working norms in the field.
- Are able to communicate with their native language (Finnish or Swedish) and with the second official language (Swedish or Finnish) as well as with one foreign language.

Students are qualified to proceed to complete the Master's Degree in their major subject and they possess the education qualifications needed for the higher university degree as well as the qualifications of continuing learning.

The Bachelor's Degree includes:

Studies in major subject (70 ECTS cr)

- Basic studies 25 ECTS cr
- Intermediate studies 45 ECTS cr (including a Seminar and Bachelor's Thesis of 10 ECTS cr and a Maturity Test based on the Bachelor's Thesis)

Studies in subsidiary subject/subjects

- must include Basic Studies (25 ECTS cr) in at least one subsidiary subject
- scope and number of subsidiary subjects are decided according to the major subject and the student's own aims

Language and Communication studies (approx. 15 ECTS cr)

- the scope varies according to the student's major and subsidiary subjects
- compulsory studies are composed of studies in student's native language (Finnish or Swedish) (5 ECTS credits), the second official language (5 ECTS credits) and foreign language (5 ECTS credits) as well as the Orientation Course for New Students (0 ECTS credits)

Degree program's joint studies

- the scope varies according to the student's major

MA degree in History, Culture and Communication

The minimum scope of the Master of Arts degree is 120 ECTS credits, the maximum being 130 ECTS credits.

Upon completion of the Master's Degree, the students:

- Know the fundamental aspects of the scholarly discourse of their field of study and are able to use this discourse in order to structure and interpret data on a practical level as well as to communicate the information to others when required.
- Are able to distinguish between academic thinking and everyday thinking, and are able to independently produce new scholarly knowledge when required.
- Are capable of doing challenging independent work that requires analytical skills, creativity and ethical evaluation, are able work as experts in various kinds of groups and organizations.
- Are able to plan and execute profound projects for searching for and applying information as well as producing new academic knowledge.
- Understand the essential aspects of their subsidiary subjects and are able to follow and interpret the scholarly discourse of these subjects and their wider societal significance.
- Are able to communicate fluently in their native language, orally and in writing, with people from their own field of study as well as with people outside of the field.
- Are able to communicate and interact in international settings in their own field with the second official language as well as with at least one foreign language.

The Master's degree consists of

Studies in major subject

- Advanced Studies, 80 ECTS cr, including a Master's Thesis (40 ECTS cr) and a Maturity Test based on the topic of the Master's Thesis.

Supporting studies

- studies in subsidiary subject(s), Language and Communication studies, training or other studies

A Master's Degree can also be completed in the Master's Degree Programme in Science Communication, which consists of 120 ECTS credits of studies in Science Communication. The studies include a Master's Thesis and the Seminar (35 ECTS credits).

Degree Programme in Languages and Literature

The major subjects are

- English Philology
- German Philology
- Literature
- Swedish Language
- Saami Language (Inari Saami or North Saami)
- Finnish Language

BA degree in Languages and Literature

The minimum scope of the Bachelor of Arts degree is 180 ECTS credits, the maximum being 190.

Upon completion of the Bachelor's Degree, the students

- Have obtained the qualifications to work in jobs in their field of study.
- Know the fundamentals of their major and subsidiary subjects and are able to follow and interpret the developments of their major subject as well as its significance in society.
- Have the ability to advance their studying skills as well as take responsibility of their own work.
- Can apply scholarly work methods in interpretation, deduction and reporting of information.
- Are able to use their communication skills and acquired knowledge in the jobs of their field of study according to working norms in the field.

- Are able to communicate with their native language (Finnish or Swedish) and with the second official language (Swedish or Finnish) as well as with one foreign language.
- Students are qualified to proceed to complete the Master's Degree in their major subject and they possess the education qualifications needed for the higher university degree as well as the qualifications of continuing learning.

The Bachelor's Degree includes

Studies in major subject (70 ECTS cr)

- Basic studies 25 ECTS cr
- Intermediate studies 45 ECTS cr (including a Seminar and Bachelor's Thesis of 10 ECTS cr and a Maturity Test based on the Bachelor's Thesis)

Studies in subsidiary subject/subjects

- must include Basic Studies (25 ECTS cr) in at least one subsidiary subject
- scope and number of subsidiary subjects are decided according to the major subject and the student's own aims

Language and Communication studies (approx. 15 ECTS cr)

- the scope varies according to the student's major and subsidiary subjects
- compulsory studies are composed of studies in student's native language (Finnish or Swedish) (5 ECTS credits), the second official language (5 ECTS credits) and foreign language (5 ECTS credits) as well as the Orientation Course for New Students (0 ECTS credits)

Degree program's joint studies

- the scope varies according to the student's major

MA degree in Languages and Literature

The minimum scope of the Master of Arts degree is 120 ECTS credits, the maximum being 130 ECTS credits.

Upon completion of the Master's Degree, the students:

- Know the fundamental aspects of the scholarly discourse of their field of study and are able to use this discourse in order to structure and interpret data on a practical level as well as to communicate the information to others when required.
- Are able to distinguish between academic thinking and everyday thinking, and are able to independently produce new scholarly knowledge when required.
- Are capable of doing challenging independent work that requires analytical skills, creativity and ethical evaluation, are able work as experts in various kinds of groups and organizations.
- Are able to plan and execute profound projects for searching for and applying information as well as producing new academic knowledge.
- Understand the essential aspects of their subsidiary subjects and are able to follow and interpret the scholarly discourse of these subjects and their wider societal significance.
- Are able to communicate fluently in their native language, orally and in writing, with people from their own field of study as well as with people outside of the field.
- Are able to communicate and interact in international settings in their own field with the second official language as well as with at least one foreign language.

Studies in major subject

- Advanced Studies, 80 ECTS cr, including a Master's Thesis (40 ECTS cr) and a Maturity Test based on the topic of the Master's Thesis.

Supporting studies

- studies in subsidiary subject(s), Language and Communication studies, training or other studies

Degree programme in Logopedics

BA degree in Logopedics

The minimum scope of the Bachelor of Arts degree is 180 ECTS credits, the maximum being 190.

Upon completion of the Bachelor's Degree, the students

- Have obtained the qualifications to work in jobs in their field of study.
- Know the fundamentals of their major and subsidiary subjects and are able to follow and interpret the developments of their major subject as well as its significance in society.
- Have the ability to advance their studying skills as well as take responsibility of their own work.
- Can apply scholarly work methods in interpretation, deduction and reporting of information.
- Are able to use their communication skills and acquired knowledge in the jobs of their field of study according to working norms in the field.
- Are able to communicate with their native language (Finnish or Swedish) and with the second official language (Swedish or Finnish) as well as with one foreign language.
- Students are qualified to proceed to complete the Master's Degree in their major subject and they possess the education qualifications needed for the higher university degree as well as the qualifications of continuing learning.

The Bachelor's Degree includes in total 108 ECTS credits of studies in the student's major subject (Basic studies 25 ECTS credits and Intermediate Studies 84 ECTS credits). The Intermediate Studies include a Seminar and Bachelor's Thesis of 10 ECTS credits in total scope. Students write a Maturity Test based on their Bachelor's Thesis. No ECTS credits are awarded for the Maturity Test.

Compulsory subsidiary subjects are Linguistics and Phonetics (10 ECTS cr), Psychology (25 ECTS cr) and Statistics (5 ECTS cr).

The scope of language and communication studies is 15 ECTS cr as follows.

- Speech Therapist as Communicator
- Second Official Language
- Academic Communication for Humanities

MA degree in Logopedics

The minimum scope of the Master of Arts degree is 120 ECTS credits, the maximum being 130 ECTS credits.

The degree consists of Advanced Studies in the major subject and other supporting studies. Supporting studies can be studies in subsidiary subject(s), Language and Communication studies, training or other studies.

The scope of the Advanced Studies in the major subject is at least 110 ECTS credits, which includes a Master's Thesis with a scope of 30 ECTS credits.

A Maturity Test based on the topic of the Master's Thesis is also a part of the compulsory studies in the Master's degree. No ECTS credits are awarded for the Maturity Test.

Upon completion of the Master's Degree, the students:

- Know the fundamental aspects of the scholarly discourse of their field of study and are able to use this discourse in order to structure and interpret data on a practical level as well as to communicate the information to others when required.
- Are able to distinguish between academic thinking and everyday thinking, and are able to independently produce new scholarly knowledge when required.
- Are capable of doing challenging independent work that requires analytical skills, creativity and ethical evaluation, are able work as experts in various kinds of groups and organizations.
- Are able to plan and execute profound projects for searching for and applying information as well as producing new academic knowledge.
- Understand the essential aspects of their subsidiary subjects and are able to follow and interpret the scholarly discourse of these subjects and their wider societal significance.
- Are able to communicate fluently in their native language, orally and in writing, with people from their own field of study as well as with people outside of the field.
- Are able to communicate and interact in international settings in their own field with the second official language as well as with at least one foreign language.

Studying at the Faculty of Humanities

Student counselling

The University of Oulu offers various services to support students in their studies. All of these services have been compiled online at <https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/studysupport>.

The University of Oulu arranges **student tutoring** for all incoming students. The tutoring begins on the first day of studies and lasts for the first autumn term. The **tutors** themselves are experienced students of the same degree programme and have been trained for the task by the University. In groups of about ten the new students will become familiar with the day-to-day norms of their own field, faculty and the entire university, and, most importantly, their fellow students as well as the city of Oulu.

At least one personal **teacher tutor** has been designated for every degree programme or major subject in every faculty in the University of Oulu. The teacher tutor's role is to help students in planning and evaluating the progress of their studies. They familiarize students with studies and occupational aspects in their own field, as well as help with important questions about future career prospects.

In the Faculty of Humanities, every teacher (professor, lecturer etc.) provides guidance and counselling on the issues related to studies in their subject.

In more general concerns regarding for example the structure of studies, recognition of prior learning (RPL), international student exchange, compiling the study packages and graduation students receive guidance from the Faculty of Humanities' [Academic Affairs Service Team](#) (Secretaries, Education Designers and Lead Specialist).

Personal Study Plan (PSP)

Every student prepares a personal study plan (PSP) which contains the contents, extent and duration of their studies. The degree structure of a student's degree programme is used as the basis of the study plan. The PSP helps students stay on schedule and advance in their studies. The plan must be updated as their studies progress.

For more information, visit <https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/personal-study-plan>.

Teaching periods

In the University of Oulu, the academic year is divided into periods. Dates for periods are as follows:

- Period 1, weeks 36-43
- Period 2, weeks 44-51
- Period 3, weeks 2-10
- Period 4, weeks 11-19
- Intensive period, weeks 20-22

Summer term, weeks 23-36

The week prior the 1st period is an orientation week for the first-year students. After the 4th period there is an intensive period meant for multidisciplinary modules, teaching given by visiting teachers, and intensive courses. In the Faculty of Humanities, the last week of periods 1 and 3 is reserved for an independent study.

General methods of studying

Different subjects employ various forms of teaching, studying and examination, appropriate to the needs of the given subject. The teaching, studying and assessment methods and criteria are announced in the course descriptions in WebOodi and are elaborated on at the beginning of any given course. Alternative methods of completion may be discussed in person with the teacher responsible for a specific course.

Examination conventions

Lectures and exercises are often accompanied by a formal written examination. The different examination dates of the Faculty include those open for all students (faculty dates) as well as subject-specific and course-specific dates. Students have at least two chances to retake any examination. In general, students must register for examinations in the WebOodi environment at least *ten days before* the examination takes place. The Faculty's examination dates are announced annually at <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/general-exam>.

University of Oulu provides form of taking exams with flexible hours in a camera supervised environment, Examinarium. Students can make a reservation for electronic exams and take exams in an electronic exam room and also get information on grade and feedback in Exam-system. It is possible for a student to take an exam after teacher has created and published an exam in Exam-system. Examinarium is located in TL 102, on Fysiikankatu.

More information: <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/e-exam>

Ethics of studying

The touchstone of study ethics is the expectation that students complete their courses by themselves or as an active part of a work group. Unethical behaviour, such as misrepresentation, distortion of facts, appropriation and borrowing without permission, is wholly unacceptable in a Finnish university. Unethical behaviour in one's university studies is a breach of the law and societal norms. Aided by advances in modern technology, students may easily be tempted to e.g. present an article they found online as their own. Online articles should always be cited as accurately as any traditional printed source. The University of Oulu has a set of instructions that are used in dealing with academic offences. See <https://www oulu.fi/external/Code-of-conduct-for-the-prevention-and-processing-of-misconduct-in-studies-at-University-of-Oulu-2018.pdf>.

Invalidation of studies

When a student continues on to the next academically hierarchical level, they may be required to supplement completed *study packages* that are older than ten years. The ECTS credits from supplemental studies will either go into one of the student's study packages or into the 'other studies'. Students may also be required to update any *courses* older than five years that are part of an unfinished study package, at the discretion of the department. Individual degree programmes may define a period shorter than five years for any given course in the study guide, in which case students must complete studies equivalent to such courses in order to update the invalidated courses. Courses over five years old that are not accepted as part of any study package are accepted to in the student's 'other studies'.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) refers to the set practices by which previously acquired skills and competencies may be identified, assessed and formally acknowledged. These competencies may have been acquired through formal studies or a variety of non-formal or informal means, including life- and work experience.

Students may receive partial or complete credit for previous learning, if they can show that they meet the learning outcomes of the course or study module for which they desire accreditation. This can be done through self-assessment, documentation or other demonstration of skills and knowledge.

Prior learning is identified and assessed for relevance against the learning outcomes of the course and/or degree, or elements thereof, for which credit is being sought. Credit given for acknowledged prior learning facilitates the progression of studies by eliminating redundancy.

RPL should be part of the student's study planning and personal study plan (PSP).

Students are expected to take the initiative as regards RPL. A description of the process, among other relevant information, is available at <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/rpl>.

Bachelor's Thesis

The Bachelor's Thesis is a seminar paper produced in a Bachelor's Seminar in which the student has presented a precise research question and worked with it by applying the existing academic research. The scope of the Thesis is 10 ECTS credits. It is evaluated by the instructor of the Seminar. Detailed instructions and learning outcomes for the Thesis can be found in curriculum of each degree programme.

Maturity Test in Bachelor's Degree

In the Maturity Test, students demonstrate their familiarity with the subject of their Bachelor's Thesis and demonstrate their language skills either in Finnish or Swedish.

Students whose native language is something other than Finnish or Swedish write the Maturity Test in their native language or in the language of their thesis. The Maturity Test can be written in a native language only in the case that this language is represented at the University.

The Maturity Test for the Bachelor's Degree is written in Examinarium. The length of the Maturity Test is about 500 words. The answer should be of essay-type, analytical and a coherent discussion about the topic of the thesis, in which students present and analyse the data of their research, research methods and results. No ECTS credits are awarded for the Maturity Test.

For further information, please visit <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/node/60474>.

Language proficiency requirements for students who received their primary education in a language other than Finnish or Swedish

Finnish language skills

Students must reach the level A2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages taught in the Finnish language. This requires that students take elementary courses and the course Intermediate Finnish course 1 in Language and Communication unit. For

Maturity Test

Students write the Maturity Test in their native language or in the language of their thesis. The Maturity Test can be written in the student's native language if this language is represented at the University.

Foreign language skills

Students must demonstrate a command of at least one foreign language (not the language of primary education).

Master's Thesis

For a Master's degree, students write a Master's Thesis which is included in the Advanced Studies of their subject of major. The scope of the thesis is 40 ECTS credits (in Logopedics 30 cr, in Science Communication 35 cr).

The aim of the Master's Thesis is to develop the skills needed for conducting a research study. These skills include:

- Ability to search for information independently.
- Analysis and critical assessment of the existing research.
- Independent production and application of knowledge

Master's Thesis must demonstrate the student's:

- Skills to define and address the chosen research question.
- Capacity to think academically.
- Command of theories and research methods required in the thesis.
- Familiarity with the topic of the thesis and the research literature of the field.
- Ability to communicate in a scholarly manner.
- Ability to work with diligence and the ability to perceive issues in their wider contexts.

In addition, some degree programmes may determine alternative aims, which are detailed in their curricula.

Maturity Test in a Master's Degree

In the Maturity Test, students show their familiarity with the topic of their Master's Thesis and demonstrate their language proficiency in either Finnish or Swedish.

Students whose native language is not Finnish or Swedish may write the Maturity Test in their native language or in the language of their thesis. The Maturity Test can be written in a native language if this language is represented at the Faculty or at the Language and Communication unit.

The Maturity Test in a Master's degree can be completed in two alternative ways:

1. If Finnish or Swedish proficiency has not been demonstrated in the Bachelor's degree, the Maturity Test is taken on an examination day. See Maturity Test in Bachelor's degree.
2. If the Maturity test is included in the Bachelor's degree, and the student has shown their proficiency in Finnish or Swedish, the abstract of the Master's thesis, written in Finnish or Swedish (the language of student's primary education), functions as the Maturity Test in the Master's degree. If the thesis is written in a language other than their native language, students must also write an abstract in their native language (Finnish/Swedish).

Learning outcomes: Students are able to present the central methodological foundations, results and conclusions of their thesis in an expert, condensed and selective manner.

For further information, please visit <https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/node/60474>.

Changing majors

In order to change the subject of major in the Faculty of Humanities, students must first complete at least the Basic Studies in the prospective degree programme with a grade of 3. The previous study right for a Master's degree in the Faculty of Humanities expires when the change is awarded. This change does not have an effect on the time a student's overall study right is valid.

Students may apply for the change immediately after the required studies have been completed and are registered in Oodi. Students applying for the change are chosen according to the resources of degree programme in question.

The study right for Logopedics, however, can only be obtained by taking part in the formal student selection process and passing the entrance exam.

Practical training

Degree studies may include practical training. Practical training is considered to be work practice in the student's field of study which is completed during the studies, and which is specified in the curriculum and been reported according to the instructions of the department. Practical training may be compulsory for all students, or may be an alternative to other studies or completely optional. Practical training can be included in the Intermediate or Advanced Studies. The recommended minimum scope of the training is 5 ECTS credits. For students in language programmes, the degree studies may include language training in a country where the language is spoken.

Teacher Education

Pedagogical Studies

Pedagogical studies give the student the qualifications to work as a teacher. The scope of the studies is 60 ECTS credits, which are typically included partially in the Bachelor's degree and partially in the Master's degree.

In the first phase of the teacher education, 30 ECTS credits are completed during the spring term of a student's third study year. In the second phase, 30 ECTS credits are completed in the autumn term of a student's fourth study year.

Students are selected to the teacher education programme on the basis of an aptitude test and performance in their studies. Students must take the aptitude test during their first three study terms and only twice. Examinations are held once a term.

The pre-requirement for commencing the teacher education is that a student has completed at least 60 ECTS credits in their major subject or at least 25 ECTS credits in their subsidiary subject (if applicable).

Subject Studies

The teaching profession is regulated in Finland in the Teaching Qualifications Decree 986/1998. (Decree No. 986/1998 on the qualification requirements for teaching personnel and the amendment to the aforementioned decree, Decree No. 865 /2005.)

To be a qualified subject teacher in the comprehensive school (Grades 1 to 9) in Finland, a person must have completed at least 60 ECTS credits in a subject that is taught in comprehensive schools.

To be a qualified subject teacher in the upper secondary school in Finland, a person must have completed at least 120 ECTS credits in one teaching subject that is taught in the upper secondary school and at least 60 credits in other possible teaching subjects.

Graduation

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Degree diplomas are granted every month. Graduation ceremonies are organized in December and in June. Dates and graduation deadlines can be checked on the website <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/node/59904>.

Students make the necessary request for graduation by filling out a form in the OSAT system (<https://osat oulu.fi/>).

Before requesting graduation, a student must ensure that all study packages to be included in the degree have been compiled in the Oodi registry.

The details to be included in the graduation request are Basic Studies and Intermediate Studies in the major subject and Basic Studies in at least one subsidiary subject. All these must be compiled in the Oodi study registry as whole packages. The same applies for all other subsidiary subject study packages to be included in the degree. Those students graduating as teachers will mark the first part of their pedagogical studies as a subsidiary subject in their Bachelor's degree. The minimum scope of the degree is 180 ECTS credits and the maximum scope is 190 ECTS credits.

A student must ensure that all the Language and Communication Studies required for the Bachelor's degree have been completed. The request form includes a separate section for required Language and Communication Studies.

In the section "other studies" a student may include individual study packages, for example extra language studies.

The degree diploma, which is in Finnish, includes a transcript of records detailing all the modules included in the degree. Students are also given a Diploma Supplement and a transcript of records in English.

For further information, please visit <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/node/59904>

Master of Arts Degree

Degree diplomas are granted every month. Graduation ceremonies are organized in December and in June. Dates and graduation deadlines can be checked on the website <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/node/59905>.

Students make the necessary request for graduation by filling out a form in the OSAT system (<https://osat oulu.fi/>).

Before requesting graduation, a student must ensure that all study packages to be included in the degree have been compiled in the Oodi registry.

The details to be included in the request are the Advanced Studies in the major subject and the Master's Thesis information. These must be registered in the Oodi registry as whole packages. The same applies for all subsidiary subject study packages to be included in the degree. The minimum scope of the degree is 120 ECTS credits and the maximum scope is 130 ECTS credits.

A student must ensure that all the Language and Communication Studies required for the Master's Degree have been completed and compiled. The request form includes a separate section for the required Language and Communication Studies.

In the section "other studies" a student may include individual study packages, for example extra language studies.

The degree diploma, which is in Finnish, includes a transcript of records detailing all the modules included in the degree. Students are also given a Diploma Supplement and a transcript of records in English.

For further information, please visit <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/node/59905>.

Employment

The degree in the Humanities offers an all-round education and it typically develops skills in thinking and criticism. However, excluding subject teachers and graduates from Logopedics and Information Studies, a degree in the Humanities does not offer clear professional profiles. The advantage of a Humanities degree is the variety of prospects and the opportunity to direct the degree and expertise into different professional tasks.

When planning their studies and personal study plan (PSP), a student is advised to find out about the career prospects of their planned major and subsidiary subjects. Students have the opportunity to discuss with a career expert how their completed and planned studies go together with their career prospects. These careers experts are the subject's study advisor or teacher tutor, Education Designers and the staff of Study and Career Counselling: <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/study-career-counselling>

Extracurricular activities, a student's personality and networking contacts made in work placements or through hobbies can play a crucial role in finding job opportunities. In addition to education, personal aptitudes and transferable skills from outside of studies play a significant role in career recruitment and in progressing to employment.

The Finnish municipalities are the most significant employer of Humanities graduates, as over half of all the students in the Faculty of Humanities become teachers. Other employers are the private sector, the state and different (research) projects. Most graduates from the University of Oulu find employment in the Northern Ostrobothnian region.

Wellbeing services for students

During studies, many students feel loss of motivation or doubts about one's choice of major. Stress and the threat of burnout are real problems which are often caused by external pressure and a student's overly ambitious expectations regarding their studies. Planning ahead and setting realistic goals can help a student progress through their studies. Help and tips are available from study groups, from staff, and numerous websites.

Concerns about the choice of major and subsidiary subjects or career possibilities can be discussed, for example, at the Study and Career Counselling: <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/study-career-counselling>.

Counselling in questions related to learning, studying, life management and wellbeing is offered by Study Psychologists: <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/studypsychologists>

In issues related to physical or mental health, help is available at The Finnish Student Health Service FSHS: <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/health-care>.

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset