Student admission Academic year 2017-18

Education and Globalization, Master's Programme in Education, Master of Arts (Education) (2y)

Programme Description

Education and Globalisation is a full-time two-year international Master's programme. Students major in educational sciences. The central aim of the programme is to develop quality in education and to equip students to exercise socially responsible leadership in complex and diverse societies. The programme emphasises North-South-East-West dialogue and includes studies in international education, interculturalism, globalisation and their effects on various sectors of education.

The programme focuses on ethics, policy, planning, curriculum, evaluation and comparative research in education. It aims to develop the appropriate competencies and knowledge needed in planning, evaluation, research and development tasks in education and related fields in the midst of societal changes, both on the local and global levels. Students will be awarded an MA (Education) degree with the possibility to continue for doctoral studies.

Language of instruction is English.

How to Apply

University of Oulu partners with the University Admissions Finland for their services for the application system and the pre-processing of application documents. University Admissions Finland will evaluate your eligibility and the authenticity of your educational certificates. This includes e.g. contacting your previous educational institution and your language test organiser. Any malpractice will be reported to the universities and proper authorities.

1. Fill in the application form.
The deadline for application is 25 January 2017 (3:00 pm GMT +2).
Please note that there is only one application period per year.

2. Print out the Application Form (pdf)
Please be advised that once you have saved the application you cannot make any more changes to it. Remember to sign the Application Form.

3. Collect the required enclosures
They are listed on the front page of the Application Form. Mark down your Application Form number into every document, and also into the lower left corner of the envelope.
Please make sure that the documents are officially certified and translated. There are no exceptions to these rules.

4. Send the Application form with the requested application documents to the mailing address of the University Admissions Finland:

University Admissions Finland
Unioninkatu 40 C
FI-00170 Helsinki, FINLAND

(If you use a courier service, please also mark down the University Admissions Finland’s phone number +358 29 41 235 28)
Applications sent via email or fax will not be considered.

Please make sure your application package (application form and enclosures) reaches University Admissions Finland by mail within the given application deadline. Late applications will not be processed. Please note that if you apply for more than one programme, you need to submit a full application file (the application form and all requested documents) for each programme you apply for.

The application documents will not be returned to the applicants.

Submitting Application Documents
All educational documents must be officially certified (attested) by the Notary Public or the awarding institution. Please also note the possible country-specific requirements.

Eligibility

General Academic Requirements
General Academic Requirements are the same for all of the Master's programmes at the University of Oulu.

Programme Specific Academic Requirements

Bachelor’s degree or equivalent higher education degree; preference will be given to the applicants with a background in education/social sciences.
- Applicants with a background in other academic fields (e.g. humanities, languages, international relations, economics etc.) are eligible to apply as well.
- Applicants with a Bachelor's degree from a Finnish Polytechnic (university of applied sciences) are eligible to apply as well.

Language Requirements

English language proficiency
- All teaching will be in English and therefore English language proficiency is required of all students.
- The level of English language will be assessed during the interview in the second stage of the student selection.

More information available at the EdGlo Admissions Website

Application period


All application documents including the reference forms must be received by 25 January 2017 at 3:00 pm (GMT +2).
Application documents

a) Printed and signed online application form
The electronic online application is available at www.oulu.fi/degree/edglo_admissions on 15 December 2016 onwards. Please follow the instructions given on the online application carefully. After completing the online application, it needs to be printed, signed and sent together with the necessary attachments to the address: University Admissions Finland, University Admissions Finland, Unioninkatu 40 C, FI-00170 Helsinki, Finland. Please note that the application documents must be sent to the University Admissions address (not to the University of Oulu).

b) A copy of passport’s information page or a copy of an official ID card

c) Bachelor’s degree certificate
Please attach an officially certified copy of your Bachelor’s degree certificate. Where a language other than Finnish or Swedish is used in the certificate, please include a translation in English (by an authorised translator).
- If you have not graduated yet and are applying for conditional admission your official graduation date or alternatively the date of issue of your temporal (provisional) degree certificate must be by 28 July 2017 (Finnish research universities or abroad) or by 12 June 2017 (Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences).
- Please, read detailed descriptions of the required educational documents: Degree Certificate, Temporary (Provisional) Degree Certificate.

d) University transcript indicating the grading system of the institution
Please attach an academic transcript of your Bachelor’s studies. It must be an original transcript from the institution or an officially certified copy. Where a language other than Finnish or Swedish is used in the academic transcript, please include a translation in English (by an authorised translator).

e) A copy (copies) of other degrees/studies completed (if applicable)
Please attach officially certified copies of other degrees or studies you have finished/you will finish before 28 July 2017.

f) Two reference letters should be provided
Ask your referee for a confidential reference to be returned to you in a signed and sealed envelope. Remember to mark down your application number into the envelope. Please return the unopened reference envelope with your application package to the University Admissions Finland. (Address: University Admissions Finland, Unioninkatu 40 C, FI-00170 Helsinki, Finland.) Please follow the instructions provided by the online application system.

Student admission to study programme

Application round
Application round for international Master’s programme

Study places
Number of study places: 20
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The selection process comprises two stages:

Stage I: written applications

Stage II: interview

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Stage I: Written applications (max. 19 points)

The written applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. The level and the relevance of the applicant’s overall study record in the completed Bachelor's degree (0-6 points)
2. The quality of the applicant’s Personal Statement* (0-6 points)
3. The quality of the applicant’s Research Intent* (0-6 points)
4. The reference letters (0-1 points)

* Personal Statement and Research Intent are included in the online application form.

A maximum of 60 applicants will be selected to take part in the second stage (interview) on the basis of the above mentioned criteria.

Stage II: Interview (max. 10 points)

The final selection is carried on the basis of the interview in English (0-10 points). In order to be selected for the programme, applicants must obtain at least 5 points from the interview.
Entrance examination and aptitude test

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Interview

On the basis of the written applications a maximum of 60 applicants will be selected to take part in the second stage of the student selection (interview). The final selection is carried on the basis of the interview in English (0-10 points).

The purpose of the individual interview in English is to establish the applicant's aptitude for educational work, ability to discuss the content areas of the programme, motivation and the relevance of their research topic. The applicant's social and language skills will be ascertained during the interview. The time reserved for interviewing each applicant is about half an hour.

In order to be selected for the programme, applicants must obtain at least 5 points from the interview.

Applicants selected for an interview will be informed latest on 24 March 2017 by e-mail.

The interviews will take place from Wednesday to Friday, 5-7 April 2017.

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If unable to attend the interview in person, applicants residing outside Finland will be interviewed via skype. If skype is not possible, telephone will be used. The skype/telephone interviews will be recorded and recordings may be used at a later stage in cases of uncertain identity.

Lowest score to be admitted

In order to be selected for the programme, applicants must obtain at least 5 points from the interview.

Maximum score

10

Two or more applicants scoring the same number of points

If two or more applicants score the same number of points, their order shall be determined on the basis of the relevance and the level of the applicant's overall study record in the Bachelor's degree.

Health requirements (Limitations for admitting students)

In order to promote patient and client safety as well as the safety of minors, restrictions will be applied to student admission starting from the beginning of 2012.

Such restrictions will pertain to the following fields:
• medicine
• dentistry
• logopedics
• psychology
• pharmacy
• social work and
• teacher education.

Admission to the above fields requires that the applicants’ state of health and ability to function allow them to complete practical tasks and training related to studies. Limitations related to health or the ability to function are not an impediment to admission if their effects can be eliminated through reasonable measures such as special arrangements.

In any case, the purpose is not to unnecessarily hinder the access of disabled persons or persons suffering from physical or mental limitations to education. Restrictions on student admission will be applied only in cases where it is evident that the applicant cannot participate in education due to his or her state of health or ability to function.

Check for field-specific restrictions, if any, set by each university. Further information is also available from the admission services and academic affairs offices of universities.

As a prior cancellation of the right to study may be an impediment to admission, applicants must inform the university of such decisions already at the application stage.

Drug tests during studies and an extract from the criminal records

In certain limited cases, students may be obligated to present a drug test certificate. This primarily concerns situations where testing is necessary to ascertain a student’s ability to function, provided that certain additional conditions specified in detail by law are met. Students admitted to the University in 2012 or later may be requested to provide an extract from the criminal records for the assessment of their ability to study. Such an extract may be requested only from students whose studies include practical training or other activities involving work with minors. The extract will be requested before the beginning of the practical training or other activity. To ensure the safety of minors, it is necessary to ascertain that the student about to begin practical training has no criminal record of certain serious crimes (sex offence, murder, aggravated assault and battery, aggravated burglary and robbery and narcotics offence).

Publication of the Results

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After stage I the applicants selected for an interview will be informed latest on 24 March 2017 by e-mail.

After stage II the final results of the selection will be published on 28 April 2017.

The names of the admitted students (and those admitted to the waiting list) will be posted on the notice boards of the Faculty of Education at the University of Oulu. Those admitted as students and those put on the waiting list will also be notified of the results by e-mail and post.
Confirming the study place
Admitted students must confirm their study place by 14 July 2017 at 15.00 pm (GMT +3). Confirmation form must be received by the University no later than this date.

Appeals for rectification
An applicant is entitled to be given details of how the comparative index was calculated in his/her particular case. The Faculty Office will respond to any inquiries on the results. Any appeals shall be delivered in writing to the Board of Examiners and sent to the Registry Office within 14 days from the publication of the results.

Please note that any information given on this document or on admissions website that is erroneous or changed at a later date cannot be accepted as grounds for an appeal.