

# MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN EDUCATION AND LEARNING

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VAPAAKANSAN LAHJA  
VAPAALLE TIETEELLE

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# 20,300

Students from  
over 100  
countries

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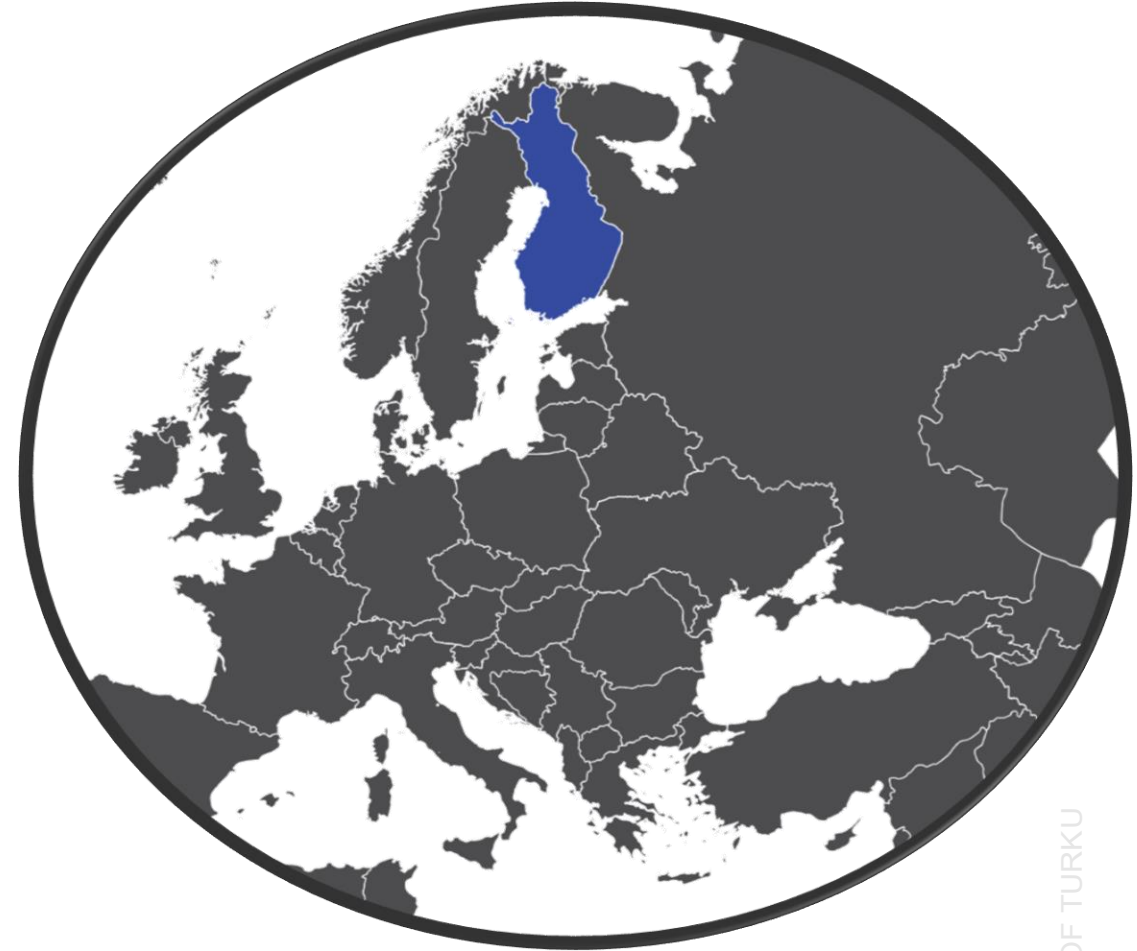
# 550

Incoming  
exchange  
students

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# 650

Outgoing  
exchange  
students





# About the study programme

- The EdLearn programme aims to train experts in the areas of research on learning and sociology of education
- Throughout the studies, a strong emphasis is placed on students' research skills.
- The Master's thesis is considered an important opportunity for specialization in the programme.
- The Finnish-German Master Programme in Education is a double degree option that leads to obtaining two master's degrees (UTU and Univ. Regensburg)
- This master's degree programme *does not* provide the students with a formal teaching qualification.

# MDP EdLearn's degree structure, Single degree option

- Orientation and General Studies  
21 ECTS credits
- Advanced Studies in Educational  
Science 74 ECTS credits
- Elective Studies min. 25 ECTS  
credits
- Altogether min. 120 ECTS credits

<https://opas.peppi.utu.fi/en/programme/95900?period=2024-2027>

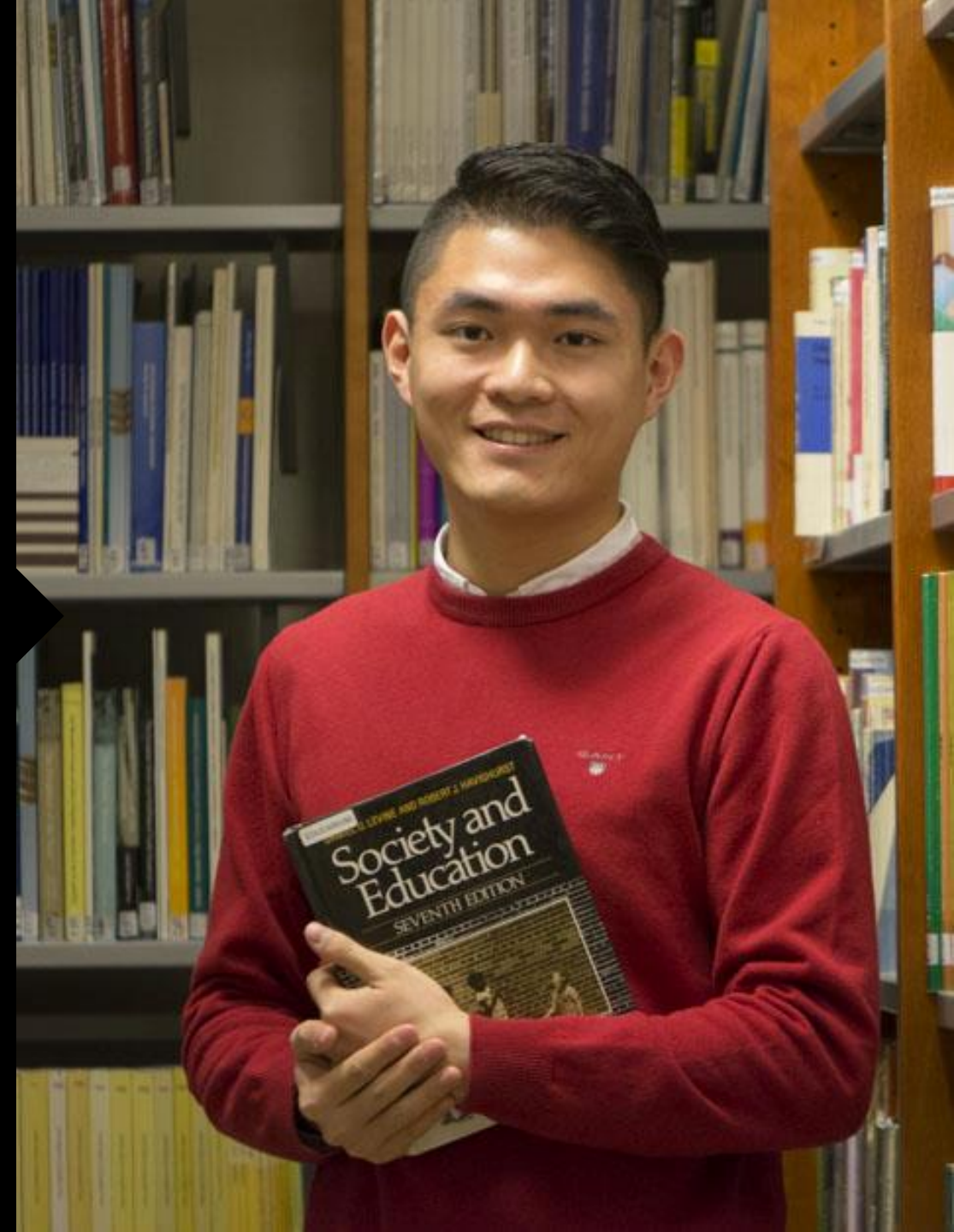


# DEGREE STRUCTURE, Double Degree

UTU and University of Regensburg

- Orientation and General Studies  
21 ECTS credits
- Advanced Studies in Educational  
Science 94 ECTS credits
- Elective Studies min. 5 ECTS  
credits
- Altogether min. 120 ECTS credits

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# Master's Thesis

- You can choose your thesis topic, it is not assigned to you.
- You don't need to approach a potential supervisor beforehand. There will be a responsible supervisor from the department.
- The thesis process involves seminars where students share their ideas, interests and progress.
- Usually students work independently but it is an option to work in an existing research group.



# Study time

- 2 academic years
- Academic year runs from 1 August until 31 July
- 2 semester: autumn and spring
- During summer students can take book exams, work on their thesis, do an internship, return home or stay in Turku.
  - Contact teaching ends approximately in late May.







# Career opportunities

Graduates of the programme could for example work as:

- researchers,
- educational experts,
- coordinators,
- educational consultants,
- educators, or
- administrators.

# Time to apply!

- The application is open from 8th to 22nd of January 2025 (note: Finnish time)
- Fill the electronic application at [www.studyinfo.fi](http://www.studyinfo.fi).
- Read the application instructions carefully before the online form opens: <https://www.utu.fi/en/study-at-utu/how-when-to-apply>
- Prepare for the application process in advance: language test, required documents etc.



# General admission criteria

- you have a nationally recognized first cycle degree – typically a Bachelor's degree – from an accredited institution of higher education and (if applicable in the country of the degree) from a nationally accredited degree programme
- your degree corresponds to at least 180 ECTS (European credits) or to three years of full-time study
- your degree gives eligibility to master level studies in the country where it was issued
- you have excellent English language skills and a certificate that proves those skills. See instructions: <https://www.utu.fi/en/study-at-utu/language-requirements-for-masters-degree-programmes>



# Programme specific eligibility

- Persons who have completed a Bachelor's degree in education, adult education or special education are eligible to apply to the programme.
- Also applicants who have a Bachelor's degree from other fields of study, and who have either an official teacher's qualification, or who can prove a clear affinity to educational sciences, are eligible to apply to the programme.
- See in detail:  
<https://opintopolku.fi/konfo/en/hakukohde/1.2.246.562.20.0000000000000000054985/valintaperuste>



# Student selection

- The decision for admission will be based on the evaluation of:
  - verified proficiency in English language
  - programme specific eligibility
  - previous degree(s) and motivation letter



# Tuition fees and scholarships

- Scholarships are available for students subject to tuition fee
- UTU's scholarships are awarded based on academic merits and success in the programme specific student selection.
- Applying for a scholarship is simple: just indicate "yes" to the appropriate question on your online application form for the programme.
- Information regarding the scholarship decision is included in the admission offer for those admitted to the programme

Questions?



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