

# Master's Degree Programme in Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State (MDPInvest)

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# 20,300

Students from  
over 100  
countries

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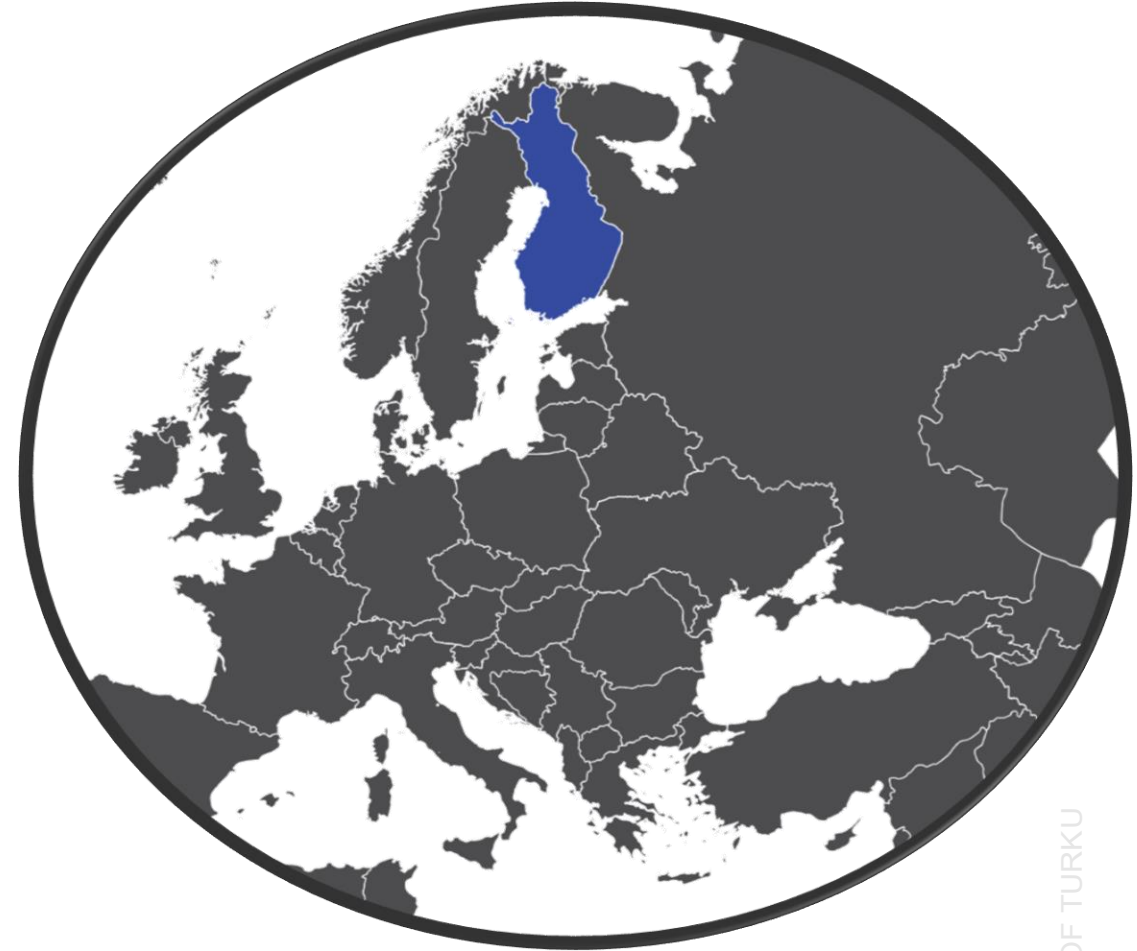
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Incoming  
exchange  
students

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Outgoing  
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# About the study programme

- The Master's Degree Programme in Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State is a cross-disciplinary, international study programme for the Academy of Finland flagship project INVEST.
- INVEST is the only Finnish research flagship in social and behavioural sciences, and it utilises its world-class social and behavioural scientists for teaching and supervising students.
- Includes projects from Social Policy, Demography, Sociology, Psychology and Child Psychology. This makes this multidisciplinary study programme unique both in Finland as well as in Europe.
- More about INVEST: <https://invest.utu.fi>

# Aim of the programme

During the programme, students acquire knowledge of:

- Key socioeconomic and demographic changes in societies linked with social inequalities
- The role of welfare state institutions and services in compensating and/or enforcing these changes in different country contexts
- A high level quantitative methodological skills for analyzing data on such issues.





# Career opportunities

Master's programme educates research and public administration professionals, with strong emphasis on developing students' quantitative research skills

## Typical areas of employment

- Public administration
- Research-focused public or private institutions
- Academia (universities)
- Data science



# Structure of 2024–2027 Curriculum

## 1. Studies in major subject & research, 99 ECTS

- Substantive courses in INVEST research areas
- Methods courses (basic & advanced) to develop skills for thesis and working life
- Thesis and seminars
- Internship (min. 1 month), based on own interests

## 2. Elective studies, 21 ECTS

*= In total 120 ECTS*

\*1 ECTS = 27 hours of work



# Study Time

- Programme is 2 academic years
- Academic year runs from 1 Aug until 31 July
- 2 semesters: autumn and spring
  - In spring, contact teaching ends around late May
  - During summer, students can take book exams, work on their thesis, do an internship, return home or stay in Turku.



# 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

- All applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree in applicable fields of social and behavioural sciences.
- The content of previous studies should be similar/related to the INVEST project. For example:
  - social inequality
  - comparative social research
  - child and youth development
  - welfare state services, benefits, and policy processes
  - population and family demographics
  - prevention and intervention research and quantitative methodological courses (e.g. STATA skills)

# Student selection

- The eligible applications will be scored based on:
  - The eligible applications will be scored based on their previous studies, work experience, self-introduction video, and answers to programme specific questions, with a maximum of 45 points achievable.
  - See in detail:  
<https://opintopolku.fi/konfo/en/haku/kohde/1.2.246.562.20.0000000000000000054975/valintaperuste>.



# Tuition fees and scholarhips

- Scholarships are available for student subject to tuition fees
- The 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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