

Helsinki Vocational College, Stadin AO

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- Finland's largest vocational college
- 22,000 students
- 11 locations
- 29 vocational upper secondary qualifications
- Apprenticeship training
- Active working life and international cooperation
- An entire city as learning environment
- Studying is versatile and practical
- Work-based learning is an important part of vocational studies

Student can also complete an initial vocational qualification through apprenticeship training.

Vocational education in HVC

Vocational education and training in Helsinki Vocational College is competence-based and customer-oriented.



Students are assessed and credited for previously acquired competence and only acquire the missing competence during their studies.



Vocational qualifications include vocational upper secondary qualifications, further vocational qualifications and specialist vocational qualifications.

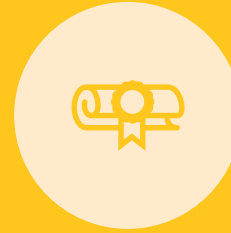


Qualification requirements for vocational education: [ePerusteet](#)

Individual learning pathways



A personal competence development plan is drawn up for each learner.



The plan is drawn up by a teacher or a guidance counsellor together with the learner and, when applicable, representative of working life.



The plan recognizes the skills previously acquired by the learner and outlines what kind of competences the learner needs.



Learner may have obtained relevant skills from working life or from another school.



Previous learning is recognised and only the missing skills are acquired.

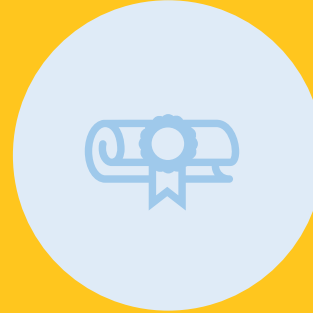


The plan also includes information on the necessary supportive measures.

Work- based learning



Work-based learning is planned as part of the student's personal competence development plan (HOKS).



For work-based learning, students have either an apprenticeship agreement or a training agreement.

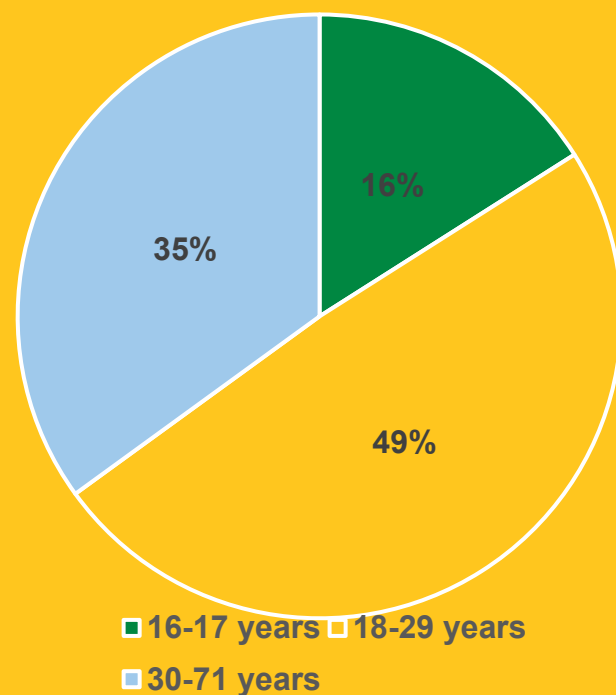


Learners can flexibly switch between work-based learning agreements.

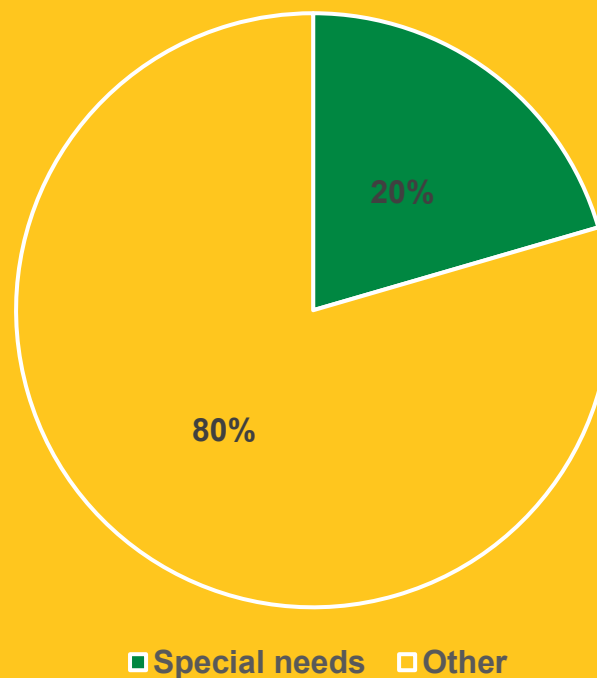


Learners of Helsinki Vocational College

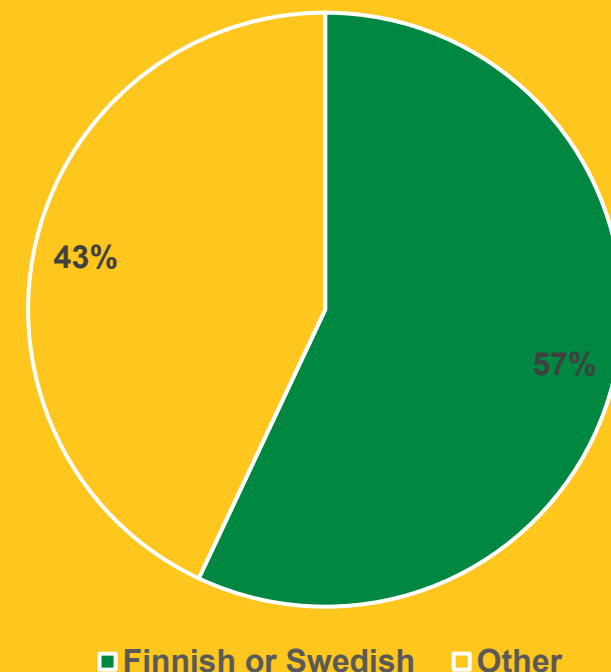
Age profile of students



Number of students receiving special support



Language profile of students



Support services for students

- Own teacher
- Special needs teacher
- Study counsellor
- Working life coach
- Daily life coach
- Student participatory activities

- School nurse
- Social worker
- Other supportive staff
- Free studies and lunch
- Student allowance from the government



Vocational upper secondary qualification 180cp

- Initial vocational qualifications consist of 180 competence points and typically take 2–3 years to complete.
- Applying for vocational education and training takes place either through a joint application or continuous selection.
- Most of our programs are taught in Finnish, the Vocational Qualification in Tourism Industry and in Restaurant and Catering Services are available in English.
- After completing a basic vocational qualification, students can apply for postgraduate studies at universities and polytechnics.

Vocational Qualification in Tourism Industry 180 cp

Common units 26 cp

- Communication and interaction competence, 11 cp
- Mathematics and science competence, 6 cp
- Citizenship and working life competence, 9 cp

Common units optional 9 cp

Training paths

- Experience services 180 cp
- Hotel path 180 cp
- ***Tourism Service Agent studies 180 cp***

Compulsory vocational units 40 cp

- Customer service in the tourism industry, 40 cp

Optional vocational units for hotel path, 105 cp

- Customer service and sales at a restaurant, 25 cp
- Meeting services, 15 cp
- Customer service at a hotel, 30 cp
- Cleaning services for hotel and accommodation facilities, 20 cp, 15 cp
- Tourism in the Helsinki region, 15 cp

Vocational Units in Vocational Qualification in Tourism Industry

Structure of Studies

- Personal Competence Development Plan
- Career plan
 - updating throughout the studies
- Selecting the study path and optional units

Vocational Units in Vocational Qualification in Tourism Industry

- Theory studies at school
- Workplace training 4-12 weeks per study unit
- Competence demonstrations (näyttö) are core evaluation method primarily used in Vocational Education and Training (VET) .
- Students prove their practical professional skills in real work environments, and representatives from working life assess their abilities meet national qualification requirements.
- **Authentic Workplaces:** Skills are evaluated during actual job-related tasks in genuine work settings during training periods
- **Assessors:** Evaluations are carried out jointly by at least two assessors: a teacher and a workplace instructor (or another representative of working life).
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Assessors compare the student's performance against the specific grading scale and vocational competence requirements of the qualification unit. Students receive grades based on a 1 to 5 scale (satisfactory to excellent).

Vocational Qualification in Construction 180 cp

Common units 35 cp

Compulsory units 26 cp

- Communication and interaction competence, 11 cp
- Mathematics and science competence, 6 cp
- Citizenship and working life competence, 9 cp

Common units optional 9 cp

Training paths

- **Building Construction (House Builder) 180 cp**
- Infrastructure Construction 180 cp
- Stone Mason 180 cp

Compulsory vocational units for all Construction paths 25 cp

- Construction site operations (blueprint, safety) 25 cp

Compulsory vocational units for Building Construction 45 cp

- Foundation Work (Concrete pouring, waterproofing, insulation) 15 cp
- Framing Works (floor joist installation, Wall and roof framing) 30 cp

Optional vocational units for all Construction paths 75 cp

- Internal Works 25 cp
- Door and Window works 15 cp
- Roof Works 30 cp
- Brick Laying 15 cp
- Tiling 15 cp
- Renovation 30 cp
- Demolition Works 15 cp

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