

## National Level

### Finnish higher education

23

Universities of applied sciences (UAS)

13

Academic universities

3

Other HEIs with special status

(Åland UAS, Police University College, National Defense University)

### Student numbers (in 2017)

**26,304** UAS degrees

**31,014** University degrees

Female students accounted for 62% of the UAS bachelor's degree graduates and 70% UAS master's graduates, 58% of the university graduates.

Higher education leading to a degree is free of charge for citizens of EU and EEA member states.

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- UAS's have a strong working life orientation. UAS's support working life and regional development, and regenerate the industrial structure of the region. UAS provide bachelor's and master's degrees and professional specialization studies and operate as independent public limited companies under an administrative branch of Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC). A student can take a UAS Master's degree after acquiring a minimum of three years' work experience.

- Universities focus on scientific research and societal development, and provide highest-level education (incl. licentiate's and doctoral degrees). Universities operate as autonomous actors within MEC administration as foundations or corporations under public law. Students first complete the Bachelor's degree, after which they may go for the Master's degree and are, as a rule, admitted without entrance examinations.

HEIs offer the possibility of completing open university or open UAS studies or other types of separate studies. Studies can include the completion of individual courses or broader entities, also leading to diplomas, which enables lifelong learning and flexible study paths.

### Legal and political basis for IDM

- The Equality Act (1325/2014) serves as legal framework for equality issues. According to section §6: Education providers are obliged to promote equality. A plan is formulated individually for each institution and it should take account of the institution's individual needs and circumstances.
- Sections §9-11: Positive discrimination is allowed.
- Life-long learning is promoted in order to strengthen social cohesion and equity.
- Education is free at all levels.
- Open higher education is accessible to everyone. There are no requirements related to prior education, the fee may be at most EUR 15 per credit included in the right to study

### Student heterogeneity in figures (Enrolled students 2017)



Female

UAS 54%  
UNIVERSITIES 54%



Foreign students

UAS 6.8%  
UNIVERSITIES 7%



Male

UAS 46%  
UNIVERSITIES 46%



Mother tongue of UAS students

FINNISH 86%  
SWEDISH 4%  
OTHER 9%



Experiences of harassment or unfair treatment (all Finnish UAS students 2018, n3213)

NONE 77.4%  
SOMETIMES 17.2%  
OFTEN 1.6%  
ALL THE TIME 0.4%  
DON'T KNOW 3.5%

## Institutional Level: Laurea



### Six campuses in greater Helsinki region

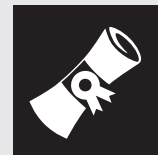
- Tikkurila
- Leppävaara
- Otaniemi
- Lohja
- Porvoo
- Hyvinkää



Greater Helsinki region



### One of the biggest Finnish UAS's



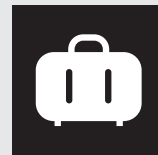
### 33 study programmes

- Bachelors' programmes: 12 in Finnish, 6 in English
- Master's degree programmes: 12 in Finnish, 3 in English

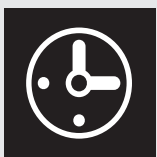


### Total amount of students 7,800

- Bachelor's 7,000
- Master's 800



### About 650 (8.3%) international degree students and 300 (3.8%) exchange students each year



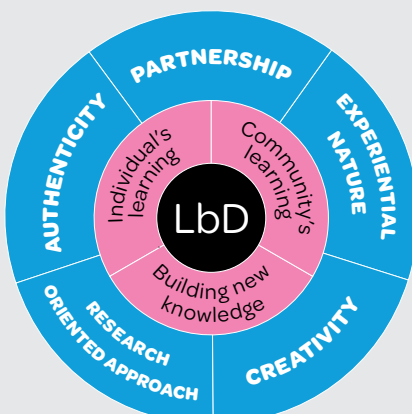
### Average study time

- Young students 4.2 years
- Adult students 3.2 years
- 95.5% find employment within a year after the graduation



### Flexible studies

- plan your own schedule
- online degrees, courses, blended-learning
- recognition of prior learning
- recognition of competence acquired at work

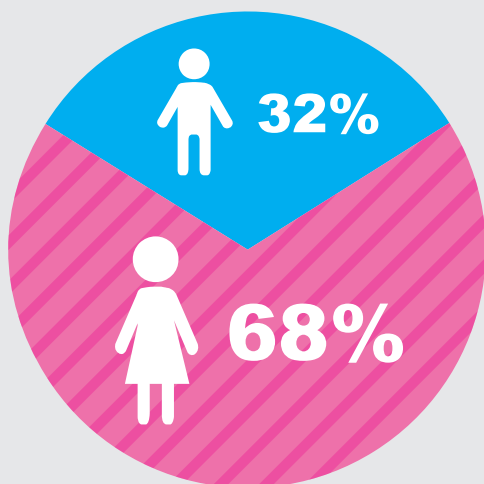


### Learning by Developing pedagogical model

- Focus on practical projects
- Cooperation with work-life organizations

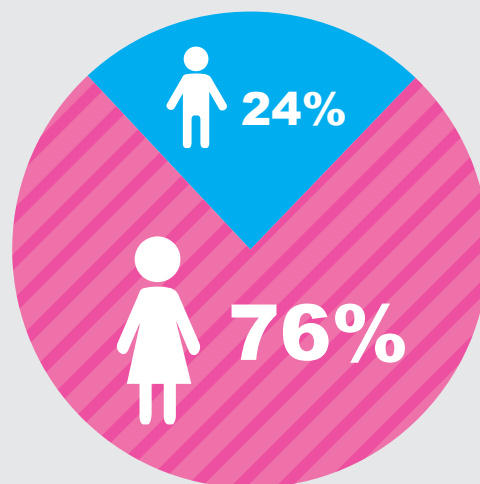
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### Student heterogeneity at Laurea UAS



Non-Finnish or Swedish speaking 1.1%

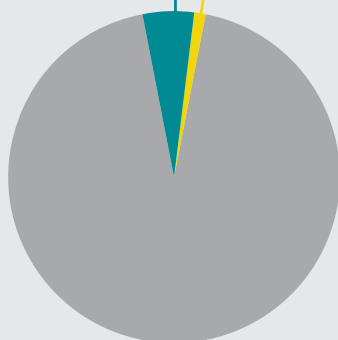
### Faculty heterogeneity at Laurea UAS



Non-Finnish or Swedish speaking 3%

Access via the open university path **5.2%**

Access via the open university path, non-Finnish nationality, non-Finnish or Swedish speaking **1.1%**



Nationality other than Finland

**6.2%**

Mother tongue other than Finnish or Swedish

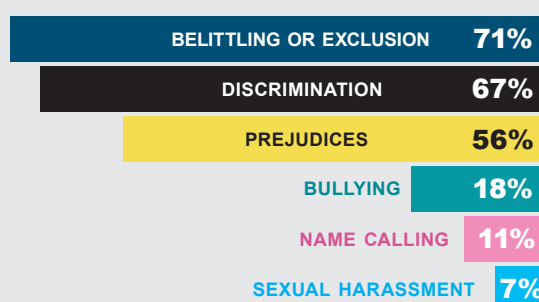
**10.5%**

### Experiences of harassment or unfair treatment

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Origin of harassment or unfair treatment



Types of unfair treatment