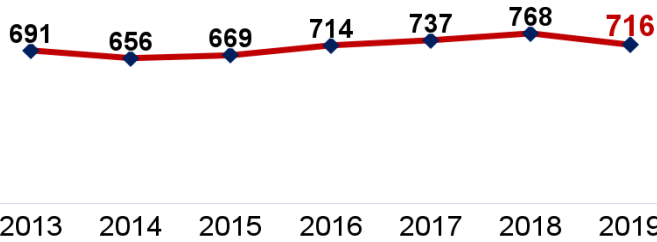




## Finnish Students Studying in the U.S.



Source: 2019 Open Doors Report (published by IIE, funded by the U.S. Department of State)

Change in Students Studying in the U.S. from 2018 to 2019  
**-6.8%**

Change in U.S. Study Abroad Students from 2017 to 2018  
**11.1%**

Source: 2019 Open Doors

## Total Population

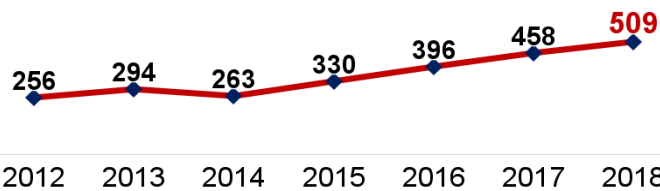
**5,537,364**

## Population Aged 15-24

**11.21%**

Source: The World Fact Book

## U.S. Study Abroad Students in Finland



Source: 2019 Open Doors Report (published by IIE, funded by the U.S. Department of State)

## Top 5 Receiving States

- California
- New York
- Massachusetts
- Florida
- Texas

Source: 2019 Open Doors

## Change in Student Visas Issued from 2017 to 2018

- F -7.69%**
- J -7.71%**
- M -42.86%**

\*Based on fiscal year Oct 1 – Sept 30  
Source: travel.state.gov

### Students in the U.S. by Academic Level

	%	Number	% Change (2018 to 2019)
Undergraduate	54.2%	388	-1.8%
Graduate	19.3%	138	4.5%
Non-Degree	18.0%	129	-25.9%
OPT	8.5%	61	-9.0%

### Students in the U.S. by U.S. Institution Type

	%
Associate's (2-year) Colleges	5.68%
Baccalaureate (4-year) Colleges	7.83%
Doctorate-granting Universities	60.98%
Master's Colleges and Universities	22.89%
Special Focus Institutions	2.61%
Public Institutions	57.60%
Private Institutions	42.40%

## HIGHLIGHTS:

The Fulbright Finland Foundation provides EducationUSA services in Helsinki, Finland, as integrated part of its internationalization services, training events, partnership building and grant programs.

The Foundation is active in providing training services and study tours for Finnish and U.S. HEIs to support partnership building efforts and to enhance U.S.-Finnish student mobility.

In order to have a wider reach in Finland, the Foundation trains U.S. Fulbright grantees to promote U.S. study opportunities in their host university town and beyond. Through the Foundation run Speaker Program, these ambassadors also visit local high schools to promote U.S. higher education and culture.

The number of U.S. students in Finland has increased by 99% since 2012, and the number of Finnish students studying in the U.S. has remained stable during that period.

Finnish government provides financial aid also for Finnish students studying in the U.S. (grants and loans).





- **Pre-high school (# of years):** Basic education encompasses nine years and caters for all those between 7 and 16 years.
- **High school (# of years):** Upper secondary education and training has a dual structure. After compulsory basic education students opt for general or vocational upper secondary education. Both forms usually take three years and give eligibility for higher education.
- **Academic year calendar:** August - June
- **Recommended times for U.S. institution visits:** September - December. Major school holidays/breaks: June - August, Christmas time, one week winter break mid- Easter, Major exam period(s): February - March

## Secondary Education (high school)

- **Language of instruction:** Finnish and Swedish. There are also several IB diploma programs and a few other foreign language (including English language) high schools.
- **Years of mandatory English courses:** There are 6 mandatory English courses in high school.
- **Grading system and interpretation:** Grading is usually numerical. Grades range from 4 to 10, where 4 is fail, 5 acceptable, 6 fair, 7 satisfactory, 8 good, 9 commendable, and 10 excellent. The matriculation examination uses Latin grades where laudatur is the best.
- **Name of diploma/certificate/degree conferred upon completion:** High School Diploma and Ylioppilastutkinto
- **Name of school leaving exams:** Matriculation Examination/Ylioppilaskirjoitukset
- **Standardized undergraduate admissions test mean scores (as of 2018):** TOEFL: Reading: 23, Listening: 25, Speaking: 24, Writing: 23, Total: 95

## Structure of University System

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** Earning a bachelor's degree takes 3 to 4 years of full-time study. Higher education in Finland has a dual structure. Higher education is provided by universities and universities of applied sciences. Both sectors have their own profiles. Universities emphasize scientific research and instruction, whereas universities of applied sciences adopt a more practical approach. Higher education institutions are very autonomous in organizing their instruction and academic year.
- **Language of instruction in universities:** Finnish, Swedish and English (depending on the degree).
- **Years of required English instruction in universities:** All Bachelor's-level degrees contain compulsory language studies (e.g. Finnish, Swedish, English).
- **Grading system and interpretation:** Grading can be verbal: pass/fail, or more commonly numerical from 0 to 5, where 0 is fail, 1 acceptable, 2 fair, 3 satisfactory, 4 good, 5 excellent. Master's thesis is graded using Latin grades where laudatur is the best.
- **Standardized graduate admissions test mean scores (as of 2018):** GRE: V 154 Q 153 W 3.7
- **Study Abroad:** U.S. is the #6 destination for study abroad after Sweden, the United Kingdom, Estonia, Germany, and the Netherlands. (Source: uis.unesco.org).

## Educational Authorities and International Education Resources

- Fulbright Finland Foundation: [www.fulbright.fi](http://www.fulbright.fi)
- Finnish National Agency for Education: [www.oph.fi/english](http://www.oph.fi/english)
- Ministry of Education and Culture: <http://minedu.fi/en/frontpage>
- EducationUSA advising centers in Finland: Helsinki