

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

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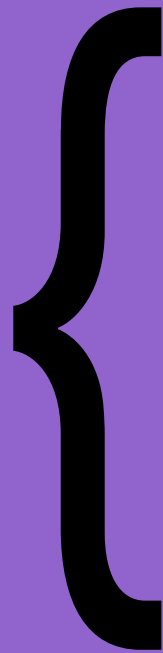
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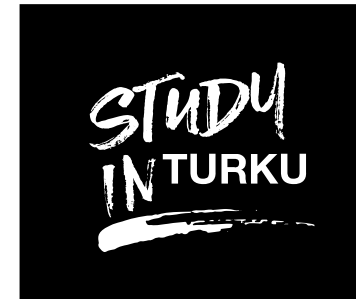
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- Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science
- Department of Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology



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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.
- It is the only Finnish research flagship in social and behavioural sciences, and 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 the programme unique both in Finland as well as in Europe at large.
- more details of the project are available at <https://invest.utu.fi>



# Aim of the programme

- Students are expected to acquire knowledge and insight of:
  - The 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 in different country contexts
  - A high level quantitative methodological skills for analysing data on such issues.







# Structure of INVEST programme (2020-2022 Curriculum)

- Prerequisite Courses 5 ects
- Language Studies 9 ects
- Subject Studies and Research 100 ects
  - including advanced methods 10 ects
- Elective Studies 11-16 ects

*\*1 ECTS = 27 hours of work*





# Study Time

- 2 academic years
- Academic year runs from 1 August until 31 July
- Semester dates:
  - Autumn semester: 1 August -31 December
  - Spring semester: 1 January – 31 July
- Teaching is organized between
  - September and mid-December in Autumn
  - January and mid-May in spring

# DEMARCATON OF STUDY TIME

- The targeted completion time for a Master's degree is two academic years
- Possibility to register as non-attending if studies are interrupted
- Students must submit the thesis and course assignments in time in order to get enough credits and to graduate in time







# Career opportunities

- The INVEST Master's Programme educates research and public administration professionals
- There is a strong emphasis in developing students quantitative research skills
- Typical areas of employment include:
  - Public administration
  - Research focused public and private institutions
  - Academia
  - Data science

# Time to apply!

- The electronic application is open from 5th to 19th of January 2022
- Note that application time is informed in Finnish time
- Fill the application at [studyinfo.fi](https://studyinfo.fi).
- Check the instructions: <https://www.utu.fi/en/study-at-utu/how-when-to-apply>





# General admission criteria:

- you have a nationally recognized first cycle degree – typically a Bachelor's degree – from an accredited institution of higher education
- 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.







# 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)
  - other related studies

# Student selection

- The eligible applications will be scored based on:
  - their previous studies and work experience (0 to max. 30 points)
  - and the letter of motivation (6 to max. 15 points), with a maximum of 45 points achievable.





# Tuition fees and scholarships

- **Scholarships are available for student subject to tuition fees**
- **The scholarships are awarded based on academic merits.**
- **Applying for a scholarship is simple: just indicate “yes” to the appropriate question on your online application form for the programme.**
- **All applicants who have applied for the scholarships will receive information of the decisions in their admission offer.**





# Enrollment

- In order to enroll in the programme you must first confirm your study place at [studyinfo.fi](https://studyinfo.fi).
- Please note that you can accept only one study place leading to a higher education degree in Finland per semester. The choice you make is binding.
- Also notice that if you do not accept the study place within the deadline you forfeit your right to enroll in the programme.

*More information: <https://www.utu.fi/en/study-at-utu/accepted-students>*

# Questions?

# Contact information

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