



# Degree Programmes in Gerontology

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# Outline

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- Degree Programme in Gerontology and Public Health
- Master's Programme in Social Gerontology
- Future challenges and plans



# DEGREE PROGRAMME IN GERONTOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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Department of Health Sciences  
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# Degree Programme in Health Sciences: Structure

<b>Gerontology</b>	Physio-therapy	Occup. therapy	Sports medicine	Health promotion
	<b>Advanced studies (78 ECTS)</b>			
	<b>Subject studies (40 ECTS)</b>			
	<b>Basic studies (30 ECTS)</b>			
<b>Common for all students: General studies and studies in Public Health (42 ECTS)</b>				



# Degree Programme in Gerontology and Public Health

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- Under the Faculty of Sport and Health Sciences
  - Department of Health Sciences
  - The Finnish Centre for Interdisciplinary Gerontology
- Established 1991
- 20 students are accepted in the Master's programme (includes Bachelor's and Master's programmes) yearly
  - 5 high school graduates
  - 15 with professional background (nurses, physiotherapists)
- 81 graduates by 2003
- 22 PhD students



# Degree Programme

## General studies (10 ECTS)

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### Language studies

- Text and terminology (in English)
- Communication skills (in English)
- Swedish
- Introduction to Information technology



# Degree Programme

## Studies in Public Health (32 ECTS)

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- Introduction to scientific research
- Organizations and health care policymaking
- Research methods
- Health and science
- Health and genes



# Degree Programme

Basic studies in Gerontology (30 ECTS)

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- Health gerontology
- Social gerontology
- Psychogerontology
- Educational gerontology





# Degree Programme

## Subject studies (40 ECTS)

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- Basics and dimensions of functional capacity
- Assessing functional capacity
- Promoting the health of older people
- Physical activity and aging
- Gerontological nursing
- History and philosophy of gerontology
- Demosthenes seminar (giving scientific presentation)
- Candidate's thesis for Bachelor's degree

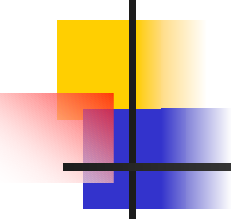


# Master's Programme

## Advanced studies (78 ECTS)

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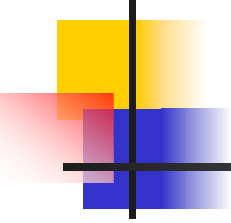
- Research methods
- Pro Gradu seminars
- Gerontological research
- Selected topics (special questions) in gerontology
- Expertise in gerontology
- Master's thesis



# Master's Programme in Social Gerontology

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- Under the Faculty of Social Sciences
  - Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy
- Established 1996
- Maximum of 10 students with Bachelor's Degree are accepted in the programme yearly
  - Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, Social work, Social policy
- 12 graduates by 2003
- 2 PhD students



# Master's Programme in Social Gerontology

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- Study programme varies according to student's major in Bachelor's Degree
  - compulsory studies (80-84 ECTS)
  - optional studies (30 ECTS)
- If no earlier studies in gerontology, the basic studies in Social Gerontology (30 ECTS) are included in the Master's Programme



# Bologna process

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- Higher education in Europe towards more transparent and mutually recognized system
- Degree structure: Bachelor's and Master's degrees
- Accumulation and transfer of credits
- Mobility of students, teachers, researchers etc.
- Cooperation in quality assurance



# Future Challenges

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## Development of Joint Degrees

- set as an aim for the European Higher Education Area in the Prague Declaration in May 2001
- a degree programme developed and organized by two or several higher education institutions (HEIs) in collaboration which leads to one or several degree certificates
- Joint degree in Health Gerontology is under the development process in the University of Jyväskylä



# Future challenges (continue)

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## Erasmus Mundus programme

- a co-operation and mobility programme in the field of higher education
- supports European top-quality Masters Courses
- enhances the visibility and attractiveness of European higher education in countries outside Europe

# Future challenges:

## Erasmus Mundus (continue)

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- involve a minimum of three HEIs from three different European Union member states
- implements a study programme, which involves a period of study in at least two of the three institutions
- reserve a minimum of places for students coming from countries outside Europe, who have been granted financial support under the programme