

## STUDENT RIGHTS CHARTER

"We, the students, have the right to participate in the decisions that shape our education"

This Charter highlights the general principles and guarantees related to the students' participation in all its dimensions. The purpose is to promote the empowerment of students in the exercise of their rights.

### Universities of Applied Sciences, Finland

Government and  
Management

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#### You have the right to

What: The board of a university of applied sciences must have a student representative, defined in section 17 of the Universities of Applied Sciences Act. Moreover, section 41 defines that universities of applied sciences must have self-governing student bodies.

Where: Finland, all universities of applied sciences

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|             | Universities of Applied Sciences Act 932/2014, articles 17 and 41 | <a href="https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2014/en/20140932_20160563.pdf">https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2014/en/20140932_20160563.pdf</a> |

Academic  
and Quality

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#### You have the right to

What: Students must be represented at the Evaluation Council in Finland, defined by section 6 of the

decree. Students are also represented in Higher Education Evaluation Committee that approve of the final results of audits of quality management systems in HEIs in Finland.

Where: Finland, all universities of applied sciences

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|             | Government Decree of the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre | <a href="https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2013/en/20131317.pdf">https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2013/en/20131317.pdf</a> |

Social, Cultural and Sports

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**You have the right to**

What: See part in government/management. Any policies within universities of applied sciences are influenced by students. Moreover, Finland has its own Finnish Student Sports Federation (OLL).

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Equality and Inclusion

**You have the right to**

What: As described in Government/Management, student bodies in Finland are self-governing and represent students’ interests and rights within the university of applied sciences and larger community.

Quote from the Universities of Applied Sciences Act:

“The student body liaises with and on behalf of its members and promotes their societal, social and intellectual aspirations and those relating to studies and the status of students in society. The student body also contributes to preparing students for an active, informed and critical citizenship.

The student body of a university of applied sciences is self-governing. The student body’s decision-making power is vested in its executive board and the student parliament.”

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