

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, Finland

Government and Management

You have the right to

What: The board of a public university must have (a) student representative(s), defined in section 15 of the Universities Act. Moreover, section 46 defines that universities must have self-governing student unions.

Where: Finland / All universities

When/How often:

How:

Regulation:

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	Universities Act 558/2009, articles 15 and 46	https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2009/en20090558_20160644.pdf

Academic and Quality

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

When/How often:

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Regulation:

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	Government Decree of the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre	https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2013/en20131317.pdf

Social, Cultural and Sports

You have the right to

What: See part in government/management. Any policies within universities are influenced by students. Student unions may also lobby the university rectors etc. Moreover, Finland has its own Finnish Student Sports Federation (OLL).

Where:

When/How often:

How:

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		https://oll.fi/en/home/

Equality and Inclusion

You have the right to

What:

As described in Government/Management, student unions in Finland are self-governing and represent students' interests and rights within the university and larger community. Quote from the Universities Act: "A student union consists of the students of a university and is self-governing. The student union 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 union also participates in the implementation of the educational mission of the university, referred to in section 2, by preparing students for an active, informed and critical citizenship."

"The student union's decision-making power is vested in its executive board and the student parliament. Provisions on other bodies of the student union and the election of their members are issued by government decree. Provisions on the administration of the student union are laid down in the rules adopted by the student parliament and confirmed by the rector of the university."

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	46 of Universities Act	https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2009/en20090558_20160644.pdf

Dimension

- Government and Management
- Academic and Quality
- Social, Cultural and Sports

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