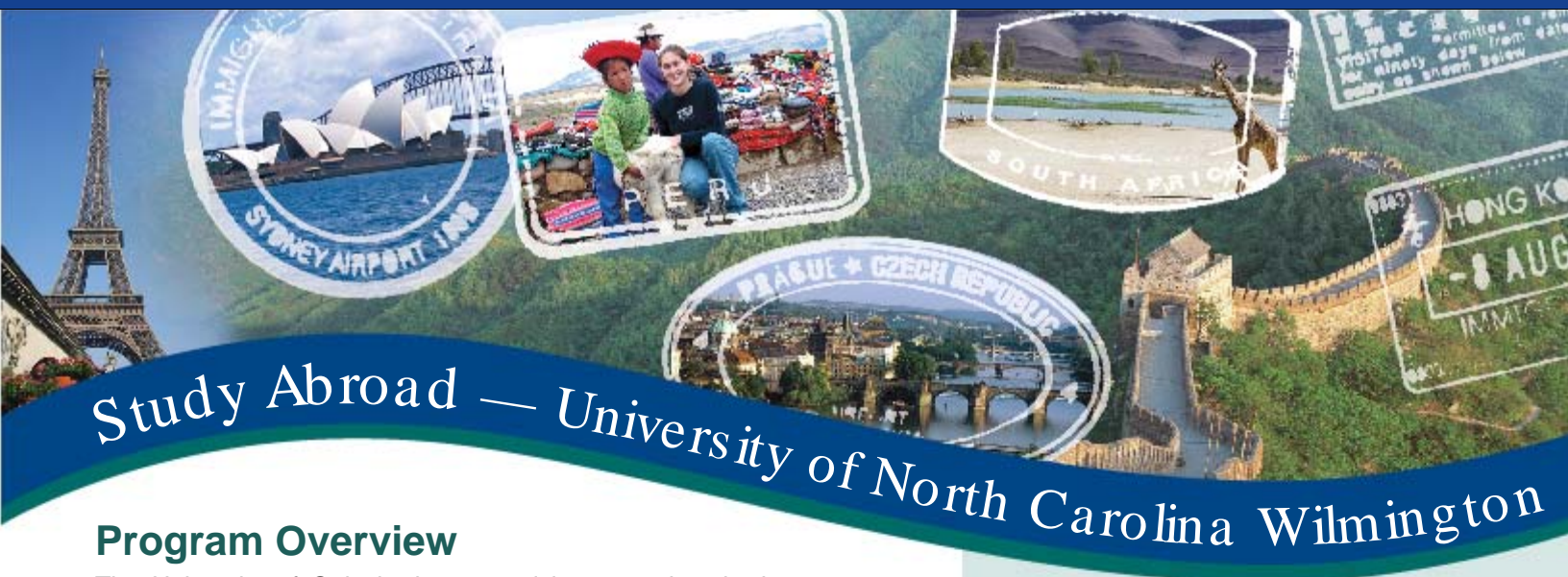


Finland – University of Oulu



Study Abroad — University of North Carolina Wilmington

Program Overview

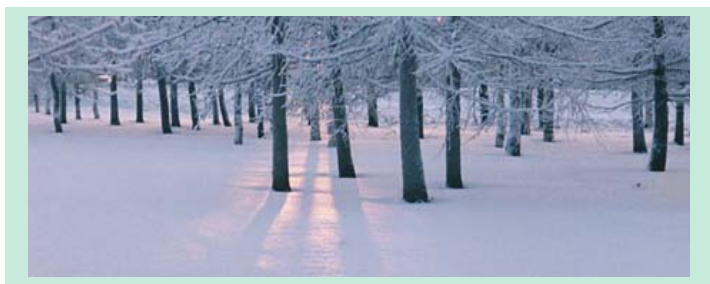
The University of Oulu is the second largest university in Finland and specializes in the fields of information technology, biotechnology, northern and environmental issues. Widely respected as an international pioneer in the area of research, the university maintains close relationships with industry and commerce and has broad connections with hundreds of other international research and educational institutions.

Academics

Students accepted into the UNC Wilmington exchange program at Oulu will receive credit toward their degree requirements for most majors. There are a large variety of classes taught in English, and several programs are especially tailored for international students. These programs, including Scandinavian studies, north women's studies, and northern nature and environment studies, often include field trips throughout Finland to sites of interest. Other areas of study include business, economics, education, humanities, medicine, science and technology.

Housing

Students are housed in furnished, single dormitory rooms with modern conveniences including kitchen, television room and Finnish sauna. Dorms are within easy reach of classes, city center and shopping centers. Students will live in dorms with Finnish students. Meals are available in inexpensive student cafeterias.



Program Facts

Location.....Oulu, Finland
City Population.....130,035
University Enrollment.....15,000

Type of Program

Exchange and Study Abroad

Program Dates

Fall.....Mid August to Mid December
Spring.....Mid January to Mid May



Application Deadlines

Academic Year or Fall Semester
March 1

Spring Semester
October 1

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking at UNCW
- At least sophomore standing at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.75+ GPA at time of application

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“Regardless of your major, going abroad is for anyone and everyone.”

Student Life

With modern premises and first-rate facilities, the University offers students the support they need to have a top-notch academic experience. The university's main campus of Linnanmaa is home to the university's Zoological Museum and Botanical Gardens, as well as a small chapel and a sports hall. A second campus, adjacent to Oulu University Hospital, houses the Faculty of Medicine. Students can immerse themselves in Nordic culture, including cross-country skiing, or spending time with their Kummi family- a local family who hosts students in their home for purposes of friendship and cultural exchange. Oulu also serves as host to a variety of festivals, including the May Day celebration and the International Air Guitar championships.

Surrounding Areas

Oulu is the cultural, commercial and administrative center for the whole of central and northern Finland. The city is also an ideal base for exploration of the country. Students can opt to journey into the Arctic Circle to experience the world's best light show: The Northern Lights, or for the more adventurous, weekend excursions to Norway, Sweden, Estonia and Russia are available.

Maps



For more information on study abroad and exchange programs:

Office of International Programs
1003 Westside Hall
910-962-3685
www.uncw.edu/international
email: studyabroad@uncw.edu



Cost

This program is available as an Exchange or as a Study Abroad:

- Exchange – This means you pay your regular tuition and fees to UNCW, and your room and board to Oulu.
- Study Abroad – This means you pay your tuition, fees, room and board directly to Oulu.

With each option, there will be additional costs for international airfare, passport, health insurance and local transportation. Please meet with an advisor at the Office of International Programs to discuss which option is best for you.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at www.uncw.edu/intprogs/abroad-financialaid.htm.

Web Sites

University of Oulu:
www.oulu.fi/english
City of Oulu:
www.oulu.fi
UNCW Office of International Programs:
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