



## Oulu Online Collaboration program 2024

Are you interested in Finland? Join us in this year's Oulu Online Collaboration Program to learn about Finland, the Finnish education and meet Finnish students from the University of Oulu!

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### The Finnish Education System

Finland is famous for its education system. We will take a critical look at the Finnish education system and explore its core ideas like equality and equity. Students will also have the chance to remotely visit a Finnish highschool.

### Cultural similarities and Differences

What does it mean to be Finnish? What does it mean to be Japanese? We will use Hofstede's 6 cultural dimensions to explore different ideas of culture. As a practical example, we compare Finland and Japan and reflect on our own cultural assumptions.

### The Happiest Country

Finland has ranked No.1 as the happiest country in the world for five years in a row. We will explore the secrets of their happiness by looking at various factors such as their social welfare system, cultural values and history.

## Goals

### Intercultural Dialogue and Collaborative learning

During the program, we will be joined by Finnish students from the University of Oulu and Alajärvi highschool. Following European universities' class, the program will have not only lectures but also plenty of discussions and groupwork, which we believe will be an perfect opportunity to practice your English and improve your intercultural communication skills.

### Critical Thinking and Reflection

We want to avoid simplistic representation of Finnish education, but we want to encourage students to think "why does Finnish education look like this?" by paying attention to the country's context characterised by various factors outside education such as culture, history, social system, economy and global trends.

We believe that all knowledge is constructed in our contexts, cultures and experiences and therefore, a big part of the program is based on reflecting on how our own cultural backgrounds affected our thinking and ideas.

## European Branch Office

We are the European Branch Office of the YNU and currently located at the University of Oulu, Finland. It is our job to support exchange students, promote study abroad and help to facilitate research cooperation. We are always happy to help, so please contact us if you have any questions.

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## When and Where

March 25th - 29th, 2024  
Orientation Day: March 18th 2024

Time: All classes will be 15.00 - 18.30 (JST) and hold on Zoom

## Registration

Register by filling out this document:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/bZWPjauE7K>

Deadline for the application is the first of  
March

## Who can join

Anyone who is interested in Nordic countries and intercultural communication is welcome! Since the program is build around intercultural dialogue with Finnish students, English communication skills are necessary.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

