

Upper secondary education: vocational education and training and upper secondary school

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- All the upper secondary education options are good. The student must find the one that supports their individual strengths and best suits their current life situation.
- Both options offer eligibility for further studies, i.e. post-secondary level
 - Life is for learning. There is time for lifelong learning and study.

Compulsory schooling

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- Compulsory schooling continues until the young person reaches the age of 18 or has previously completed a secondary education (matriculation or vocational qualification).
- Compulsory schooling applies to all young people completing basic education → Post-secondary studies are compulsory by law
- From basic education, the young person applies for further studies no later than the year in which they reach the age of 17
 - Everyone applying in the spring → the studies will begin at a new school in August
 - If basic education is interrupted, studies can be continued in **adult basic education**
- After basic education, most students complete their compulsory schooling in vocational studies, general upper secondary school, TUVÄ education or adult basic education.

Compulsory schooling

- The following are free of charge for students in compulsory schooling:
 - teaching
 - daily meals
 - textbooks and other materials needed in the education (e.g. computer for the student's use)
 - equipment, workwear and materials needed in the education
 - the 5 tests required for the completion of the matriculation exam at the end of the upper secondary school curriculum, as well as retaking the failed tests included in them;
 - school trips of more than seven kilometers
- The right to free secondary education lasts until the end of the calendar year in which the student turns 20 years old

UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Upper secondary school and matriculation examination

- Duration 3-4 years (min. of 150 credits)
- Both compulsory and optional subjects in upper secondary school
- More theoretical than a vocational upper secondary qualification
- 11 different upper secondary schools in Tampere
- Joint application: as selection criteria, mean average of the theoretical subjects of the basic education certificate
- (the lowest mean average 7.5 in 2023)

Suitable for who?

- The youngster is interested in theoretical studies
- The youngster is prepared to work also outside the classroom (a lot of homework)
- The youngster wants to continue their studies at a university, scientific polytechnic, or university college of fine arts
- The youngster plans further education in a university of applied sciences

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)

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What is IB?

- An international general upper secondary school programme
- A general upper secondary school with all teaching in English
- Consists of a preparatory year (Pre-IB) and a two-year IB diploma Programme.
- The IB Diploma Programme includes studies in six or seven subjects, all of which are subject to a final examination.

Who is IB for?

- You want to develop and challenge yourself.
- You are happy to study in the same group and want to understand what you have learned in depth.
- You want to invest in your academic skills and focus on subjects of interest to you.
- You are interested in English and internationalisation.

Vocational education and training

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Vocational upper secondary qualification

- Duration approx. 3 years (180 competence points)
- Besides professional studies, e.g. languages, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Social Studies, Working Life Knowledge
- Learning on the job: min. 30 competence points
- In Tampere
 - TREDU, 26 different basic qualifications
 - SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium of Tampere, 7 basic qualifications
 - Varala sports institute; vocational qualification in sports instruction
 - Tampere conservatory, music & dance
 - Special vocational institutes: Luovi, Kiiipula and Aitoo
- Joint application: academic performance so far, emphasis on grades for particular subjects, application directly from basic education, admission and aptitude tests

Suitable for who?

- The youngster wishes to take up a profession quicker and enter working life
- The youngster knows the field in which they want to learn more
- Besides theory, the youngster wants to pursue practical work
- The youngster wishes to pursue part of the studies in workplace
- The youngster plans further education in a university of applied sciences

Dual Qualification

- It is possible to combine general upper secondary studies to vocational upper secondary qualification.
- An application is first made for basic vocational qualification after which it is also possible to apply for general upper secondary studies
- The prerequisite for the final basic education certificate is that a student starting the upper secondary studies has at least a grade 7 in the following subjects; mother tongue, English and mathematics, and has an average grade of at least 7.0 in the theoretical subjects.
- 5 general upper secondary subjects will be studied – NB! In dual qualification the general upper secondary subjects are predefined (not optional)
- Suitable for a young person who is interested in a certain professional field and likes to study theoretical subjects.
- The young person graduates with a vocational qualification and receives a matriculation examination certificate.

Basic education for adults

- Basic education is organised at Tampere Vocational College Tredu's Santalahti campus
- Aimed at young persons who do not possess the basic education certificate
- Teaching takes place during the day
- Includes the basic education subjects - earlier studies in basic education may be credited
- As a target basic education certificate
- Further information is provided by Tredu's student counsellor Tarja Kyttälä, tarja.kyttala@tampere.fi tel. 0400 562120

TUVA: Preparatory education for an upper secondary qualification

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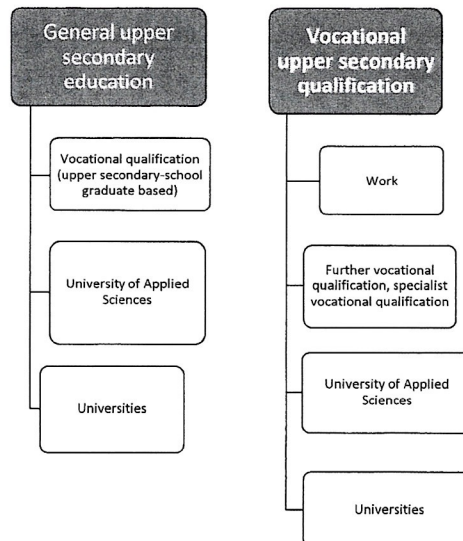
- TUVA is intended for young people and adults who have completed their basic education or an equivalent education
- In TUVA education, you can prepare for vocational and upper secondary studies and complete studies included in them.
- In TUVA studies, you can improve the grades of basic education, strengthen your Finnish language skills and strengthen your study preparedness for further studies.
- The duration of TUVA education is a maximum of one year.
- In TUVA studying takes place in different environments: school (classroom, on the computer, workshops), outdoors, excursions, places to visit, museums,

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- Application in the joint application or continuous application procedure all year round
- Entry requirement is a certificate of completion of basic education or equivalent education, Finnish language level A2.1 required from non-native speakers
- **Hatanpää Upper Secondary School:** preparing for general upper secondary school, strengthening Finnish language and academic skills and general upper secondary school courses with the **emphasis on S2** (Finnish as a second language)
 - Not a separate study programme: the study programme applied for is TUVA Tampere
 - If a student wants to apply for the Hatanpää upper secondary school group, they choose the additional questions:
I want "to study general upper secondary studies" and "strengthen my Finnish language skills"
 - For more information and inquiries: Anni Salenius-Pohjola tel. 044 4309361
- In Tampere, TUVA education is provided by Tredu (TUVA Tampere), Sasky and the special vocational schools Luovi, Aitoo and Kiipula.

What comes after upper secondary education?



Applying to education 2024

- Joint application to post-basic education takes place 20 February 2024 - 19 March 2024.
 - Applications for studies are made at www.opintopolku.fi
 - In the joint application procedure, you can apply for seven study programmes
- The joint application allows applying for:
 - Secondary education (general upper secondary and vocational education)
 - Preparatory education for an upper secondary qualification (TUVA)
 - Vocational training provided as intensive special support
 - preparatory training for work and independent living (TELMA)
 - Folk high schools for the "Folk high school year for youth of compulsory schooling age" study line
- Basic vocational qualifications in English in Tredu: Restaurant and Catering Services – Cook, Sports and Business and Business (More information merja.helin@tampere.fi)
- More information on the application for adult basic education will be provided during the early spring
- You can practice filling in the joint application form with a demo (the demo closes on 16 February 2024 at 15:00) www.opintopolku.fi

Help and advice

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- Study counsellor at one's own school
- Study counsellors at the upper secondary schools and vocational institutions
- **TreduNavi application services**

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Telephone service is open

Mon 9:00-15:00

Tue 12:00-15:00

Wed- Fri 9:00-15:00

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Postal address: Tampereen seudun ammattiopisto Tredu, Hakupalvelu, PL 217, 33101 Tampere.

- Recordings of Tredu's education for immigrants (Finnish language and Culture, and adult basic education) <https://www.tredu.fi/hae-opiskelemaan/maahanmuuttajakoulutus.html.stx>

- **Ohjaamo:**

Visiting address: Hammareninkatu 8 A (2nd floor)

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 13:00 and 16:00