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IMATRA ART SCHOOL, AT SAIMAA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES IMATRA, FINLAND

Art Studio Program

The academic year or one-semester program at Saimaa University of Applied Sciences is specifically designed for Winthrop studio art majors. SCP is a Finnish state institution with a wide range of disciplines on two campuses, the primary campus at Lappeenranta and secondary campus in Imatra, on the Finnish-Russian border. The Winthrop exchange program is partnered with the International Art School in Imatra. The Imatra art community consists of students and faculty from all over the world. Website link: <u>http://www.saimia.fi/en-FI/student-exchange/incoming-students</u>

Semester Dates

Fall: late August – late December Spring: early January – mid-May

Application Deadline

Mar 1 for Fall study Oct 1 for Spring study

Location Facts

Finland is a small Scandinavian country population-wise, but the seventh largest country in Europe in terms of area. Helsinki, in south central Finland, is the capital and the largest city. Imatra is several hours east of Helsinki, and connected by the excellent Finnish rail system. Imatra is known for its legendary rapids and nature reserve, Russian-Finnish population, Alvo Aalto's Church of the Church of Three Crosses and its fresh water saunas. The sauna is something purely Finnish. Originally the sauna was a place where children were born and the sick were cared for as well as a place for washing. There are saunas everywhere; in fact, there is one sauna for every four people in Finland.

For Finland Map and other information: <u>http://geology.com/world/finland-satellite-image.shtml</u>

Academics: As the art program at SCP is internationally known, joint projects with various institutions and organizations form an integral part of the visual arts study program. Besides taking studio courses, Winthrop students also have opportunity to participate in exhibitions and competitions in Finland and abroad. Successfully completed studio courses transfer back to Winthrop as 4 credit hours each. Full-time course load is four studio classes, or a total of 16 credit hours.

Art studio areas include:

Drawing	Painting	Printmaking
Sculpture	Environmental Art	Graphics Arts
Photography	Video/Multimedia	Stoneware and Jewelry Design
Libraries and computers can be found in every department and are free of charge.		

Language of Instruction: English and Finnish with English translation

Eligibility:

- * Junior year standing and above
- * Winthrop students annual enrollment limit of 4 students or 8 students/semester
- * Minimum 3.0 GPA in studio art courses

Housing and Meals: SPC helps international students get set up in student apartments. Apartments include 2 or 3 single bedrooms with furniture (no bed linens provided) and a shared living space, bathroom, and kitchenette. Students arrange for their own meals, during the day on-campus and breakfast and dinner on their own.

Costs: Amounts are in US dollars unless otherwise noted. Some costs may be approximate due to the changing value of the US dollar against international currencies.

200 Study Abroad Application Fee Study Abroad Participation Fee 325 $\sqrt{}$ Tuition 2000 Housing, semester 1200 Meals 300 Art Supply Fee 150 **Books/Academic Supplies** 1500 Personal Spending Money 1650 R/T Transportation to Location 135 Passport 40/mo **CISI** International Health Insurance 340 = €300 Student Visa fees/Residence Permit 250 Transportation to Washington, DC for Finland Embassy meeting (Biometrics)

Checked ($\sqrt{}$) items included in Winthrop tuition fees.

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