

Some additional information in English:

What is the English Program like in HUYK/Helsingin Uusi yhteiskoulu?

The English Program in HUYK is designed for those enthusiastic students of English who enjoy an English-speaking classroom, are keen on learning new vocabulary and appreciate a more challenging learning environment to beat the basic comprehensive school curriculum. It is our job in HUYK to ensure that these students receive a good education in a broad range of subjects in English.

Who can apply?

The students are 12-16-year olds. They take an entrance exam in January (in 6th grade) in which their listening, reading, writing and grammar skills are tested in English. The same entrance exam is used to apply to all the different English Program schools in Helsinki. The student must also show deduction and understanding of the text from its context. The English part of the test takes about two hours and an hour more is spent with the Finnish part of the test as well.

Which subjects will be taught in English?

The subjects taught in English will vary each year. We have qualified English-speaking native Finns who make the learning environment bilingual in home economics, art and physical education. Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry are taught in English in some grades depending on the course content and goals. Civics, Health Education and Geography will also be taught partly in English by a qualified teacher. The school also provides an extra English course each year to ensure a wide range of vocabulary and advanced oral skills at the end of 9th grade.

How is school going different for students studying in the English Program?

English Program students will quickly get used to listening to English in several classes every week. They are allowed to respond in English or Finnish in class. We make interesting local visits during grades 7-9 into English events in the capital area. The students may participate on a school trip to Cheltenham, England in 9th grade (in September) for a week. There may be several fundraising events before that. At the end of 9th grade the English Program students will take part in HELIMUN (Helsinki International Model United Nations) for two days in Helsinki.

Why apply to the English Program in HUYK?

The student will be part of a class that interacts together well from the start. They are among peers who share the same goals. They make friends for life with people who will support them in their studies and help to build their confidence as an English speaker. Together they grow up to be responsible, independent and motivated individuals who have firm goals for their future studies and academic careers.

Welcome to study in English!