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## Education programme in Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) at the University of Tampere, Finland

The SLT programme at the University of Tampere is one of the five SLT programmes in Finland and belongs to the School of Social Sciences and Humanities since the beginning of 2011.

The academic prerequisite to enter the SLT programme is Baccalaureat /A-level. Additionally a written and oral entrance exam have to be passed to be able to begin the studies in the programme. The students are accepted directly on to the SLT programme and graduate with a Master's degree. The annual intake is 10-13 students.

The Bologna process has been implemented since 2005. Both the first and second cycle studies and 300 ECTS are required to obtain the M.A. degree. Only after obtaining the M.A. degree the graduate becomes accredited to work as an SLT.

The studies include theoretical studies in logopedics, medicine, linguistics and psychology, as well as studies in scientific research methods resulting in both B.A. and M.A. thesis. A considerable amount of practice is also included in the studies.

After completing the M.A. degree it is possible to continue with PhD studies in logopedics. Logopedics in the University of Tampere has active research ongoing in different areas of speech and language disorders and therapy. There are about 1100 SLTs in Finland at the moment. The population of Finland is about 5,3 million.

### **For more information:**

University of Tampere, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Logopedics

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