



Facts and figures on general upper secondary education in Finland



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General upper secondary education in a nutshell



General upper secondary education mainly free for students

No tuition fees



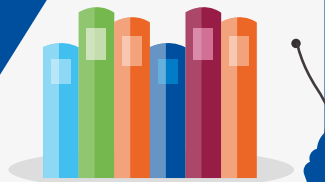
FREE



Free school
meals

FREE

Books are paid by
students



€ 2500
total

Over half of 16-year-olds start their studies in general upper secondary education

General upper secondary education in 2017:



362

schools

96 800

students

51%

of all 16-year-olds
began general
upper secondary
education*

57%

of the students
were women

*31% of 16-year-old foreign language speakers began their studies in general upper secondary education. Proportion of foreign language speakers of the population was 7%.

Distribution of lesson hours

Compulsory courses Specialisation courses

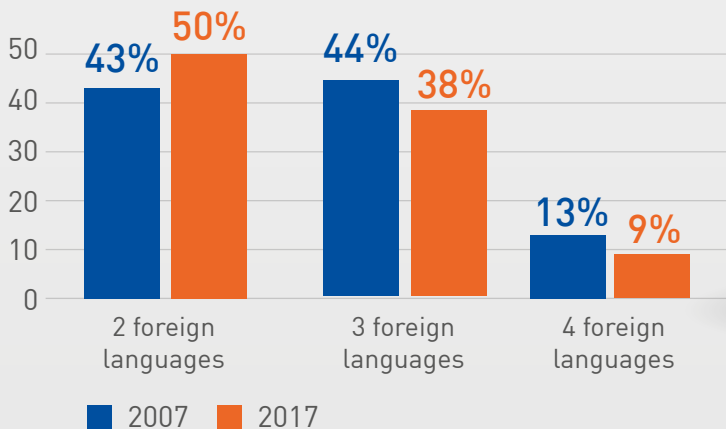


Duration of a single course is on average 38 lessons.

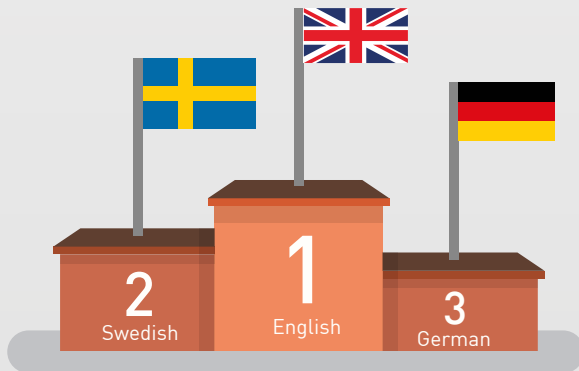
47-51 Compulsory courses **10** Specialisation courses, minimum **75** Total number of courses, minimum

depending on levels of mathematics.
Students have to study at least 18 subjects.

Most students study 2 foreign languages

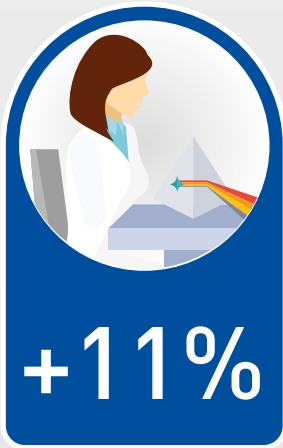


Most studied foreign languages



Proportion of women choosing advanced courses in natural sciences has increased

Physics



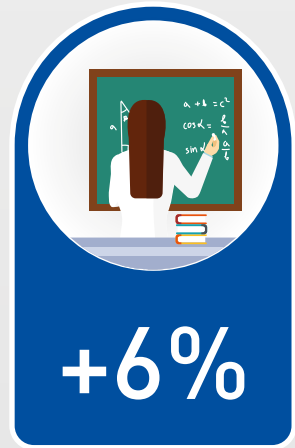
2007: 26 %
2017: 37 %

Chemistry



2007: 42 %
2017: 51 %

Mathematics



2007: 43 %
2017: 49 %

Expenditure by student 2015, USD



Finland

8 430



EU22

9 450



OECD

9 120

In equivalent USD converted using PPPs for GDP