

FSD2139 ULKOMAALAISET PERUSTUTKINTO-OPISKELIJAT 2005: OSA-AINEISTO
FSD2139 SURVEY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN FIVE FINNISH UNIVERSITIES 2005: PARTIAL DATA

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Q1 Respondent's age (reclassified)|

Q2 Respondent's gender|

Q3 Respondent's Nationality (Open-Ended Question)|

Q4 How many years have you lived in Finland?|

Q5 Faculty at which the respondent studies (reclassified)|

Q27 What else do you wish to say as a foreign degree student? (open-ended question)

236|35-39|Male|American |2|Social sciences|I hope that word will get out to the international community about the way foreigners are treated in Finland. It is utterly shocking, and criminal in Europe and in every civilized part of the world. I have very little expectation that things will change in Finland in my lifetime, because of the racism I have seen and experienced on the part of the most educated elites in the country, and on the part of the young, two groups that in other countries are expected to know better or to be progressive. What Finnish professors and others have to say about Africans, Russians, Roma and Jews would be grounds for the termination of their academic careers in other countries, if not for criminal prosecution. In Finland it is just everyday conversation. The most frightening time is Vappu, when racism and alcoholism are most potently mixed.

179|25-29|Male|Bangladeshi |1|Agricultural sciences|About tution fee, I think if in future Finnish Govt apply tution fee then foreign students outside of EU wont come in Finland for study because 1)Job is not available so how can students manage tution fee by doing only cleaning job. Like in UK, Australia, USA over there job is available and well paid, so students can manage tution fee as well as living cost by doing part time job 2) After completion of higher studies there is no permanent immigration facilities like Australia, Canada and USA 3) After completion of higher study no future in Finland especially for Study related job So, as there is no future security for foreign studnets in Finland so whats the benefit paying tution and to be jobless in future, then its better to study that country where futre is secured (in terms of permanent immigrant opportunity) and job is available |||

291|25-29|Male|British |4|Social sciences|I think that the flexibility of the system here is excellent. The fact that I even have the chance to juggle work, family and education is wonderful and with the exception of the absence of books, the facilities are comparable with some of the better UK universities, which are not entirely state funded. Having said that, I am in a priviledged position of having well paid work as an English Lecturer at the University so the financial pressures on me are nowhere near as acute as they would be on most other foreign degree students. The greatest challenge by far for foreign degree students is integrating into the society. The language and culture make it difficult. It's difficult to learn Finnish if you do not socialise in Finnish and it's hard to socialise in Finnish if you don't speak Finnish. far more emphasis should be placed on communication rather than learning the grammer of Finnish. |||