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Our new **study program in English** will start in the beginning of the term 2026 – 2027

The class is studying in English.

The obligatory courses and national optional courses will be taught in English except the lessons in Finnish (Finnish as a second language for foreigners).

The study counseling is also available in English.

The matriculation examination will be completed in English.



  
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General upper secondary education in English is intended for applicants whose language skills are insufficient to complete upper secondary education in Finnish or Swedish due to the duration of their prior education in Finland.

Applicants are considered to have **insufficient language skills to complete the curriculum of general upper education intended for young people in Finnish or Swedish only if they have completed studies referred to in the Basic Education Act for no more than three years.**

Applicants to English-language upper secondary education who are not citizens of the European Union or a country belonging to the European Economic Area are required to have a **residence permit granted under the Aliens Act for reasons other than studies.**



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# English-Language Matriculation Examination from Autumn 2028

The preparation of the English-language matriculation examination aims for the first English-language matriculation examination tests to be organised in autumn 2028.

The English-language matriculation examination can be arranged only at general upper secondary schools authorised to provide education in English

The English-language matriculation examination tests will be conducted as translated tests, meaning they will have the same content as the tests in Finnish and Swedish.

Those taking the matriculation examination in English will be required to complete the test in Finnish or Swedish as a second language and literature, as the test in mother tongue and literature.

# The structure of the examination

All candidates must take the **Mother Tongue and Literature** test as part of the Matriculation Examination. In addition, candidates are required to complete at least four other tests from the following subject groups, based on their preferences:

- **Mathematics**
- **Second National Language**
- **Foreign Language**
- **Humanities and Natural Sciences**

At least one of the tests must be of advanced level. Advanced level tests can be taken in second national language, foreign language or mathematics.



Mandatory

At least four tests from at least three of these groups, one of which must be the test of the advanced syllabus level.



## SUPPLEMENTING THE EXAMINATION

- A person who has passed the Matriculation Examination can later supplement it by taking a test that they have not previously taken. The examination may also be supplemented by taking a test in a subject that one has already passed but at another level.
- Tests taken to supplement the examination are of equal value with the tests in the original examination. Candidates receive a new certificate with the new and previous tests that they have taken to supplement their examination.

## RETAKE TESTS

- **Passed Tests:** Candidates may retake a passed test as many times as they wish, without any time restriction. If the test is retaken before the Matriculation Examination Certificate has been awarded, the higher grade will be recorded on the certificate. If retaken after the certificate has been issued, a new certificate will be provided with the updated grade.
- **Failed Tests:** Candidates who is yet to complete the examination who fail a test are allowed to retake it up to three times within the three examination periods immediately following the failed attempt. Candidates who have completed the examination can retake tests without time restrictions, including failed tests.





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# Compulsory education and the study costs

The extension of compulsory education applies to those who are in compulsory education and who have participated in the comprehensive school syllabus (basic education syllabus) on or after 1 January 2021.

Under the Act on Compulsory Education, children residing permanently in Finland must attend compulsory education.

When applying the Act on Compulsory Education, children with a municipality of residence within the meaning of the Municipality of Residence Act (201/1994) are deemed to be permanently residing in Finland.

**All those who have a municipality of residence entered in the population information system fall within the scope of compulsory education.**

**Those with no municipality of residence do not belong within the scope of compulsory education.**

**Those who reside temporarily in Finland for the purpose of studying and do not have a municipality of residence referred to in the Municipality of Residence Act do not belong within the scope of the Act on Compulsory Education and the related education free of charge.**



  
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## Studies at Finnish general upper secondary school aim at studies at universities and universities of applied sciences.

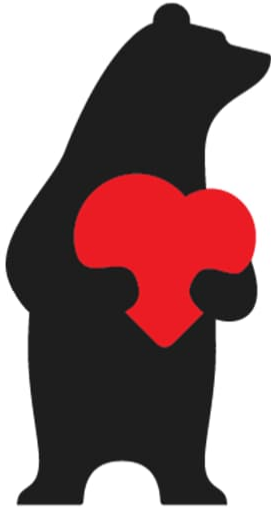
Studies at upper secondary school consist of obligatory courses and optional courses. General upper secondary school syllabus involves 150 credits. In mathematics you choose either advanced or basic syllabus.

At the end of your studies, you should pass the matriculation examination in Finnish if you have studied at upper secondary school in Finnish.

However general upper secondary education and the national matriculation examination is also available in English, but this is intended for applicants whose language skills are insufficient to complete upper secondary education in Finnish or Swedish due to the duration of their prior education in Finland.

A person is considered to have insufficient language skills to complete the curriculum of general upper education intended for young people in Finnish or Swedish only if they have completed studies referred to in the Basic Education Act for no more than three years.

# Counselling, support and welfare services



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## Study counselling

Our students have **study counsellor** and **tutor teacher**. You can contact your tutor teacher and study counsellor by email or our Wilma intranet. It is also possible to book an appointment with your study counsellor. Tutor teacher will arrange a **tutoring hour regularly**.

It is also possible to ask any teacher for **remedial teaching** if you have problems with your learning in any subject.

## Special needs teachers

Our special needs teachers **test** and **consult** our students who have any **learning difficulties** e.g. dyslexia. They also arrange **tuition in the learning abilities**.

## Student welfare services

Our students can book an appointment with our psychologist, social worker or nurse.

## School lunch

Our students are entitled to lunch free of charge at school on those school days when the curriculum requires their presence at school.

## Student financial aid

As our student you might be able to apply for student financial aid in Kela. More information:

[Students | Our Services | Kela](#)

[Student financial aid system in Finland – OKM – Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland](#)



## THE NATIONAL JOINT APPLICATION SYSTEM

- [www.opintopolku.fi](http://www.opintopolku.fi)
- **The application period** in the spring 2026 joint application to upper secondary education **starts on the 17th of February 2026 and ends on the 17th of March 2026 at 3 pm UTC+2.**
- When applying, select “Ulkomailla suoritettu koulutus” as the basic education. **You can apply to up to seven (7) different study programmes**, which must be arranged in the order of your preference.
- Please submit the attachments of your application, your latest diplomas and all other documents supporting your selection by no later than April 1, 2026 to: *Porin lukio / Opiskelijavalinta / Tasavallankatu 4 / 28130 Pori / Finland*
- If you are applying to our **upper secondary education in English**, you must also take an **entrance exam** to show your ability to study in English.
  - **The entrance exam in English will be held on April 21, 2026 at 10.00 a.m. at Porin lukio upper secondary school at Tasavallankatu 4, Pori**, entrance at the corner of Tasavallankatu and Koulukatu, down the stairs to the 0th floor.
  - You need your ID with your picture (e.g. passport, identity card, driving license), a pencil and an eraser for the test. Be sure to mention your email address in your application.
- **Student admissions list will be published on the school’s website on June 11, 2026 the earliest.**
  - Your name will appear on it if you are selected and if you have given permission to publish it. In addition, applicants selected as students will receive an admissions letter by email with detailed enrolment instructions.
  - **No information about student admissions decisions or test results will be announced before June 11, 2026, even on request.**
- **You must confirm that you will have to take the study place no later than June 25th 2026.** Otherwise, it will be cancelled.

Choose the language




[www.opintopolku.fi](https://www.opintopolku.fi) 17.2.-17.3.2026

The screenshot shows the Studyinfo website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search for information...". Below it, a green navigation bar contains the Studyinfo logo and a language selection menu set to "English". The main content area features a green banner with the heading "Studyinfo - Explore lifelong learning in Finland". Underneath, there is a search filter section with a text input field containing "Porin lukio" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are two buttons: "I don't know what I want to study" and "Show all courses, programmes and educational institutions". A red arrow points from the bottom left towards the "I don't know what I want to study" button. Below the search bar, there are two main content blocks. The left block is green and titled "Practice application form for the joint application to upper secondary education". It contains text about the application process and a "Fill out the practice application form" button. The right block is purple and titled "Joint application to higher education, spring 2026 has ended!". It contains text about the application process and two buttons: "Frequently asked questions" and "Admissions services".

Search the school



# Choose the educational institutions



Porin lukio Search

I do not know what I want to study

[Front page](#) > [Search results](#)

**Filter search results**


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**Education types**

- Comprehensive education programmes for adults (0)
- Basic education programmes in the arts (0)
- Programmes with intensive special needs support (0)
- Post-basic preparatory education programmes (0)
- Liberal adult education (0)
- Vocational education and training (0)
- General upper secondary education programmes (2)
- University of Applied Sciences (higher education) (0)


**General upper secondary education**

The matriculation examination provides students with the eligibility to apply for higher education. Upper secondary school studies last three to four years, preparing the students for the matriculation examination. Students in general upper secondary e...

 Secondary school graduate 150 ECTS credits 350 education providers

**International Baccalaureate, Diploma Programme**

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) is an internationally recognised matriculation examination which qualifies candidates for admission to universities and colleges all over the world. In Finland the programme consists of a two-ye...

 Secondary school graduate Scope of studies missing 16 education providers

# Choose Porin lukio

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- University study (0)

**Porin lukio**

PORIN LUKIO is a non-graded general upper secondary school. The age bracket of students is 16-19 years on average. The total enrolment varies from 1200 to 1250. The syllabus consists of compulsory modules and optional modules. Porin lukio has specializ...

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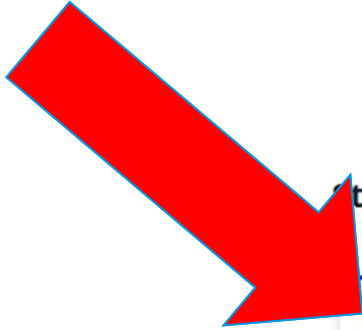
**Björneborgs svenska samskola**

Björneborgs svenska samskola är en dynamisk lärmiljö, som uppmuntrar till nyfikenhet. Det är en miljö med stark samhörighet och vi-anda där elever ges möjligheter att utveckla sina styrkor tillsammans med engagerade lärare. Hos oss växer nyfikna barn t...

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# Choose General upper secondary education in English



## Study programmes offered at this educational institution

### General upper secondary education, 150 credits General upper secondary education in English, 150 credits



If you apply to Porin lukio with a foreign basic education certificate, we invite you to a mandatory language test. You should have a good ability in language of tuition so that you could pass the matriculation examination at the end of your studies. T...



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Day time teaching



Free of charge

### General upper secondary education, 150 credits Lukion ilmaisutaitolinja, 150 credits Lukion luonnontiedelinja (erityinen koulutustehtävä), 150 credits Lukion urheilulinja (erityinen koulutustehtävä), 150 credits



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# Application fill in form

Application period begins on February 17, 2026 and ends on March 17, 2026 at 03:00 p.m. UTC+2.

Please notice that you will find the application fill in form here no earlier than February 17, 2026. Beforehand you will find here a demo fill in form which you can't submit to school.



## Study programmes available for application

📅 Joint application ( 1 )

**General upper secondary education in English**  
Porin lukio [Add to favourites](#)

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**Application begins:**  
Feb. 17, 2026 at 08:00 AM UTC+2

**Application ends:**  
Mar. 17, 2026 at 03:00 PM UTC+2

**Studies begin:**  
Autumn 2026

**Additional information** ⓘ

**Prior education:** ⓘ  
Peruskoulu

**Places of study:**  
15

[Täytä harjoittelulomake](#) [Read admission criteria](#)



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## Contact information

You can apply to upper secondary schools through the joint application system for general upper secondary education every spring.

If you are interested in studying in English in Porin lukio general upper secondary school, you can contact study counselor Maija Pihl, [maija.pihl\(at\)pori.fi](mailto:maija.pihl@pori.fi), tel. +358 44 701 9492.

Deputy head master of international students Jarkko Kivelä, [jarkko.kivela\(at\)pori.fi](mailto:jarkko.kivela@pori.fi), tel. +358 44 701 5333.



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# Additional information

[Applying to Pori upper secondary school – City of Pori.](#)

[How to apply for upper secondary and preparatory education – Studyinfo](#)

[General upper secondary education in English to commence in August 2026 – OKM – Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland](#)

[General upper secondary education \(lukio\) – Studyinfo \(opintopolku.fi\)](#)

[General upper secondary education – OKM – Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland](#)

[Objectives for general upper secondary education – OKM – Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland](#)

[Structure of the matriculation examination \(ylioppilastutkinto.fi\)](#)