

Ressun lukio

Ressun lukio IB World School



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Ressun lukio, Ressu lukio IB World School

Established in 1891, Ressun lukio is one of the oldest upper secondary schools in Finland and known for its rigorous academic standards and student achievement. Admission is highly selective, based on previous academic performance. The school is run by the City of Helsinki and does not charge for tuition. The school has approximately 980 students altogether and 80 teachers. The students are 15-19 years old.

Ressun lukio offers two upper secondary programmes: the Finnish-language section for the Finnish national curriculum (~600 students), and the English-language section for the IB Diploma Programme (~300 students). Our campus is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities that support a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities.





The school prepares its students either for the Finnish national matriculation exams or the International Baccalaureate Diploma final examinations (the full diploma), either of which give the students general university entry. Our rigorous academic programmes ensure that our graduates are exceptionally well-prepared for the challenges of higher education.

Approximately 90 % of our students continue their studies at university level in Finland or abroad. We have a strong track record of placing students in top universities worldwide. In addition to the best Finnish universities, our students have gone on to study e.g. in Harvard College, Brown University, Cornell University, University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Cambridge University, Oxford University, London School of Economics, Karolinska Institutet and Sciences Po.

Teaching in the Finnish upper secondary schools is divided into modules/courses, each consisting of about 38 lessons. The school year is divided into five terms. A separate timetable is drawn up for each term, concentrating on certain subjects. Students' progress and the composition of teaching groups thus depend on the students' choice of modules/subjects.

Our dedicated faculty members, all of whom hold Master's degree or PhD, are committed to nurturing a culture of curiosity and critical thinking. They create a dynamic and engaging learning environment, inspiring students to reach their full potential.

Ressulukio Finnish National Programme

Upper secondary school studies (the Finnish national programme) prepare the students for the Finnish matriculation examination. The scope of the syllabus is three years, but one can complete the studies in two, three or four years; students proceed in their studies at their own pace. All students take compulsory modules in various subjects and choose optional modules according to their interests. One of the hallmarks of Ressun lukio is the commitment to multilingualism. Finnish, Swedish, English and other languages are seamlessly integrated into our curriculum, ensuring that students are proficient in multiple languages, a valuable asset in today's globalized world.

The grading system in Finnish schools

- numbers 4-10 (ten being the best, four=fail)
- letter S (passed satisfactorily)
- letter O (not completed)
- letter K (discontinued)



The matriculation examination

The matriculation examination concluding upper secondary school studies is drawn up nationally, and there is a centralized body to check its individual exams according to uniform criteria. There are five compulsory exams in the matriculation examination (one/subject). In addition, candidates may take optional exams. Tests are arranged each spring and autumn, and candidates may complete the examination either entirely in one examination session or in parts within a maximum of three different examination sessions.

The grading system in the matriculation examination

- *laudatur*(L) - outstanding
- *eximia cum laude approbatu*(E) - excellent
- *magna cum laude approbatu*(M) - very good
- *cum laude approbatu*(C) - good
- *lubenter approbatu*(B) - satisfactory
- *approbatur*(A) - barely satisfactory
- *improbatur*(I) - fail

Ressunlukio IB World School IB Diploma Programme

Ressun lukio IB World School became an authorized IB (International Baccalaureate) school in autumn 2002, when the first students entered the IB section at Ressun lukio. The Diploma Programme is a demanding pre-university course. The Diploma Programme enables students to excel academically and develop a deep understanding of their chosen subjects.

The Diploma Programme is a two-year course. In Finnish schools it is preceded by a preparatory year, a so-called Pre-DP. During this year the students follow the specially designed curriculum, the courses are taught in English (except Finnish language courses). The Pre-DP aims to serve as an introduction to the actual DP programme.

The subjects studied in the Diploma Programme fall into six groups, and the student chooses one subject from each one. This way the students can focus on fewer subjects but more in depth. Subjects are studied either as standard level (SL) or as higher level (HL) courses. At least 3 – but no more than 4 – of the subjects have to be studied as higher level courses, the others as standard level. HL courses consist of a minimum of 240 teaching hours, SL 150 hours.

The diploma candidates sit their final examinations in May during their final year. The exam papers are sent to IBO to be marked.

The grading system for IB examinations is the following:

- 7 Excellent
- 6 Very good
- 5 Good
- 4 Satisfactory
- 3 Mediocre
- 2 Poor
- 1 Very poor

Excellent performance in all six subjects results in a total of 42 points (7 points for each subject). In addition, a student can get up to 3 points for the TOK course and Extended Essay. Consequently, the maximum diploma point score is 45.

Ressun lukio IB World School's predicted grades are based on the students' performance during the first year of their Diploma Programme studies, excluding TOK and EE.

Finnish-language programme: final matriculation exam results and school leaving certificates are available in June.

IB Diploma Programme: final examination results are available in July.



Colleges and Universities

Graduates from Ressun lukio IB World School have been accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Aalto University, Finland
University of Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki Conservatory of Music, Finland

Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
Stockholm University, Sweden
Uppsala University, Sweden

Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

University of Tartu, Estonia

Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Lithuania

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Erasmus University, Netherlands
Hague University, Netherlands
University of Groningen, Netherlands
Leiden University, Netherlands
Maastricht University, Netherlands
Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands

International University of Monaco, Monaco

Sciences Po, France

Trinity College, Ireland
University College Dublin, Ireland
University College Cork, Ireland

Florence Institute of Design International, Italy

University of Nicosia Medical School, Cyprus

Harvard College, Boston, MA, USA
Brown University, USA
University of Washington, USA
Columbia University, NY, USA
Vanderbilt University, USA
Cornell University, USA

University of Western Australia, Australia

University of Toronto, Canada
McGill University, Canada
University of Alberta, Canada
University of British Columbia, Canada

University of Oxford, UK
University of Cambridge, UK
London School of Economics, UK
Imperial College London, UK
University College London (UCL),
King's College London, UK
Queen Mary University of London,
University of the Arts London, UK
City University of London, UK
University of Westminster, UK
University of Greenwich, UK
University of St. Andrews, Scotland, UK
University of Edinburgh, Scotland
University of Glasgow, Scotland
University of Aberdeen, Scotland
Cardiff University, Wales, UK
Aberyswyth University, Wales, UK
University of Nottingham, UK
University of Warwick, UK
University of Manchester, UK
University of Liverpool, UK
University of Bristol, UK
University of Southampton, UK

