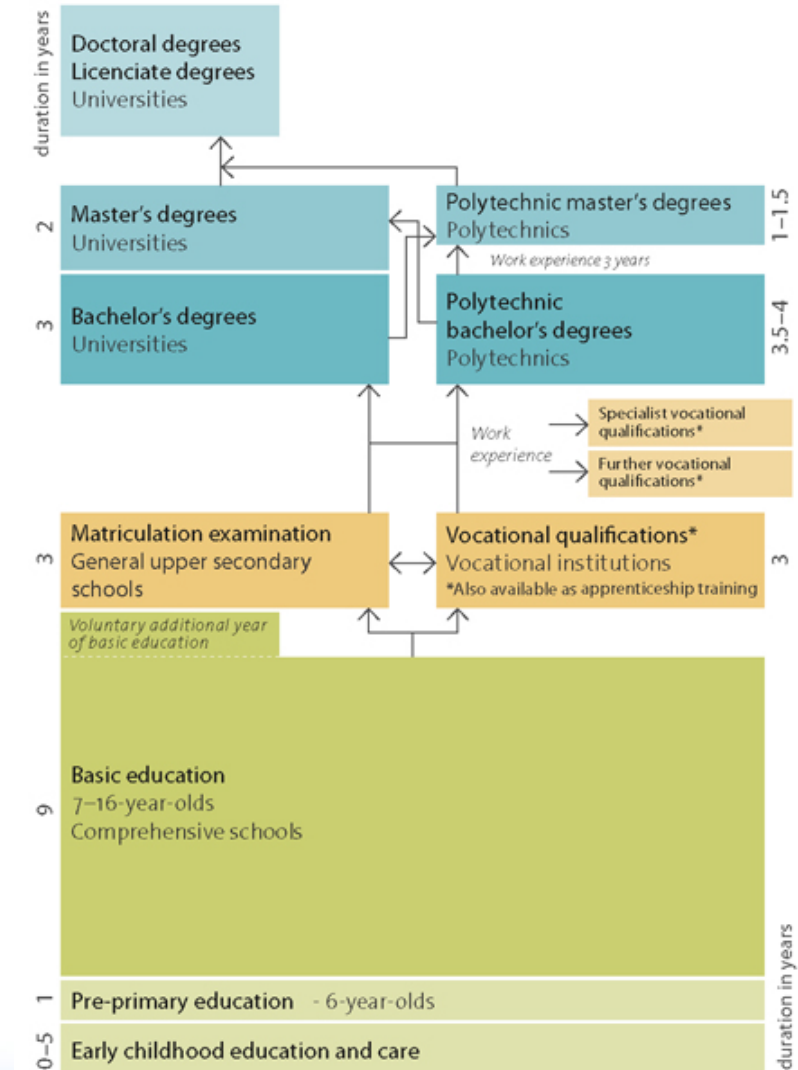


Finnish school system

Education system

- Basic education 6+3 years
- Vocational school or upper secondary school (Forssan yhteislyseo) 3 years

Education system in Finland



Upper secondary schools (lukio, Forssan yhteislyseo in the city of Forssa)

- C. 50 % of students
- provide sufficient capabilities for further studies (universities, universities of applied science)



Upper secondary schools

- 2-4 years of studies
- Education is free (incl. lunch)
- Students pay for study books, laptops and transportation
- Finnish students are highly motivated and persistent with a lot of freedom to choose their path of study!

National matriculation examination

- 1) Schooling ends with the national matriculation exams.
- 2) Mother tongue =Finnish (separate test for immigrants) is the only compulsory test for all the students.
- 3) Swedish, Math, Foreign language (English), General Studies (Humanities and Natural Sciences, e.g. Biology): A student selects three tests.
- 4) Optional tests e.g. in languages.
Students normally take 4-7 tests in all.

Forssa Upper Secondary School

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History

- The Upper Secondary School of Forssa (Forssan yhteislyseo) was established in 1899, thus being the oldest rural secondary school in Finland





Nowadays

- Forssa Upper Secondary School is a compact and safe environment to study.
- The building has been totally renovated some years ago.



Students and teachers

- Forssan yhteislyseo has about 500 + 100 students.
- The staff includes 35 teachers.



Languages

- Forssan yhteislyseo offers a wide selection of courses in different languages, such as Swedish, English, German, French, Russian, Italian and Spanish.

ICT in Forssan yhteislyseo

- Three laboratories are equipped with 80 computers (Linux) for our 500 students to use freely.
- All students bring their own laptop or tablet.
- Each classroom has got a Smartboard at the teacher's disposal.
- The learning platform Peda.net and interactive e-study books are used in many subjects.

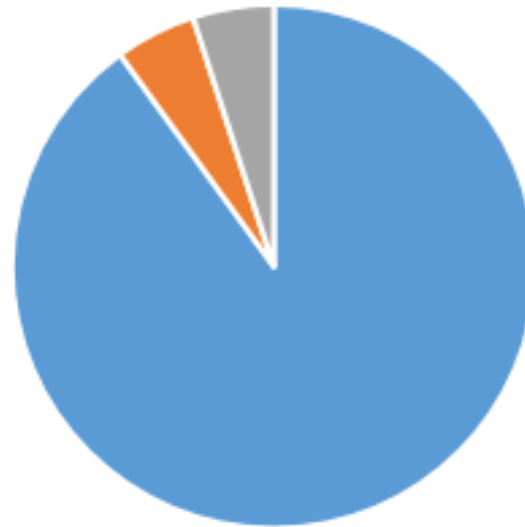


Studies



Syllabus

- 1) is designed to last three years, but students may complete it in from 2 to 4 years.
- 2) 75 courses are needed to receive a school-leaving certificate. Normally it takes three years.



Compulsory subjects

- 1) Mother Tongue (Finnish) 6 courses
- 2) Foreign Language (English) 6 courses
- 3) 2nd National Language (Swedish) 5 courses
- 4) Math (Basic or Advanced) 6-10 courses

Compulsory subjects

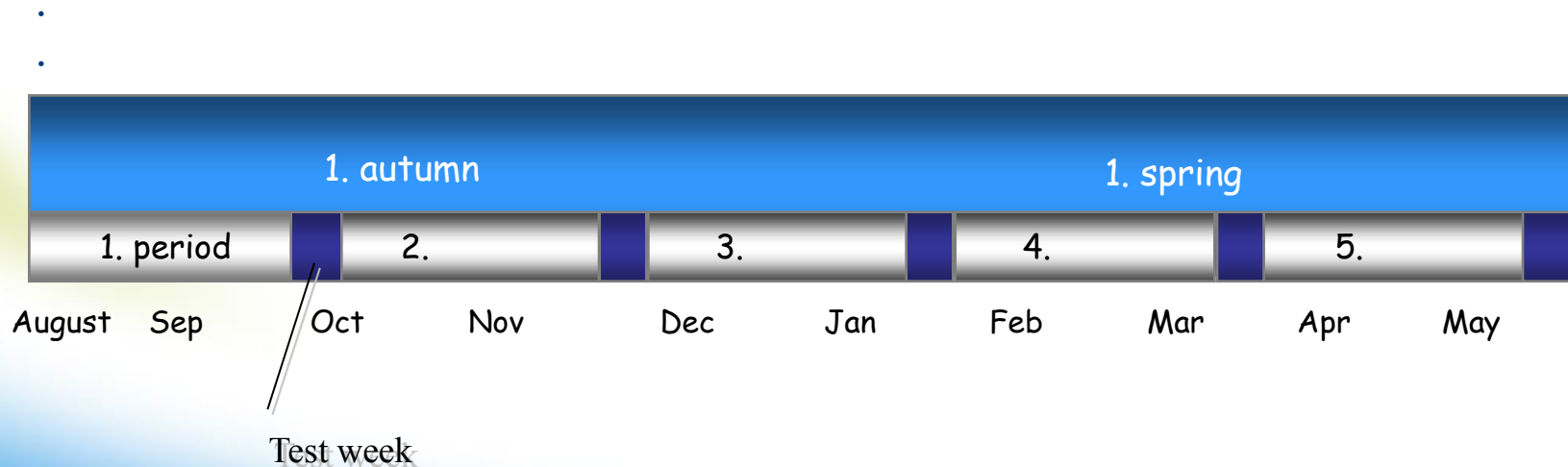
- 1) Physics, Chemistry, Biology,
Geography, total 5 courses
- 2) History and Social Studies, total 6
courses
- 3) Religion, Philosophy and Psychology,
total 5 courses
- 4) Health Education, 1 course

Compulsory subjects

- 1) Art, 2 courses
- 2) Music, 2 courses
- 3) Physical Education, 2 courses
- 4) Studies Counselling, 2 courses

Studies in upper secondary schools

- - Five study periods
 - 75 courses (1710 minutes, 3*75 min in seven weeks)
 - 7 d test "weeks", one test / day



Optional and voluntary studies

- Further applied courses in every subject
- E.g. languages: German, French, Russian, Italian, Spanish
- Theme Studies
- Drama, Sports Academy courses etc.
- There are more than 300 courses available in FYL.



Students in Forssan yhteislyseo

- Highly motivated to continue their studies in the university or university of applied sciences after upper secondary school studies
- Well-equipped with working life skills, such as multiliteracy, linguistic competence, mathematical and social skills plus digital competence

