

## **Imatra Art School, South Karelia Polytechnic Imatra, Finland**

### **Art Studio Program**

The academic year or one-semester program at South Karelia Polytechnic (SCP) is specifically designed for Winthrop studio art majors. SCP is a Finnish state institution with a wide range of disciplines on two campuses, the primary campus at Lappeenranta and secondary campus in Imatra, on the Finnish-Russian border. The Winthrop exchange program is partnered with the International Art School in Imatra. The Imatra art community consists of students and faculty from all over the world.

Website link: <http://www.scp.fi/en/Programmes/>

### **Semester Dates**

Fall: late August – late December

Spring: early January – mid-May

### **Application Deadline**

Mar 1 for Fall study

Oct 1 for Spring study

### **Location Facts**

Finland is a small Scandinavian country population-wise, but the seventh largest country in Europe in terms of area. Helsinki, in south central Finland, is the capital and the largest city. Imatra is several hours east of Helsinki, and connected by the excellent Finnish rail system. Imatra is known for its legendary rapids and nature reserve, Russian-Finnish population, Alvo Aalto's Church of the Church of Three Crosses and its fresh water saunas. The sauna is something purely Finnish. Originally the sauna was a place where children were born and the sick were cared for as well as a place for washing. There are saunas everywhere; in fact, there is one sauna for every four people in Finland.

For **Finland Map** and other information: <http://geology.com/world/finland-satellite-image.shtml>

**Academics:** As the art program at SCP is internationally known, joint projects with various institutions and organizations form an integral part of the visual arts study program. Besides taking studio courses, Winthrop students also have opportunity to participate in exhibitions and competitions in Finland and abroad. Successfully completed studio courses transfer back to Winthrop as 4 credit hours each. Full-time course load is four studio classes, or a total of 16 credit hours.

Art studio areas include:

Drawing

Painting

Printmaking

Sculpture

Environmental Art

Graphics Arts

Photography

Video/Multimedia

Stoneware and Jewelry Design

Libraries and computers can be found in every department and are free of charge.

**Language of Instruction:** English and Finnish with English translation

### **Eligibility:**

- \* Junior year standing and above
- \* Winthrop students annual enrollment limit of 4 students or 8 students/semester
- \* Minimum 3.0 GPA in studio art courses

**Housing and Meals:** SPC helps international students get set up in student apartments. Apartments include a single bedroom with furniture (no bed linens provided) and a shared living space and kitchenette. Students arrange for their own meals, during the day on-campus and breakfast and dinner on their own.

**Costs:** Amounts are in US dollars. Some costs may be approximate due to the changing value of the US dollar against international currencies.

Checked (√) items included in Winthrop tuition fees.

200	Study Abroad Application Fee
325	Study Abroad Participation Fee
√	Tuition
2000	Housing, semester
1000	Meals
300	Art Supply Fee
150	Books/Academic Supplies
1500	Personal Spending Money
1000	R/T Transportation to Location
100	Passport
40/mo	CISI International Health Insurance (optional)

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