THE POLICE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
– a specialist in police education, research and development

CREATING FUTURE SECURITY
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All new police officers graduate from the Police University College located in Tampere.

In addition to Bachelor and Master degree programs, the University College provides further training to those working in police administration, as well as security-related training for stakeholders, private security sector and companies.

The University College employs 200 people, half of whom are teaching staff. 40 per cent of the staff are police officers.

More than 7,000 PEOPLE attend training offered by the Police University College every year.

The campus occupies an area of approximately 21 HECTARES.

THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CAMPUS has a driving practice track, sports facilities, student accommodation and a practice area designed for police training.
THEORETICAL STUDIES AND HANDS-ON LEARNING

BASIC QUALIFICATION: BACHELOR OF POLICING

Bachelors of Policing are eligible for police officer positions, such as that of Senior Constable. Completion of the degree program qualifies officers to conduct criminal investigations and to work in surveillance and emergency response operations.

The three-year study program includes approximately 12 months of paid on-the-job training in a police unit.

HIGHER QUALIFICATION: MASTER OF POLICING

A Master of Policing degree focuses on management skills and supervisory tasks.

The degree qualifies holders to commanding positions, such as Chief Inspector and Superintendent.

FURTHER TRAINING FOR THE POLICE

Each year a significant portion of police personnel take part in training organized by the Police University College.

- **Police Sergeant Studies** offer qualifications for police sergeant’s posts and other similar-ranking positions.
- **Executive MBA in Policing** is a strategic leadership training program for middle- and upper-level managers of police units.
- A wide range of study modules, courses and seminars are offered both to police officers and other personnel.

OTHER TRAINING

The University College also provides training to those working outside the police administration, such as various stakeholders, private security sector and companies.

The Police University College actively seeks and maintains partnerships and finds ways of improving the security of society.
The Police University College is Finland’s only higher education institution specializing in police research. More than 20 full-time experts are employed in research and development positions.

The research data is used for purposes such as improving the security of society and predicting changes in policing. The data is used in police education, strategic planning, decision-making and the assessment of reforms.

The Police University College also includes the national police statistical service. The PolStat system is used to generate reports on crimes and police activities, among other things.

**FIELDS OF RESEARCH**

1. **Police work and organization**
   involves research on police education, skills, staff and management.

2. **Policing**
   covers research associated with the operational activities of the police and their effectiveness.

3. **Police in society**
   is a research field studying the changes in the operating environment of the police and the relationship between the police and citizens.

Research carried out at the Police University College generates analytical data and added value for the security debate.
TRAINING FOR BOTH MIND AND BODY

Police studies combine theoretical and hands-on learning. The University College library offers a wide selection of relevant literature.

In addition, campus sports facilities are available for extracurricular activities, allowing students to practice their physical skills even during leisure time.

EXPERTS IN NOSING AROUND

The Police Dog Training Center is responsible for training all Finnish police dog handlers and acquiring dogs for police use.

Located in Hämeenlinna, the Training Center is part of the Police University College.

The police employ approximately

300
POLICE DOGS

240
DOG HANDLERS

POLICE MUSEUM – AN EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES

The Police Museum is open to everyone, free of charge. The museum presents the history and operations of the Finnish police from the Middle Ages to the present day.

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A UNIQUE PRACTICE AREA

The nearly four-hectare practice area on the campus is unique even by international standards. It has a street practice zone, a practice police station, and furnished apartments and various business premises for simulating and practicing real-life police operations.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR POLICE OPERATIONS

The Police University College campus features a fully equipped command training center for the simulation of complex police operations and their management.

PROFESSIONALS IN DRIVING

After completing basic education, police officers can specialize in areas such as motorcycle, snowmobile or water police services. Besides the Hervanta campus, other locations such as the Driver’s Training Centre in Pieksämäki and the Räyskälä Aviation Centre in Loppi provide instruction to police drivers.