This exchange program is open to students of all majors. The University is organized into Faculties of Art and Design, Education, Law and the Social Sciences, and additionally houses the Arctic Centre and Language Centre. The University’s International Studies Centre provides an easy-access portal to the University’s academic offerings in English. ENVS students take note of the courses offered in the Arctic Studies Program, and companion, multi-disciplinary offerings in the Social Sciences. A few examples of myriad courses in English for other majors include Graphic, Industrial and Textile Design, Media Education, Russian Studies, Cultural History, Sociology, and Social Work.

Originally established as an Exchange for Social Work majors, it can provide students the opportunity to study social work in English while living in Finland. Participants have the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the progressive Finnish social work and social welfare systems while completing UVM curricular requirements. The social work courses open to exchange students are all taught in English. Students will also enroll in an introductory Finnish language and culture course.

The University of Lapland is located in the southern part of the town of Rovaniemi on Lake Harjulampi, on a scenic lake-side site. The University is uniquely positioned as the northernmost university in the European Union. The campus houses a well-known Arctic Center and the University offers courses related to the multi-disciplinary work of the Centre. With approximately 60,000 people, the town of Rovaniemi is the capital of the province and is known for its friendly citizens. It is situated close to the Arctic Circle, at the confluence of the Kemijoki River and its tributary, the Ounasjoki. This small but modern city is a unique combination of urban services and the beautiful natural environment of Lapland. Studying and living in Rovaniemi, the domain of reindeer, the Northern Lights, saunas, and the “Gateway to Lapland” is an unforgettable experience.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Students need to have completed at least one year of full-time study in a UVM degree program and must remain registered in that degree program during the exchange period.
- Open to students of all academic departments.
- Students must be in good academic standing at UVM and have a minimum GPA of 2.75.

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For more information, visit the websites of the University of Lapland and OIE at:
http://www.ulapland.fi/
http://www.ulapland.fi/InEnglish/Units/International_Studies_Centre/International_Programmes_and_Courses.iw3
or http://www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange/
APPLICATION PROCESS AND DATES OF THE EXCHANGE:

- Students can study for a full academic year or semester.
- Fall semester runs from early September to mid-December; spring semester runs from mid-January to mid-May.
- Students must first complete a UVM Exchange Application. UVM Exchange Applications, including Faculty Reference Forms, can be downloaded at: http://www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange/
- Complete applications must be received in the UVM Office of International Education (OIE) August 10th for spring semester priority placement, or by January 10th for fall semester or full year priority placements.
- Once nominated to the exchange program, students must complete a University of Lapland application.
- Upon acceptance students must complete a Study Abroad Approval Form (SAAF) with the OIE. Students are responsible for obtaining a visa and any other necessary documents. Due to lengthy processing times, students should apply for the visa immediately after acceptance into the program. For more information, visit the Finnish Embassy website: http://www.finland.org/en/

FINANCES:

- All participants are required to pay a UVM study abroad fee of $500 for a semester or year.
- Students pay UVM’s exchange tuition rate (currently equivalent to in-state tuition) and student fees to UVM. Students are responsible for paying their room and board in Finland. Please see the University of Lapland’s website as rates vary.
- Students are responsible for obtaining their passport, booking their travel, purchasing their books, and paying other personal expenses.
- Students may need to obtain a student visa and additional health insurance.
- This exchange program qualifies for financial aid and tuition remission when applicable.

Each UVM student that participates on this exchange program opens a spot for an international student to study at UVM! Go abroad and help bring the world to UVM!