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Diversely open, comprehensively quality conscious, joyfully serious; internationalisation means many things for the University of Helsinki. But one thing is sure: as a world-class university we embrace the presence of international students.

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– A large selection of courses taught in English
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THE UNIVERSITY IN BRIEF
40,000 STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS
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4 CAMPUSES AND 11 FACULTIES
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180,000 ALUMNI
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