

FACTSHEET

Higher Education

Estonia

Higher Education Qualifications

The names of Estonian academic degrees, their translations into English and abbreviations are stipulated by Government Regulation No 275 of 23 August 2004.

First Cycle Degrees

Bakalaureusekraad

According to the regulation, persons who have completed a first cycle bachelor-level study programme are awarded the degree of *bakalaureusekraad*. Estonian universities award the following bachelor-level degrees:

Haridusteaduse bakalaureus – Bachelor of Arts in Education, abbr. BA;

Humanitaarteaduse bakalaureus – Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, abbr. BA;

Sotsiaalteaduse bakalaureus – Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, abbr. BA;

Loodusteaduse bakalaureus – Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences, abbr. BSc;

Tehnikateaduse bakalaureus – Bachelor of Science in Engineering, abbr. BSc;

Põllumajandusteaduse bakalaureus – Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, abbr. BSc;

Terviseteaduse bakalaureus – Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, abbr. BSc.

Rakenduskõrgharidusõppe diplom

Professional higher education graduates receive a Professional Higher Education Diploma.

Second Cycle Degrees

Magistrikraad

Persons who have completed a second cycle master's level study programme are awarded the degree of *magistrikraad*. Estonian higher education institutions award the following master's-level degrees:

Haridusteaduse magister – Master of Arts in Education, abbr. MA;

Kunstide magister – Master of Arts in Arts, abbr. MA;

Humanitaarteaduse magister – Master of Arts in Humanities, abbr. MA;

Sotsiaalteaduse magister – Master of Arts in Social Sciences, abbr. MA;

Ärijuhtimise magister – Master in Business Administration, abbr. MBA;

Loodusteaduse magister – Master of Science in Natural Sciences, abbr. MSc;

Tehnikateaduse magister – Master of Science in Engineering, abbr. MSc;

Põllumajandusteaduse magister – Master of Science in Agriculture, abbr. MSc;

Terviseteaduse magister – Master of Science in Health Sciences, abbr. MSc;

Usuteaduse magister – Master of Arts in Theology, abbr. MA;

Õigusteaduse magister – Master of Arts in Law, abbr. MA.

The name of the study programme or the area of specialisation can be added to the general degree name in brackets.

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Persons who have completed an integrated long-cycle study programme are also awarded the degree of *magistrikraad*. Such master's level degrees are:

Arstikraad – Degree in Medicine, abbr. MD;

Hambaarstikraad – Degree in Dentistry, abbr. DD;

Farmaatsiamagister – Master of Science in Pharmacy, abbr. MSc;

Loomaarstikraad – Degree in Veterinary Medicine, abbr. DVM;

Arhitektuurimagister – Master of Science in Architecture, abbr. MSc;

Tehnikateaduse magister – Master of Science in Engineering, abbr. MSc;

Haridusteaduse magister – Master of Arts in Education, abbr. MA.

Third Cycle Degrees

Doktorikraad

The successful graduates of *doktor*-study are awarded the degree of *doktorikraad*. Estonian universities award the following doctoral-level degree:

Filosoofiadoktor – Doctor of Philosophy, abbr. PhD, with an indication of the field of study or the area of specialisation.