

Structure of studies

The studies of tourism and hospitality management for immigrants account for 210 credits. According to the curriculum, one year of studies equals to 60 credits, which means 1600 hours of student's work. The study work consists of e.g. lectures, online and independent study, and practical training. The studies include research and development activities based on working life.

	Extent	Description of studies
Basic studies	55 ECTS	Basic studies introduce the Hospitality Management student to higher education studies and the tourism and hospitality industry. They give the base for personal study and career planning, as well as the development of Finnish language skills.
Professional studies	90 ECTS	The professional studies emphasize the planning, implementation, and development of experiential and responsible tourism and hospitality services, as well as supervisory and business skills.
Internship	30 ECTS	The aim of the internship is to introduce the student to the practical work assignments and to the choice and use of different working methods, as well as to the application of knowledge and skills in the situations of the working life. The student learns to improve the quality of his/her tasks and to create new problem solving methods in a customer-oriented way. The internship prepares the student for the working life as it deepens his/her professional competence, skills and knowledge and enhances his/her employment opportunities.
Thesis	15 ECTS	<p>The thesis is a working life oriented learning process for the student as it is supervised, guided and evaluated by professionals. The aim of the thesis is to improve the viability of the client and the same time to deepen the professional skills and knowledge of the student in the chosen subject. A thesis can be practical or research-based or it can involve a subjective expression of a creative assignment. In the thesis process the student is responsible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for finding a thesis topic, integrated with working life • increasing his/her knowledge of the subject field and creating the framework for the assignment • carrying out the assignment and reporting on the process and outcomes • finalizing the thesis and drafting information materials

		The thesis offers a flexible way of entering the working life and a good opportunity for networking.
Elective studies	20 ECTS	Elective studies support the development of the student's professional skills and expertise and are chosen according to his/her interests in the focus areas of the degree programme. The student can also choose to take courses that are arranged by other faculties of Savonia and other degree programs or include studies of the same level completed elsewhere in their degree.
Total	210 ECTS	