



# EducationUSA Canada Spotlights

## Finlandia University

in Hancock, MI

Finlandia University, affectionately known as FinnU, was founded in 1896 by Finnish immigrants as Suomi College. The school is located in Michigan's northernmost city, Hancock, and is the only private university in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Finlandia is also affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Finlandia offers academic programs of study leading to associate

and baccalaureate degrees in the disciplines of [art and design](#), [business](#), [arts and sciences](#), and [health sciences](#). FinnU is also proud to offer an [online RN-BSN](#) program, as well as, [2+2 completion degrees](#) in sports management and healthcare management for students who are interested in advancing their associate degrees into bachelor degrees.



Finlandia University offers several unique [tuition initiatives](#), numerous merit-based scholarships and one of the most affordable tuition rates in the upper Midwest for a private university. In 2017 and 2018 FinnU was named a [Best Value School](#).



FinnU's average class size is about 11 students. Faculty are committed to the personal and intellectual growth of each student. With the careful mentorship that occurs in the small class settings, students forge relationships with their teachers that will inspire and last a lifetime.



Finlandia student-athletes compete in 10 NCAA Division III sports: Men's and women's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's hockey, football, baseball and softball. The university's mascot is Riku F. Lion. Being a Finnish founded university, Finlandia takes inspiration from Finnish culture. One of the highlighted concepts is that of *sisu*. *Sisu* is a Finnish term that can be roughly translated into English as strength of will, determination, perseverance, and acting rationally in the face of adversity. FinnU believes that *sisu* is a cornerstone of their education offerings. Students learn how to conquer challenges and obstacles head on.

FinnU students enjoy miles of public beaches, more than 25 local waterfalls and easy access to Lake Superior, the largest body of freshwater in the world. With an average annual snowfall of 250-300 inches, snowboarding, skiing, and ice hockey are also popular activities for students. Adventurous spirits find inspiration and enjoyment on miles of local hiking and biking trails, at two national and four state parks, and on acres of pristine, natural forest land.

