University of Oulu holds the national responsibility to develop the highest education and research on Saami language and culture. In 2004, Saami Language was complemented by another major subject, Saami Culture, which produces researchers, teachers and cultural professionals who have a profound knowledge of Saami culture. The contents of the subject are developed primarily to serve the Saami communities, which essentially includes the advancement of independent research. The aim is also to increase general awareness and understanding of Saami culture.

In addition to providing students with an understanding of the Saami cultural heritage, the subject familiarizes them with the Saami culture and society of today. The development of Saami culture is connected with the historical, social and juridical conditions of the Nordic countries and Russia. Saami culture is set in a larger context by examining it from the viewpoint of indigenous peoples, especially of the North, who share similar natural conditions, historical developments and claims for maintaining their traditional rights.

Completing both the Bachelor's and the Master's degrees requires approximately five years of study. In addition to offering students the possibility to become researchers or teachers, studies in Saami Culture prepare them for a range of cultural tasks in the Saami environment, not only in Finland but also in various international contexts in other Nordic countries and elsewhere. Cultural professionals are needed in Saami, municipal and state administration as well as in different kinds of events, organizations and projects in art and culture. A more general purpose of the subject is to create opportunities for developing an understanding of northern cultures and indigenous peoples and for promoting intercultural communication.

Suitable minor subjects include, for example, Saami Language, Cultural Anthropology, Sociology, Finnish and Scandinavian History, Archaeology and Cultural Geography at the University of Oulu or Environmental Law and International Relations at the University of Lapland. The degree also includes studies in the Saami language that aim at practical language skills.

Saami Culture as a minor subject

Saami Culture is an optional minor subject, which is particularly suitable, for example, to students whose major subject is Cultural Anthropology, History or Saami Language. Basic studies in Saami Culture are a compulsory minor subject to students of Saami Language who aim to become teachers.

Admission requirements

Anyone who wishes to study Saami Culture as a major subject must take an entrance examination that is held on a date announced by the institute. There are no prerequisites for students who wish to study Saami Culture as a minor subject.

Commencement of studies and studying

Students must enrol in the university at the Students Services office. Students must inform the Faculty of Humanities office (HU391) or the Students Services office of any changes in their contact information.

The curriculum for studies in Saami Culture will be announced at the start of each term, and students may collect it from the amanuensis of the institute (HU327) (see also http://www.oulu.fi/gjellagan). The notice board of the subject is used to inform students about information and feedback sessions and other important events.

Teaching is given in the form of lectures, book examinations, seminars and lessons. Students should begin their
studies in Saami Culture by taking the introductory course. Examinations are held on the Faculty of Humanities examination dates and graded on a scale of 0/5-5/5 or pass/fail. Students must register for an examination by filling in an examination envelope and returning it to the box that is placed on the institute's corridor at least ten days before the date of the examination. In some courses, students may agree with the examiner on an alternative method of assessment, such as a learning journal or a home essay. It is also possible to gain study points for courses in Saami Culture by attending appropriate lectures at other departments. When taking an examination, students should always indicate the amount of study points pursued and the course in question (course code and title). Courses taken successfully will be entered in the study register, which students should check approximately every six months. Information on results that have been entered in the register will be retained for six months after the results have been posted.

Study counselling

Students are advised on their studies by the amanuensis (tel. +358 (08) 553 3486), the lecturer (tel. +358 (08) 553 3491) and the professor (tel. (08) 553 3489). A list of examiners for each course is posted on the notice board of the subject.

Learning objectives

Basic studies in Saami Culture provide students with general information about the main features of Saami culture and its historical and regional variation. The studies comprise of seven modules that introduce students to, for example, history, means of livelihood, society, traditional knowledge and knowledge about indigenous cultures as well as to research processes. The studies are based on lectures, which are supplemented by readings for the examination, folders of articles, exercises and excursions.

The purpose of intermediate studies is to deepen students' knowledge of Saami and indigenous cultures. The emphasis shifts to research and methodology because in addition to a theoretical section, the studies include a Bachelor's thesis and seminar work. Intermediate studies include an optional course that offers students an opportunity to deepen their knowledge on a topic of their interest by familiarizing themselves with appropriate literature, for example, or to gain practical experience through a period of work practice. The specific aim of intermediate studies is to prepare students for the Bachelor's degree in humanities.

The aim of advanced studies is to develop students' academic and practical abilities in research on Saami culture and to train them to apply academic findings in ways that serve the society.

Studies in the Saami language

Even the Bachelor's degree requires adequate skills in the Saami language, which offer the key to a deeper understanding of Saami culture. Non-native speakers are offered a 25-sp package in the Saami language, which is a compulsory minor subject in the Bachelor’s degree. Native speakers will take basic studies (25 sp) in Saami Language. Language studies are offered by the subject Saami Language.

World Indigenous Studies

The Giellagas Institute offers studies within the independent programme World Indigenous Graduate Exchange (WIGE) (see separate introduction). Students of Saami Culture may take courses offered in WIGE and include them in their intermediate and advanced studies in the major subject or include them in the Master's degree as a separate minor subject.

Study materials

There are only a few textbooks and thematic compilations available especially on modern Saami culture and the majority of significant research findings have been published as articles in different journals. That is why most of the study materials that are used in the subject have been compiled into so-called article folders that are available at the institute and university libraries as normal study material. Information about the folders and other readings will be announced in the curriculum for the autumn term.

Course structure

The Bachelor's degree is composed of 180 study points. It includes basic studies (25 sp) and intermediate studies (45 sp) in the major subject, studies in minor subjects and general language and communication studies.

The Master's degree is composed of 120 study points. It includes at least 80 sp in the major subject.
### Basic studies in Saami Culture 25 sp

- 683371P Introduction to Saami culture 3 sp
- 683372P Prehistory of the Saami regions and history of the Saami people 4 sp
- 683373P Traditional means of livelihood and material culture 3 sp
- 683374P The Saami society and its rights 4 sp
- 683394P World views and art of the Saami people 5 sp
- 683395P Indigenous peoples and northern cultures 3 sp
- 683377P Introduction to research on Saami 3 sp

### Intermediate studies in Saami Culture 45 sp

- 683396A Special issues in the Saami past 5 sp
- 683397A Saami cultural environment 6 sp
- 683398A Saami people in the modern society 6 sp
- 683399A Passing traditional knowledge and skills 6 sp
- 683500A Changing images of Saami 5 sp
- 683501A Ethnic relations and international co-operation 4 sp
- 683502A Methods and current trends in research on Saami 3 sp
- 683392A Optional studies or work practice 3–10 sp
- 683384A Bachelor’s thesis 10 sp

### Advanced studies in Saami Culture 80 sp

- 683385S Focus on special themes 10 sp
- 683386S Survey of theories and methods 12 sp
- 683387S Seminar 8 sp
- 683388S Master’s thesis 40 sp
- 682289S Optional courses and/or work practice 10 sp

### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

- 683384A: Bachelor’s Thesis, 10 op
- 683500A: Changing images of Saami, 5 op
- 683501A: Ethnic relations and international co-operation, 4 op
- 683385S: Focus on special themes, 10 op
- 683395P: Indigenous Peoples and Northern Cultures, 3 op
- 683371P: Introduction to Saami culture, 3 op
- 683377P: Introduction to research on Saami, 3 op
- 683388S: Master’s Thesis, 40 op
- 683502A: Methods and current trends in research on Saami, 3 op
- 682289S: Optional courses and/or work practice, 2 - 10 op
- 683392A: Optional studies or work practice, 5 op
- 683399A: Passing traditional knowledge and skills, 6 op
- 683397A: Saami Cultural Environment, 5 op
- 683398A: Saami people in the modern society, 6 op
- 683387S: Seminar, 8 op
- 683396A: Special Issues in the Saami Past, 5 op
- 683386S: Survey of theory and methods, 12 op
- 683374P: The Saami Society and its Rights, 5 op
- 683372P: The prehistory of the Saami regions and the history of the Saami people, 4 op
- 683373P: Traditional means of livelihood and material culture, 3 op
- 683394P: World views and art of the Saami people, 5 op
Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

683384A: Bachelor's Thesis, 10 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
10 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish/Saami/English.
Timing:
2nd or 3rd year.
Learning outcomes:
To train students in academic writing, presentation and oral argumentation.
Contents:
Students will be guided into carrying out research and producing academic texts.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Bachelor's seminar, lectures and lessons.
Target group:
Second- or third-year students.
Recommended or required reading:
Readings/article folder and additional material.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Students will participate in the Bachelor's seminar and work independently to complete their thesis. Lecture- and lesson-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.
Grading:
1–5/fail.
Person responsible:
Professor and lecturer.

683500A: Changing images of Saami, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish/Saami/English.
Timing:
2nd or 3rd year.
Learning outcomes:
To teach students to understand and analyze the changing representations of the Saami people and the practices that are involved in the process.
Contents:
Students will familiarize themselves with the historically and socially changing representations of the Saami people and with the ways in which the Saami people construct their "identity politics" and discourses, e.g. in modern art and media.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures and lessons.

**Target group:**
Second- or third-year students.

**Recommended or required reading:**
Readings/article folder and additional material.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.

**Grading:**
1–5/fail.

**Person responsible:**
Professor.

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**683501A: Ethnic relations and international co-operation, 4 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
4 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish/Saami/English.

**Timing:**
2nd or 3rd year.

**Learning outcomes:**
To provide students with knowledge and understanding of the dynamics of ethnic relations in national and international contexts.

**Contents:**
Students will familiarize themselves with ethnic relations in the Saami region and deepen their knowledge of the international roles of and co-operation between indigenous peoples around the world and especially in the Arctic.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures and lessons.

**Target group:**
Second- or third-year students.

**Recommended or required reading:**
Readings/article folder and additional material.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.

**Grading:**
1–5/fail.

**Person responsible:**
Lecturer.

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**683385S: Focus on special themes, 10 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä
ECTS Credits: 10 credits


Timing: 1st year of graduate studies.

Learning outcomes: To familiarize students with the subject matter, topic and themes of their own Master's thesis through relevant literature and independent research.

Contents: During the course, students will acquaint themselves with the subject matter, theme and previous research of their own Master's thesis by studying selected readings.

Learning activities and teaching methods: Independent work and study of literature.

Target group: First-year graduate students.

Recommended or required reading: Readings/additional material.

Assessment methods and criteria: Book examination. After they have taken the examination, students will prepare an essay in which they discuss their own research problem, connecting it with a theoretical framework and wider field of research.


Person responsible: Professor and/or lecturer.

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683395P: Indigenous Peoples and Northern Cultures, 3 op

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay683395P Indigenous peoples and northern cultures (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits: 3 credits

Language of instruction: Finnish/English.

Timing: 1st year, spring term.

Learning outcomes: To acquaint students with the community of indigenous peoples and the cultures of northern peoples.

Contents: The concept of indigenous people and the meaning that it holds internationally will be introduced, and students will acquaint themselves with the past and present of northern peoples in particular.

Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures and independent study of literature.

Target group: First-year students.

Recommended or required reading: Readings/article folder.

Assessment methods and criteria: Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.


Person responsible:
683371P: Introduction to Saami culture, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
    ay683371P Introduction to Saami culture (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish.
Timing:
1st year, autumn term.
Learning outcomes:
To provide an overview of the diversity of Saami culture.
Contents:
Students will be introduced to regional, linguistic and cultural variation from the viewpoints of different disciplines and research traditions.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures.
Target group:
First-year students.
Recommended or required reading:
Readings/article folder.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination.
Grading:
1–5/fail.
Person responsible:
Lecturer.

683377P: Introduction to research on Saami, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Anni-Siiri Länsmä
Opintokohteen kielet: Northern Sami
Leikkaavuudet:
    ay683377P Introduction to research on Saami (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish.
Timing:
1st year, spring term.

Learning outcomes:
To acquaint students with research on Saami and the basics of research work.

Contents:
Students will be introduced to the history, organizations and current themes of research on Saami as well as to research work in practice.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and lessons; independent study of literature.

Target group:
First-year students.

Recommended or required reading:
Readings/article folder.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.

Grading:
1–5/fail.

Person responsible:
Professor.

683388S: Master's Thesis, 40 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Diploma thesis
Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
40 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish/Saami/English.

Timing:
1st or 2nd year of graduate studies.

Learning outcomes:
By completing their Master's thesis, students display their ability to think analytically, their command of research methodology, their knowledge of the research topic and relevant literature and their capability to academic communication.

Contents:
Students will write an independent academic thesis that is primarily based on their own research and that applies a theoretical framework to data on Saami culture.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent work (guided by thesis supervisor).

Target group:
First- or second-year graduate students.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Writing a Master’s thesis and submitting two bound copies to the Faculty of Humanities, attending Thesis seminar.

Grading:
Approbatur, lubenter approbatur, non sine laude approbatur, cum laude approbatur, magna cum laude approbatur, eximia cum laude approbatur, laudatur

Person responsible:
Professor and/or lecturer.

683502A: Methods and current trends in research on Saami, 3 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
ECTS Credits:
3 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish/Saami/English.

Timing:
2nd or 3rd year.

Learning outcomes:
To familiarize students with the points of departure, ways of framing questions, methods of research and means of gathering information that are employed in multidisciplinary research on Saami.

Contents:
Students will be introduced to multidisciplinary research on Saami and ways of gathering information on the basis of different kinds of data.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and lessons.

Target group:
Second- or third-year students.

Recommended or required reading:
Readings/article folder and additional material.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.

Grading:
1–5/fail.

Person responsible:
Professor and lecturer.

682289S: Optional courses and/or work practice, 2 - 10 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
2 - 10 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish/Saami/English.

Timing:
1st or 2nd year of graduate studies.

Learning outcomes:
To deepen students' knowledge and skills in their selected area within the field of Saami culture.

Contents:
Students will spend a period of work practice in a relevant place of employment and/or take optional courses according to their own interests within the field of Saami culture.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and lessons, independent work and study of literature.

Target group:
First- or second-year graduate students.

Assessment methods and criteria:
To be agreed on.

Grading:
1–5; pass/fail.

Person responsible:
Lecturer.
683392A: Optional studies or work practice, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies  
Laji: Course  
Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies  
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail  
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish  
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:  
3 - 10 credits  
Language of instruction:  
Finnish/Saami/English.  
Timing:  
2nd or 3rd year.  
Learning outcomes:  
Students will orient to a special theme or field of study by acquainting themselves with selected readings or other materials or by undertaking a period of work practice.  
Contents:  
To be agreed on.  
Learning activities and teaching methods:  
To be agreed on.  
Target group:  
Second- or third-year students.  
Recommended or required reading:  
To be agreed on.  
Assessment methods and criteria:  
To be agreed on.  
Grading:  
1–5/fail.  
Person responsible:  
Professor and/or lecturer.

683399A: Passing traditional knowledge and skills, 6 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies  
Laji: Course  
Vastuuysikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies  
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail  
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:  
6 credits  
Language of instruction:  
Finnish/Saami/English.  
Timing:  
2nd or 3rd year.  
Learning outcomes:  
To teach students to recognize the processes through which cultural heritage is changed and passed on and to understand the different meanings of cultural heritage in today's world.  
Contents:  
Students will examine the religious history of the Saami people, changes in different traditions, passing of traditional knowledge and skills as well as the use and significance of cultural heritage today and in the future.  
Learning activities and teaching methods:  
Lectures and lessons.  
Target group:  
Second- or third-year students.  
Recommended or required reading:  
Readings/article folder and additional material.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.
Grading:
1–5/fail.
Person responsible:
Professor.

683397A: Saami Cultural Environment, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
6 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish/Saami/English.
Timing:
2nd or 3rd year.
Learning outcomes:
To deepen students' knowledge of the different aspects of the Saami cultural environment.
Contents:
Students will familiarize themselves with the means of livelihood in the Saami regions and the relations between the different means as well as with the rights to and understandings about the use of the natural environment. In addition to the tangible, the intangible cultural heritage will be considered, from place names to stories.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and independent study of literature.
Target group:
Second- or third-year students.
Recommended or required reading:
Readings/article folder and additional material.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.
Grading:
1–5/fail.
Person responsible:
Lecturer.

683398A: Saami people in the modern society, 6 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
6 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish/Saami/English.
Timing:
2nd or 3rd year.
Learning outcomes:
To deepen students' knowledge and understanding of the development and activities of the modern Saami society.
Contents:
Students will familiarize themselves in more detail with the activities and future challenges of individual representatives, communities and organizations of the Saami society. Additionally, students will deepen their knowledge and understanding of the forms and significance of Saami social institutions in the modern society.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures (and possible visits/excursions).

**Target group:**
Second- or third-year students.

**Recommended or required reading:**
Readings/article folder and additional material.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.

**Grading:**
1–5/fail.

**Person responsible:**
Lecturer.

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683387S: Seminar, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**
8 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish/Saami/English.

**Timing:**
1st or 2nd year of graduate studies.

**Learning outcomes:**
To train students in research work.

**Contents:**
Students will participate in the advanced studies seminar that will last at least for two months (students must attend at least 4/5 of the meetings).

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Seminar work.

**Target group:**
First- or second-year graduate students.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
In the seminar, students will practice doing research by composing a research plan, preparing a seminar presentation and producing a thesis manuscript that only requires a final revision. During the seminar, students will act as an opponent to a fellow student and write an essay or a summary on the topic of their own thesis.

**Grading:**
1–5/fail.

**Person responsible:**
Professor and/or lecturer.

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683396A: Special Issues in the Saami Past, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
5 credits
Timing: 2nd year, autumn term.
Learning outcomes: To familiarize students with questions about the past of the Saami people from historical and archaeological points of view.
Contents: Students will familiarize themselves with special issues and themes in historical research concerning the Saami people, such as the political history of the Saami people and the recent history of the Saami people in Finland.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures.
Target group: Second- or third-year students.
Recommended or required reading: Readings/article folder.
Assessment methods and criteria: Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.
Person responsible: Professor.

683386S: Survey of theory and methods, 12 op
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä
ECTS Credits: 12 credits
Timing: 1st or 2nd year of graduate studies.
Learning outcomes: To provide students with the theoretical and methodological means that are necessary for a comprehensive discussion of data.
Contents: Students will familiarize themselves in detail with different theories that deal with Saami culture.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures, exercises, etc.
Target group: First- or second-year graduate students.
Recommended or required reading: Readings.
Assessment methods and criteria: Book examination/essay; exercise; other assessment methods to be agreed on.
Person responsible: Professor and/or lecturer.

683374P: The Saami Society and its Rights, 5 op
Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
**ECTS Credits:**
4 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish.

**Timing:**
1st year, autumn term.

**Learning outcomes:**
To acquaint students with the Saami society of today and the positions that the Saami people hold in different national states.

**Contents:**
Students will gain an understanding of the social activities and institutions of the Saami people as they have developed through history. The legal status of the Saami people in the Nordic countries and Russia will also be introduced.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures and independent study of literature.

**Target group:**
First-year students.

**Recommended or required reading:**
Readings/article folder.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.

**Grading:**
1–5/fail.

**Person responsible:**
Lecturer.

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**683372P: The prehistory of the Saami regions and the history of the Saami people, 4 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Lehtola, Veli-Pekka

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**
ay683372P  The prehistory of the Saami regions and the history of the Saami people (OPEN UNI)  3.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
4 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish.

**Timing:**
1st year, autumn term.

**Learning outcomes:**

To acquaint students with the prehistory of the Saami regions and developments in the history of the Saami people.

**Contents:**
Students will be introduced to the basic archaeological and historical facts and understandings about the origin of the Saami people, the development of their society and means of livelihood and their role as "makers of their own history".

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures.

**Target group:**
First-year students.

**Recommended or required reading:**
Readings/article folder.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination.

**Grading:**
1–5/fail.

**Person responsible:**
Professor.

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**683373P: Traditional means of livelihood and material culture, 3 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -
**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Väyrynen, Anna-Liisa

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**
ay683373P Traditional means of livelihood and material culture (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
3 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish.

**Timing:**
1st year, spring term.

**Learning outcomes:**
To acquaint students with the development of Saami culture in relation to the environment.

**Contents:**
Students will acquaint themselves with the concept of Saami cultural environment and familiarize themselves with the traditional means of livelihood and the tangible cultural heritage of the Saami people.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures and independent study of literature.

**Target group:**
First-year students.

**Recommended or required reading:**
Readings/article folder.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.

**Grading:**
1–5/fail.

**Person responsible:**
Lecturer.

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**683394P: World views and art of the Saami people, 5 op**
ECTS Credits: 5 credits

Language of instruction: Finnish.

Timing: 1st year, spring term.

Learning outcomes: To offer a basic understanding of the intangible cultural heritage of the Saami people and their current world views and art.

Contents: Students will be introduced to the bases of Saami worldviews, from "shamanism" to narrative and yoik traditions. They will be provided with an overview of the starting points and diversity of modern literature, visual arts, cinema and theatre.

Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures and independent study of literature and art.

Target group: First-year students.

Recommended or required reading: Readings/article folder and art.

Assessment methods and criteria: Lecture-based examination or learning journal; book examination/essay.


Person responsible: Professor.