Courses in English for exchange students at the Field of Geography

This Course Catalogue lists courses taught in English that are available for exchange students at the Field of Geography, Faculty of Science during academic year 2020-21.

When preparing your study plan please use the information provided under the Courses tab in this catalogue. Read carefully the information of each course you wish to take (language of instruction, target group, course content, timing, preceding studies, additional information etc.).

For information on the exchange application process please see www.oulu.fi/university/studentexchange. All exchange applicants must submit their exchange application through SoleMOVE by the deadline given, proposed study plan is attached to the on-line application.

Accepted exchange students are required to register to all courses. Course registration takes place once you have received your University of Oulu login information, this takes place close to the start of your exchange period. When registering you will be able to find detailed information on teaching and schedule under the Instruction tab.

Teaching periods for 2020-21

Autumn term 2020
Period 1: Sept 1 - Oct 25, 2020 (no lectures at the Faculty of Science during week 43: 19.-23.10.2020)
Period 2: Oct 26 – Dec 18, 2020

Spring term 2021
Period 3: Jan 5 – March 14, 2021 (no lectures at the Faculty of Science during week 10: 8.-12.3.2021)
Period 4: March 15 – May 9, 2021

For arrival and orientation dates see www.oulu.fi/university/studentexchange/academic-calender

Any questions on courses at the Field of Geography should be addressed to

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Further information on application process and services for incoming exchange students: www.oulu.fi/university/studentexchange or international.office(at)oulu.fi
COURSE LIST 2020-21

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Finnish language courses

Exchange students can also take Finnish language courses. Completion of 900017Y Survival Finnish is required before taking 900013Y Beginners’ Finnish Course 1. Exchange students who are required by their home university to take a Finnish language course during their exchange, will have a privilege to have these courses.
Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

790607S: Advanced literature of Geography, 1 - 5 op
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790349A: World regional geography, 5 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

790607S: Advanced literature of Geography, 1 - 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2017 -
Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Jan Hjort, Harri Antikainen, Saarinen, Jarkko Juhani, Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola, Paasi Anssi
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
1-5 ECTS
Language of instruction:
Finnish or English.
Timing:
1st or 2nd MSc-year, 1st or 2nd semester.
Learning outcomes:
The student will deepen his/her knowledge through literature. More exact learning outcomes is based on method of implementation of the course (agreed with professor).

Contents:
This course serves the specialization of the student. After the course, the student has deepened his/her knowledge and experience in geography.

Mode of delivery:
Book exam, essay or independent studying.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Ways of performance is discussed with professor.

Target group:
MSc-students of geography.

Recommended or required reading:
Will be agreed with professor.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Will be agreed with professor. Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
Pass/fail

Person responsible:
Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola, Jan Hjort, Anssi Paasi, Harri Antikainen, Jarkko Saarinen

790325A: Applied literature of Geography, 1 - 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2017 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Janne Alahuhta, Juha Ridanpää
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
1-5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish or English

Timing:
1st or 2nd year, 1st or 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:
The student will deepen his/her knowledge through literature. More exact learning outcomes is based on method of implementation of the course.

Contents:
This course serves the specialization of the student. After the course, the student has deepened his/her knowledge and experience in geography.

Mode of delivery:
Book exam, essay or other mode of independent studying.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Ways of performance is discussed with the person responsible of the course.

Target group:
Bachelor students of geography.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
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Recommended optional programme components:
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Recommended or required reading:
Will be agreed with teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Will be agreed with teacher. Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
Pass/fail
900013Y: Beginners’ Finnish Course 1, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -
Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:

Proficiency level:
A1 (target level A1.2)

Status:
The course is intended for the international students in every faculty of Oulu University.

Required proficiency level:
A1.1, Completion of the Survival Finnish course (900017Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:
3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:
As much Finnish as possible; English will be used as a help language.

Timing:

Learning outcomes:
By the end of the course the student can understand and use some familiar and common everyday expressions relating to her/himself and everyday situations. S/he can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is willing to help. The student is able to read short simple texts and messages dealing with familiar topics. S/he also deepens her/his understanding of the Finnish language and communication styles.

Contents:
This is lower elementary course which aims to help students to learn communication skills in ordinary everyday situations. During the course, students broaden their vocabulary and knowledge of grammar and principles of pronunciation. They also practise to understand easy Finnish talk about everyday subjects, and reading and writing short and simple texts/messages.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: talking about oneself, one's family, studies and daily routines, as well as asking about these things from other person; expressing opinions; food, drink and transactions in the grocery; accommodation and describing it; colours and adjectives.

The structures studied are: verb types, basics of the change of the consonants k, p and t in verbs and nouns, basics of the partitive and genitive cases, possessive structure, some declension types for nouns (word types) and the basics of the local cases.

Mode of delivery:
Contact teaching and guided self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lessons 2 times a week (26 h, including the final exam) and guided self study (55 h)

Target group:
International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Completion of the Survival Finnish Course

Recommended optional programme components:

Recommended or required reading:
Kuparinen, K. & Tapaninen, T. Oma suomi 1 (chapter 2 - 5)

Assessment methods and criteria:
Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.
Read more about [assessment criteria](https://www.oulu.fi) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
Grading scale is 1-5.

**Person responsible:**
Anne Koskela

**Working life cooperation:**
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**Other information:**
Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo. The course will start right after the Survival Finnish course.

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**900053Y: Beginners’ Finnish Course 2, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.1995 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Language and Communication Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Languages and Communication

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**
ay900053Y  Beginners' Finnish Course 2 (OPEN UNI)  4.0 op

**Proficiency level:**
A1.3

**Status:**
International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle.

See more information for OAMK students [https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy).

**Required proficiency level:**
A1.2, completion of the Beginners’ Finnish course 1 (900013Y) or the equivalent language skills.

**ECTS Credits:**
5 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**
As much Finnish as possible; English will be used as a help language.

**Timing:**
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**Learning outcomes:**
By the end of the course the student can understand and use some very common everyday expressions and sentences. S/he can communicate in easy and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar everyday matters. The student understands different kinds of short texts. S/he can for example locate important information in them. In addition, s/he has acquired more detailed knowledge of the language and culture.

**Contents:**
This is a post-elementary course. During the course students learn more about communication in ordinary everyday situations in Finnish. They also extend their vocabulary and knowledge of grammar. Students practise understanding simple Finnish talk and short texts.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: talking about weather, carrying out transactions in clothing stores and at the doctor’s, asking about location, asking for help/favourites, expressing how you are feeling, writing an invitation and email; talking about past, describing people and things; seasons, the names of the months, travelling, vehicles, body parts, adjectives, food, drink and parties.

The structures studied are: the local cases, more about the change of the consonants k, p and t, more declension types for nouns (word types), nominative plural (basic form plural), basics of the imperfect (past tense of verbs), basics of the object cases, some postposition structures, some sentence types (predicative and necessity sentences).

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**Mode of delivery:**

Contact teaching and guided self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lessons 2 times a week (52 h, including the tests) and guided self study (83 h)

**Target group:**
International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle.

See more information for OAMK students [https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy).

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
Completion of the Beginners' Finnish Course 1 or the equivalent language skills.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

**Recommended or required reading:**
Kuparinen, K. & Tapaninen, T. Oma suomi 1 (chapters 6 - 10)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and tests will be taken into consideration in the assessment.

Read more about [assessment criteria](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
Grading scale is 1-5.

**Person responsible:**
Arja Haapakoski

**Working life cooperation:**

**Other information:**
Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo. Staff members in staff training portal.

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**900054Y: Conversational Skills in Finnish, 3 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.1995 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Language and Communication Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Languages and Communication

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Proficiency level:**
B1/B2, according to the Common European Framework.

**Status:**
The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu. Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) may also participate to this cross-institutional study. See courses, student quota and applying for OAMK students [https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy).

**Required proficiency level:**
A2.2

Completion of Intermediate Finnish 2 (900016Y) or the equivalent language skills.

**ECTS Credits:**
3 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**

**Learning outcomes:**
By the end of the course the student can interact with a degree of fluency (and spontaneity) that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible. S/he can describe and explain (clearly and in detail) on a wide range of objects, experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions. The student can bring out opinions, give reasons and explanations for them and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options. S/he is also able to give a (clear) prepared presentation and answer the questions posed by the audience.

**Contents:**
During the course students strengthen their communication skills in formal and informal situations. The goal is to activate the student's Finnish skills and encourage him/her to use them in different situations. There will be various types of situational dialogue, conversation and listening exercises in the course. In addition, students will conduct a short survey which will also be reported to other students in the class.

**Mode of delivery:**
Contact teaching and guided self study

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lessons twice a week (28-30 h), group work (15 h) and guided self study (36 h)

**Target group:**
International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University. Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) may also participate to this cross-institutional study. See courses, student quota and applying for OAMK students [https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy).

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
Completion of Intermediate Finnish 2 (900016Y) or equivalent skills

**Recommended optional programme components:**

**Recommended or required reading:**
Will be provided during the course.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
To pass the course, students must attend class on a regular basis and complete group work tasks and homework assignments.

Read more about [assessment criteria](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/assessmentcriteria) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

**Person responsible:**
Anne Koskela

**Working life cooperation:**

**Other information:**
Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo. Staff members in in staff training portal.

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**790101P: GIS-basics and Cartography, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Field of Geography

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

**Opettajat:** Harri Antikainen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**
ay790101P GIS-basics and Cartography (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
5 ECTS

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish, partly in English. English speaking students are asked to contact the teacher before the course.

**Timing:**
1 year, Spring semester (3rd period).

**Learning outcomes:**
Course gives basic information about Geographical Information System and about the theory of cartography. After the course the student can use ArcGIS program and he/she is able to produce cartographic presentations.

**Contents:**
Basics of GIS, theories of cartography and statistical graphics and use of ArcGIS program.

**Mode of delivery:**
Face-to-face learning.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
16 h lectures, 48 h practicals.

**Target group:**
Common course to all 1st year students of Geography. Students minoring in Geography and GIS. Geography exchange students.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

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**Recommended optional programme components:**

Course is part of the minor studies of GIS and geography.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Based on independent work and assignments.

Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

1–5.

**Person responsible:**

Harri Antikainen

**Working life cooperation:**

No

**Other information:**

English speaking students are asked to contact Harri Antikainen before the course.

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790340A: Geographies of global development, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Field of Geography

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

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay790340A  Geographies of global development (OPEN UNI)  5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish or English.

**Timing:**

2nd or 3rd year, 1st or 2nd semesters (autumn or spring semesters).

**Learning outcomes:**

This course gives knowledge of global development problems from geographical point of view. After the course the student can explain what development indicates and what kind of social and economic phenomena will explain both development and under development. He/she is also able to compare different actions that are aimed to diminish the uneven development based on different theories and strategies.

**Contents:**

The course familiarizes students to the theories that aim to explain differences in uneven development. Under development, and its social, cultural and economic aspects will be studies from national, regional and local level. This course also quires to political programs and strategies that are aimed to stabiles equalizes uneven development.

**Mode of delivery:**

Book exam (no face to face teaching).

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Book exam.

**Target group:**

Geography students, especially teachers. Students minoring in Geography and Basic Studies in Environmental Conservation.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

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**Recommended optional programme components:**

Course is part of minor studies of Geography and Basic Studies in Environmental Conservation.

**Recommended or required reading:**


**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Exam on examinarium.

Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.
900015Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 1, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -
Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuysikkö: Languages and Communication
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay900015Y Intermediate Finnish Course 1 (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

Proficiency level:
A2.1

Status:
The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu.

Required proficiency level:
A1.3, Completion of the Beginners’ Finnish course 2 (900053Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:
Mainly Finnish

Timing:
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Learning outcomes:
By the end of the course the student can communicate in ordinary everyday situations when the topics are familiar or connected with everyday matters. S/he can search for and locate key informational content in different kinds of texts. The student can also identify the topic and some details of the discussion around her/him. S/he can describe activities and personal experiences both orally and in writing and s/he also knows the difference between spoken/colloquial and written/standard language. The student knows how things can be expressed with different degrees of politeness and can apply that information in her/his own communication.

Contents:
The course is a lower intermediate course. During the course students strengthen their communication skills in ordinary everyday situations and acquire a wider vocabulary and more thorough knowledge of grammar. In addition, students practise understanding and producing Finnish talk and reading newspaper articles.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: requesting different kinds of requests, expressing politeness, making appointments with friends, giving directions, doing the shopping, talking about the past and talking about his/her future plans, hobbies, transactions e.g. in the doctor's and post office.

The structures studied are: more about the imperative, the verb rections, the deverbal noun (-minen), passive present tense, part of the plural declension of nouns, the third infinitive (ma-infinitive), more about sentence types, perfect tense, more about object cases.

Mode of delivery:
Contact teaching and guided self-study.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lessons 2 times a week (52 h, including the tests) and guided self-study (83 h)

Target group:
International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Completion of the Beginners’ Finnish Course 2

Recommended optional programme components:
Recommended or required reading:
Gehring, S. & Heinzmann, S.: Suomen mestari 2, (chapters 1 - 5)

Assessment methods and criteria:
Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and the tests will be taken into consideration in the assessment.
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:
Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:
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Other information:
Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo.

900016Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 2, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -
Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Languages and Communication
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:
A2.2

Status:
The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu. Also students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) may also participate to this cross-institutional study. See courses, student quota and applying for OAMK students https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy.

Required proficiency level:
A2.1, Completion of the Intermediate Finnish course 1 (900015Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Timing:
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Learning outcomes:
By the end of the course the student can communicate in various informal situations in Finnish. The student understands the main points of messages and talk around her/him. S/he can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest and describe experiences and also report heard content to others.

Contents:
The course is an upper intermediate course. During the course students learn the necessary written and oral skills to be able to cope in informal situations arising during everyday life, work and study. In the course, students practise understanding more Finnish talk and written texts, and finding information and talking about it to other people. In the classes the main stress is on oral exercises and group work.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: transactions e.g. in clothes shops and on the phone, Finnish small talk, reacting in different situations, information and facts about Finnish celebrations and features of colloquial/spoken language.
The structures studied are: the perfect and pluperfect, revision of all the verb tenses, comparison of adjectives, conditional, more about the plural declension of nouns (particularly the plural partitive case), more about object and predicative cases, the passive imperfect.

Mode of delivery:
Contact teaching and guided self-study

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lessons (52 h, including the tests) and guided self-study (83 h).

Target group:
International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.
Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate in this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle. See more information [https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy).

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
Completion of the Intermediate Finnish Course 1 or equivalent skills

**Recommended optional programme components:**

- **Recommended or required reading:**
  Gehring, S. & Heinzmann, S.: *Suomen mestari 2* (chapters 6 - 8).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and the tests will be taken into consideration in the assessment. Read more about [assessment criteria](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
Grading scale is 1-5.

**Person responsible:**
Anne Koskela

**Working life cooperation:**

- **Other information:**
  Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo.

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**790141P: Introduction to Regional Development and Regional Policy, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Field of Geography

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

**Opettajat:** Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

- **ECTS Credits:**
  5 ECTS

**Language of instruction:**
Lectures in Finnish. Exchange students can take this course by taking the exam (extra literature for exchange students).

**Timing:**
1st year, autumn semester (1st period).

**Learning outcomes:**
The student is able to apply the most essential concepts of regional development and regional policy. He/she can tell the main issues, dynamics and historical progress of regional development, regional policy and regional planning of Finland and its relationship to contemporary development of European Union and at the global scale.

**Contents:**
Regional development and regional policy from conceptual and empirical aspects; Theories and mechanisms of RD and RP; Local, national and international development based on regional planning.

**Mode of delivery:**
Face-to-face learning.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
20 hrs lectures, literature and written exam, midterm exam.

**Target group:**
Common course to all 1st year students of Geography. Course is part of minor studies in Geography and minor studies of Regional Development and regional planning. Exchange students can take this course by taking the exam (extra literature for exchange students).

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

- **Recommended optional programme components:**
Course is part of minor studies in Geography and minor studies of Regional development and regional planning.

**Recommended or required reading:**
A collection of articles (to be announced later)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Exam, midterm exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
1-5.

**Person responsible:**
Eeva-Kaisa Prokkola

**Working life cooperation:**
No.

**Other information:**
Exchange students should contact the teacher before registration.

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**790102P: Introduction to the systematic Physical Geography, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Field of Geography

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

**Opettajat:** Jan Hjort

**Opintokohde:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

ay790102P Introduction to the systematic physical geography (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
5 ECTS cr

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish and English (Lectures are only in Finnish, but this course can be completed also in English with some extra readings. Practicals are also organized in English.)

**Timing:**
1 year, spring semester (3rd period).

**Learning outcomes:**
This introductory course will give information about systematic fields of Physical Geography and its contemporary research. After the course, the student recognizes the most essential phenomena of geosphere (geomorphology), hydrosphere (hydrogeography), biosphere (biogeography), atmosphere (climatology), and he/she is able to do conclusions about the factors that influence those phenomena. The aim of the practicals is that the student can use basic methods of the research of Physical Geography.

**Contents:**
Geomorphology, climatology, hydrogeography, biogeography; and geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere. The students will learn how nature works and how to resolve multiple environmental questions. Practicals are focused to the importance of the material compilation and its technical use.

**Mode of delivery:**
Face-to-face learning.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
20 h lectures, 42 h practicals.

**Target group:**
Common course to all 1st year students of Geography. Minor student in Geography and Basic Studies in Environmental Conservation. Geography exchange students.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
790101P GIS-basics and Cartography

**Recommended optional programme components:**
Course is part of minor studies of Geography and Basic Studies in Environmental Conservation.

**Recommended or required reading:**
- More material from the practicals.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Exam.
791626S: Methodological special themes in Physical Geography, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies  
Laji: Course  
Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography  
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail  
Opettajat: Jan Hjort  
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish  
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

Required proficiency level:  
Quantitative research methods in Geography  
ECTS Credits:  
5 ECTS  
Language of instruction:  
Finnish and English if needed.  
Timing:  
1st or 2nd MSc-year, spring semester.  
Learning outcomes:  
The objective is that the student can critically apply statistically-based spatial modelling methods to solve study problems in Physical Geography, understands the principles of the modelling techniques and acknowledges the importance of theory in scientific research.  
Contents:  
A special course that focuses on regression-based spatial modelling in Physical Geography. Spatial analysis and modelling are central development fields in Physical Geography. The course offers methodological knowledge for the preparation of MSc and doctoral thesis.  
Mode of delivery:  
Face-to-face learning.  
Learning activities and teaching methods:  
Lectures, practicals and practical work.  
Target group:  
MSc students in Physical Geography. Geography exchange students.  
Prerequisites and co-requisites:  
Course Quantitative research methods in Geography have to be done.  
Recommended optional programme components:  
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Recommended or required reading:  
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Assessment methods and criteria:  
Written report.  
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.  
Grading:  
1-5.  
Person responsible:  
Professor Hjort and PhD student in Physical Geography.  
Working life cooperation:  
No.  
Other information:  
Course will be organized in English if needed.
790346A: Nature conservation: a geographic perspective, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish and English

Timing:
2nd or 3rd year, 1st or 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:
The student is able to define and apply the most essential concepts of the discipline from the view point of Physical Geography.

Contents:
The student deepens his/her geographical way of thinking by reading the material of Physical Geography and by writing three applied essays. The topics of the essays are agreed separately with the course supervisor.

Mode of delivery:
The student gets course instructions and agrees the subjects of the essays with the course supervisor.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Independent work, essays

Target group:
Geography students, especially students specializing in Physical geography. Minor students in geography and Basic Studies in Environmental Conservation. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
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Recommended optional programme components:
Course is part of minor studies of Geography and Basic Studies in Environmental Conservation

Recommended or required reading:
List of source books is given together with course instructions.

Assessment methods and criteria:
The student writes three applied essays.
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
The course utilizes a numerical grading scale 1-5.

Person responsible:
Oona Könönen

Working life cooperation:
No.

791635A: Physical Geography of Fennoscandia, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:
ay791635A Physical Geography of Fennoscandia (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
English

Timing:
2nd or 3rd year, 1st or 2nd semester.
Learning outcomes:
Course familiarizes students to the geography of the Fennoscadia. After the course student is able to define the special characters of the physical geography of Fennoscandia.

Contents:
Physical geography of the Fennoscandia.

Mode of delivery:
Online course in Moodle.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
https://moodle.oulu.fi/course/view.php?id=3705

Target group:
Geography students, especially students who will specialize to physical geography and teachers. Geography minor students. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
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Assessment methods and criteria:
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1–5.

Person responsible:
Janne Alahuhta.

Working life cooperation:
No.

Other information:
The course will be arranged twice during an academic year. The course consist of five periods. Each of these periods last for two weeks.

791621S: Political geography, 5 op

Opiskelumoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Paasi Anssi

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
English and/or Finnish.

Timing:
1st MSc-year, spring semester.

Learning outcomes:
A student will reach competence in the basics of today's political geography. He/she will understand the processes of territorialism also from the theoretical point of view.

Contents:
Introduction to political geography, it's themes and traditions, with empirical cases and theoretical insights. The main focus is on territorialism, borders (e.g. the institutionalization of the Finnish territory), intercultural confrontations and otherness.

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
14 hrs lectures and a book exam.

Target group:
Geography MSc-students, especially students in Human and Cultural Geography. Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD) students. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
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Recommended optional programme components:
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Recommended or required reading:
To be announced in the first lecture.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Exam
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1-5.

Person responsible:
Anssi Paasi

Working life cooperation:
No.

Other information:
The course is organized in every other year. Next time on spring semester 2021.

791613S: Position based analyses and services in geography, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Harri Antikainen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish and also English at need.

Timing:
1st or 2nd MSc-year, spring semester (4th period).

Learning outcomes:
The objective is that the student understands basics of GPS positioning, can use GPS devices, can collect location based data by GPS and positioning in research.

Contents:
Basics of GPS and hand held devices, collecting location based geographical information by GPS, GPS data transformations with GIS, research by using GPS data. Location based services (LBS).

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
20 h lectures, reading circle, exercises, demonstrations and field working. Integrating GPS and LBS data with GIS and research in theory and practice. Written report and seminar.

Target group:
Geography MSc-students, especially students specializing in GIS. GIS-minor students. Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD) students. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisities and co-requisites:
GIS basic and cartography and Advanced course of GIS have to be done.

Recommended optional programme components:
Course is part of GIS-minor.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written report and seminar.
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1–5

Person responsible:
Ossi Kotavaara, Harri Antikainen

Working life cooperation:
No.

792319A: Regional politics, policy and development: Northern Europe, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish and English. English speaking students should contact the teacher before the course.

Timing:
2nd year, Autumn semester.

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:
- analyse and classify basic theories, concepts and models of regional development and policy,
- apply theories, concepts and models in interpretation, recognize their use in scientific papers and discuss them,
- perceive the characteristics and challenges in the regional development and policy in Northern Europe.

Contents:
Students familiarize themselves with the basic theories, concepts, and models of regional development and policy, and their application in practical challenges and decision-making by reading and analysing scientific articles.

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face teaching, independent work.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
The course involves an introductory lecture 2 h and 14 h of reading group sessions and 116 h of self-learning by reading the assigned articles, writing memos and preparing an essay.

Target group:
Geography students, especially students who will specialize to Regional development and policy. Students minoring in Regional development and policy. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
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Recommended optional programme components:
The course does not require additional studies carried out at the same time. Course is part of minor studies of regional development and regional policy.

Recommended or required reading:
Reading list will be available by the beginning of the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:
The assessment criteria are based on the learning outcomes of the course. Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1–5.

Person responsible:
Kaj Zimmerbauer

Working life cooperation:
No.

900027Y: Special Course in Finnish: Writing Skills, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:
B1/B2, according to the Common European Framework.

Status:
Course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu. Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle. See more information [https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy).

**Required proficiency level:**
A2.2 Completion of the Finnish for Advanced Students (900020Y) or the equivalent language skills.

**ECTS Credits:**
3 ECTS credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Timing:**
- Learning outcomes:
By the end of the course the student can write coherent and detailed descriptions and summaries about various matters. S/he is able to summarize text and justify his/her own statements of opinions. In addition, the student knows the steps of the writing process and understands the significance of a text's function and target audience. S/he can also differentiate between formal and informal writing styles.

**Contents:**
During the course students develop their writing skills in Finnish and are guided in the drafting of different text types and documents needed in studies and work. In the course students learn how to write informal and formal letters, an argument-essay, a summary, a job application and a report.

**Mode of delivery:**
One contact lesson at the beginning of the course and guided independent studying using online

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
The course will be held online using a Moodle environment.

**Target group:**
Course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu. Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle. See more information [https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy).

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**
Completion of the Intermediate Finnish Course 2

**Recommended optional programme components:**
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**Recommended or required reading:**
Web based material in Moodle.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
The student must complete all the required writing assignments.

Read more about [assessment criteria](https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**
Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

**Person responsible:**
Anne Koskela

**Working life cooperation:**
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**Other information:**
Sign-up in WebOodi or in Tuudo. Staff members in staff training portal.

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790350A: Special themes in Regional Development and Regional Policy, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Field of Geography

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

**Opettajat:** Marika Kettunen

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**
5 ECTS
Language of instruction:
Finnish and English

Timing:
2nd or 3rd year, 1st or 2nd semesters (autumn or spring semesters)

Learning outcomes:
1) Student understands the ideas of regional planning and is familiar with traditional and topical theoretical discussions. Student acquaint her/himself with critical theoretical debates regarding the regional and urban planning approaches.
2) Student understands the theoretical debates about strategic planning and urban-rural dynamics and interactions. Student learns to interpret novel and forthcoming reforms in the planning system from a critical point of view.

Contents:
Planning theories, market-driven processes and planning, strategic planning in urban and rural contexts, reforms of planning system.

Mode of delivery:
Compilation of essays. Exchange students are asked to contact the teacher in advance, if planning to pass the course during her/his exchange.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Student studies the given literature with care and writes the compilation of essays independently. Detailed instructions from the teacher.

Target group:
Geography students, especially students specializing in Regional Development and Policy. Students minoring in Regional Development and Policy. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
The course is planned for those students who already have some basic knowledge of regional development or regional policy. The student should have passed some general level introductory studies to the field of regional development/policy in her/his home institution (equivalent to the course 'Introduction to Regional Development and Regional Policy' in Oulu) before attending this course. Please contact teacher in advance and clarify your starting level to her/him.

Recommended optional programme components:

Recommended or required reading:
Ask instructions and the list of literature from the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Compilation of essays as independent work.
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1–5.

Person responsible:
Marika Kettunen.

Working life cooperation:
No.

Other information:
Exchange students are asked to contact the teacher before registration.

900017Y: Survival Finnish, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -
Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Languages and Communication
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay900017Y Survival Finnish Course (OPEN UNI) 2.0 op

Proficiency level:
A1.1

Status:
The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu.
Required proficiency level:
No previous Finnish studies.
ECTS Credits:
2 ECTS cr
Language of instruction:
Finnish and English.
Timing:
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Learning outcomes:
By the end of the course the student can understand and use some very common everyday expressions and phrases, and s/he can locate informational content in simple texts and messages. The student also knows the basic characteristics of Finnish language and Finnish communication styles.
Contents:
This is an introductory course which aims to help students to cope with the most common everyday situations in Finnish. During the course, students learn some useful everyday phrases, some general features of the vocabulary and grammar, and the main principles of pronunciation.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: general information about the Finnish language, some politeness phrases (how to greet people, thank and apologize), introducing oneself, giving and asking for basic personal information, numbers, some time expressions (how to tell and ask the time, days of the week, time of day), food, drink and asking about prices.

The structures studied are: personal pronouns and their possessive forms, forming affirmative, negative and interrogative sentences, the conjugation of some verbs, the basics of the partitive singular and some local cases for answering the ‘where’-question.

Mode of delivery:
Contact teaching, on-line learning and independent work. There will be organized also one on-line group in each semester.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lessons 2 times a week (26 h, including the final exam) and guided self study (24 h).

Target group:
International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
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Recommended optional programme components:
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Recommended or required reading:
Will be provided during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
Grading scale is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:
Arja Haapakoski

Working life cooperation:
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Other information:
Sign-up in WebOodi or in Tuudo.

791632S: Sustainable development and global tourism, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies
Laij: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Saarinen, Jarkko Juhani
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä
ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
Finnish and English.

Timing:
1 MSc-year, 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:
Following completion of the course the learner will be able to: know the definitions, origins and evolution of
globalisation and sustainable development; apply the principles and theories which underpin the different forms of
tourism, globalisation and sustainability; demonstrate an understanding of the complex relations between tourism
and sustainable development in global contexts; explain the role played by international, national and regional
tourism organisations in the global tourism development; evaluate the role and impacts of tourism in local-global
nexus; compare the role and importance of tourism in developed and developing countries, urban and rural
settings and nature-based and cultural tourism; critique the major global forces that are shaping future tourism
and its relation sustainability; and demonstrate competencies in oral and written presentations and ability to
critically evaluate others’ viewpoints.

Contents:
Definitions and key concepts and ideas of tourism, globalisation and sustainable development and their relations;
theories of development/under-development and globalisation; political economy of global tourism and
sustainability; local-global nexus and globalisation from below; international, regional and national tourism
organizations; global tourism; regional structures and development; impacts of tourism in local-global nexus and
different socio-spatial contexts; and tourism-globalisation-sustainability: case studies focusing north and south.

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
20 hrs lectures, written report and presentation.

Target group:
Geography students, especially students specializing in Tourism, Human Geography and teaching. Tourism
Geographies Double Degree (DD) students. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Recommended optional programme components:

Recommended or required reading:
Literature:
- Selection of articles: (to be announced during the course)

Other readings:
- Sharpley, R. ja D.J. Telfer (2002). Tourism and Development;

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written report and exam.
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1-5.

Person responsible:
Saarinen Jarkko

Working life cooperation:
No.

Other information:

790610S: Sustainable tourism development in Northern environments, 10 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2017 -
Opiskelumoto: Advanced Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Kaarina Tervo-Kankare
Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:
10 ects
Language of instruction:
English
Timing:
Spring semester, online (University’s online learning platform)

Learning outcomes:
To familiarize students with theory and knowledge related to sustainable tourism development in Northern environments.

In the course students will
1. Gain knowledge of the phenomena of northern tourism; the place of sustainable northern tourism within globalization and climate change; and the socio-cultural dimensions of northern tourism.
2. Acquire skills that will enable them to critically evaluate why the phenomena of northern tourism should be studied; identify the implications of northern tourism for indigenous cultures; evaluate the implications of northern tourism as related to local communities and resources; and critically examine governance aspects of northern tourism.
3. Get the general competence of synthesizing academic reading materials read; participating in master’s level discussion of course materials; and developing research and writing skills to a Master’s level.

Contents:
The course will address tourism in the circumpolar north from a societal perspective. It will present different views on the phenomenon and its dimensions, resources and implications for nature, places and cultures involved. The place of northern tourism in times of globalization and emergent global issues like climate changes will be explored, together with the relevant governance aspects.

Mode of delivery:
Online (University of Oulu’s Moodle environment)

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Learning will take place in interactive and collaborative forms. It will take place on-line, through such methods as lectures, group discussions, and teamwork. Instructors and students will share discoveries and materials during the course, and use a variety of communication tools.

Target group:
Geography students, especially students who will specialize to Tourism Geography. Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD) students from Germany. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
Applicants must have a Bachelor’s Degree in tourism, social science, humanities or science, or Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science.

Recommended optional programme components:
Course is part of UArctic studies and Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD) studies.

Person responsible:
Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

790320A: Tourism planning and development, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Kaarina Tervo-Kankare
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay790320A Tourism planning and development (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS
Language of instruction:
Finnish and English.

Timing:
3 year, 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:
After this course, student understands the relationship between tourism planning and regional development and he/she knows the most central models of planning and development in local, regional and national level. He/she knows the starting points of the tourism policy in local and European level, the background aspects of the tourism policy.

Contents:
Concepts and theories of the tourism development and tourism planning, economic impacts in regional level and basic aspects of the tourism policy and regional tourism strategies.

Mode of delivery:
Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures, written seminar work and presentation, exam.

Target group:
Geography students, especially students specialising in Tourism Geography. Students minoring in Geography and Tourism. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:
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Recommended optional programme components:
Course is part of minor studies tourism geography.

Recommended or required reading:
- Other material provided in the beginning of the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Exam and seminar work.
Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1–5.

Person responsible:
Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

Working life cooperation:
No.

Other information:
Written exam can be written also in Finnish. Written seminar work and presentation is in English. Course content may vary a bit, it may be organised as written exam and seminar work

790161A: Tourism, development and sustainability, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Kaarina Tervo-Kankare
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay790161A  Tourism, sustainability and environment (OPEN UNI)  4.0 op

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
English

Timing:
2nd year, Autumn semester.

Learning outcomes:
After the course, the student understands and can apply the principles of sustainable tourism in different contexts; he/she understands the importance of sustainable development in tourism in different contexts and from different viewpoints (spatial, stakeholder, sector). Student acknowledges the utilization of tourism for diverse development purposes and has basic understanding about its potential pitfalls, especially in the Global South framework. The
student can analyse and compare the impacts and meaning of different tourism activities to sustainable development.

Contents:
The course focuses on the idea of sustainable tourism and sustainable development with emphasis on tourism in Global South. The course examines the conceptual and practical dimensions of sustainable tourism, its relationship with sustainable development in general and the applicability and problems associated with it. The course’s basic concepts include the following: tourism and sustainable development, sustainable tourism, tourism impacts and sustainability at different scales (local-global) and environments, the roles of different actors (stakeholders) in sustainable tourism, tourism development plans and policies, methods to measure sustainability in tourism and tourism development, the role of sustainable tourist.

These concepts will be discussed both theoretically and in practice, highlighting their relevance in the Global South dimension and utilizing examples in different contexts. Some topical issues relating with the main theme sustainable tourism, such as pro-poor tourism and climate change will be covered in the Global South contexts. In addition, the student chooses one relevant topic to which she/he familiarizes.

Increase knowledge about the role and meaning of tourism in relation to development at different scales, and in different contexts, in the sustainability framework. Sustainability will be examined throughout the tourism system, at different scales and in diverse environments, with central focus on the development issues in the Global South.

Mode of delivery:
Virtual lectures/ppts, reader, short weekly learning diaries, group discussions, and a final assignment, which is also peer-evaluated.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Most of the course is virtual, and realized in Moodle environment. Virtual lectures, readings, small tasks, group discussions and assignments. Seminar attendance is compulsory.

Target group:
Geography students, especially students who will specialize to Tourism Geography. Students minoring in geography and Tourism. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites: 
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Recommended optional programme components:
Course is part of minor studies of Geography (60 ECTS) and Tourism studies (25 ECTS).

Recommended or required reading:
Most of the course material will be provided via the course’s Moodle environment.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Evaluation is based on course work and the final assignment. Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:
1–5.

Person responsible:
Senior lecturer Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

Working life cooperation:
No.
The course is structured around lectures and studies based on the department’s researchers’ and/or visiting scholars’ and PhD students’ demonstrations, and will provide insights to students on timely issues in tourism research, development, planning and/or management.

After the course the student will be able to: know and describe the basic concepts and theories of lecture/course subjects; evaluate the importance of lecture/course subjects; contextualise and integrate lecture/course subjects to Finnish or other specific regional context. In addition he/she will demonstrate competencies in oral and written presentations, teamwork and ability to critically evaluate others’ viewpoints.

Contents:
Key theories, concepts and perspectives introduced during the course and based on the introduced cases studies.

Mode of delivery:
Mostly face-to-face learning, depending on the course structure.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
16 hrs lectures, group work, written and oral assignments, and exam or report.

Target group:
Geography students, especially students who will specialize to Tourism Geography. Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD) students from Germany. Geography exchange students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Recommended optional programme components:
Course is part of the Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD).

Recommended or required reading:
Will be announced when the course starts.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Assignments and/or written exam.

Grading:
1-5.

Person responsible:
Siamak Seyfi

Working life cooperation:
No.

Other information:
The course is organised yearly when resources allow. Alternatively, the course may be performed by case study based on recent literary and its written and oral presentation.

790349A: World regional geography, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Field of Geography
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Sanna Varanka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay790349A World regional geography (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:
5 ECTS

Language of instruction:
English.

Timing:
2nd or 3rd year, 1st or 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:
After the course, a student has gained a holistic picture of the phenomena and processes related to global change and understand how they have been spread in the Earth.

Contents:
Global challenges and understanding them from the regional geography perspective.

Mode of delivery:
Online course in Moodle

Target group:
Geography students, recommended for teachers, others voluntary. Geography minor students. Geography exchange students.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

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**Recommended optional programme components:**

Course is part of minor studies of Geography.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Read more about assessment criteria at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

1–5.

**Person responsible:**

Janne Alahuhta

**Working life cooperation:**

No.

**Other information:**

The course will be arranged twice during an academic year. The course consist of five periods. Each of these periods last for two weeks.