Participation in teaching

The compulsory and optional courses included in each programme are presented in WebOodi/Peppi. Students register for all courses in Tuudo/WebOodi/Peppi. By registering for a course, the student agrees to follow the principles related to completing the course. The study methods are detailed in the curriculum for each programme. The student shall follow the current curriculum in his or her studies, regardless of the year in which he or she started the studies.

The student shall participate in the first teaching session of each course, in which the teacher goes through the details related to doing the course.

The courses are generally completed in the order presented in the curriculum and in the study structure diagram. At the beginning of the course, agreement is made on the principles and practices (book exams, reports, etc.) by means of which the student can compensate for any absence from practical teaching due to illness or some other compelling reason, as well as from sessions of compulsory attendance in the teaching practice periods. In teaching with mandatory attendance, a maximum of 90% attendance may be required of a student, with the exception of teaching practice periods.

In certain courses, there can be little flexibility with regard to the maximum group size of about 20 students. Room size, safety issues, and the amount of equipment and materials impose restrictions on the number of students. Students are admitted to teaching groups subject to the following principles:

- First priority is given to students to whom the teaching is primarily aimed.
- Second, students whose participation in teaching has been delayed for a valid reason (such as maternity leave or illness. Employment is not considered a valid reason).
- If there is room in the group after this, those wishing to speed up their studies can be included. If a student does not belong to the teaching group for which the teaching is primarily intended, the teacher must be notified of this fact, for example, by entering it in the additional information field when registering for the course.

In compulsory studies, the order of registration is not the same as the order of admission to a course. In optional courses, students are admitted to the course in the order of registration, unless otherwise instructed.

Examinations and registration

- The course literature to be studied for the exam and method of assessment are announced in connection with the presentation of each course.
- The details on any examination(s) related to a course are announced during the course at the latest.
- A first exam and two re-exams are arranged for the lecture series related to a course. The student must make sure that he or she participates in the first exam or a re-exam.
- Any retakes (also for improvement of your mark) and compensation for missed practical teaching sessions must be taken care of by the end of the term following the end of the course. Otherwise, the student must resit the whole course. For particularly serious reasons, additional time may be granted to complete a course. The student shall take care of documenting his or her partial completion of and/or times of attendance in an unfinished course.
• Courses to be taken through familiarization with literature as well as the maturity test can be completed in the electronic Exam system.

The regulations for resitting a course can be found in the university’s Education Regulations.

Expiry of studies

The Faculty of Education is following the RPL guidelines of the University of Oulu, according to which courses that are over 10 years old or unfinished are not approved for a university degree. Courses older than five years in an unfinished study module may be required to be updated at the discretion of the person in charge of the subject. Courses older than five years that are not accepted as part of a study module will contribute to the degree in the category of “other studies”. Any unfinished courses must be completed during the term following the course. For more detailed university and faculty RPL guidelines, see the university website.

Language and communication studies

1. Studies in scientific communication in Finnish (900102Y Communicate with Impact) are not required of persons who have completed at least the Basic Studies in Finnish.

2. Compulsory studies in written and oral skills in the mother tongue, in the other domestic language and in a foreign language completed for a degree at another Finnish university or university of applied sciences are accepted as if they had been completed in the Faculty of Education. If the studies completed elsewhere are more limited in scope than corresponding studies in the Faculty of Education, the Faculty may require the student to do supplementary studies.

3. Proficiency in a foreign language can be demonstrated by means of an International Baccalaureate (IB), a European Baccalaureate (EB) or a Reifeprüfung/DIA diploma.

4. Proficiency in a foreign language can be demonstrated by means of a university-level study module of at least 25 credits completed in the language in question.

Item 5 below is still valid in the academic year 2020-21. It will also be valid in 2021-22 for students who are credited for the written skills part in the academic year 2020-21.

5. As regards non-oral language skills, proficiency in a foreign language may be demonstrated by means of the matriculation examination grades laudatur or eximia cum laude approbatur for the advanced syllabus in the language in question.