

#### **Facts about Finland**

- Finns drink the most coffee per person in the world.
- Finns are the second biggest library users in Europe.
- Finns consume 14.2. liters of ice cream per person per year being the 4th in the world.
- Finland has the most <u>summer olympic medals</u> per capita (in total 303), although not so many from previous years.
- Finland has the most <u>heavy metal bands</u> in the world, 55.3 bands per 100 000 people.



# Studying at the University of Turku

Orientation for International Students

- Practical Issues
- Academic Culture



#### 7 Faculties – all different

- Faculties have different periods and different systems in study-related matters and practices.
- Practices vary also between the departments and even inside the subjects!
- In this presentation we tell how everything works in general.
- Remember also your programme's own info session!
- If in doubt, you can always contact the teachers or coordinators.



### **UTU IT account**

- Get it by visiting one of the IT Helpdesks personally, take your ID with you
- IT helpdesks are situated in Natura (next to Disco), Educarium, TSE and Medisiina
- You need it for everything:
  - reading your emails
  - accessing the course materials e.g. on Moodle
  - accessing UTU's intranet
  - checking your grades and personal information from Nettiopsu
  - course and exam registration in Nettiopsu



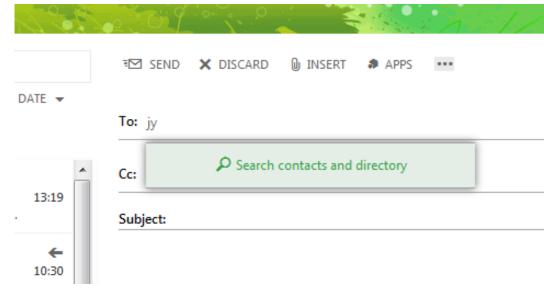
#### UTU email - mail.utu.fi

Teachers and other university staff know only <u>your utu-email</u>
 → all information is sent there!

Teachers' email addresses are usually of the form

firstname.lastname@utu.fi

 When writing an email at mail.utu.fi you can search for other people's utu-email addresses



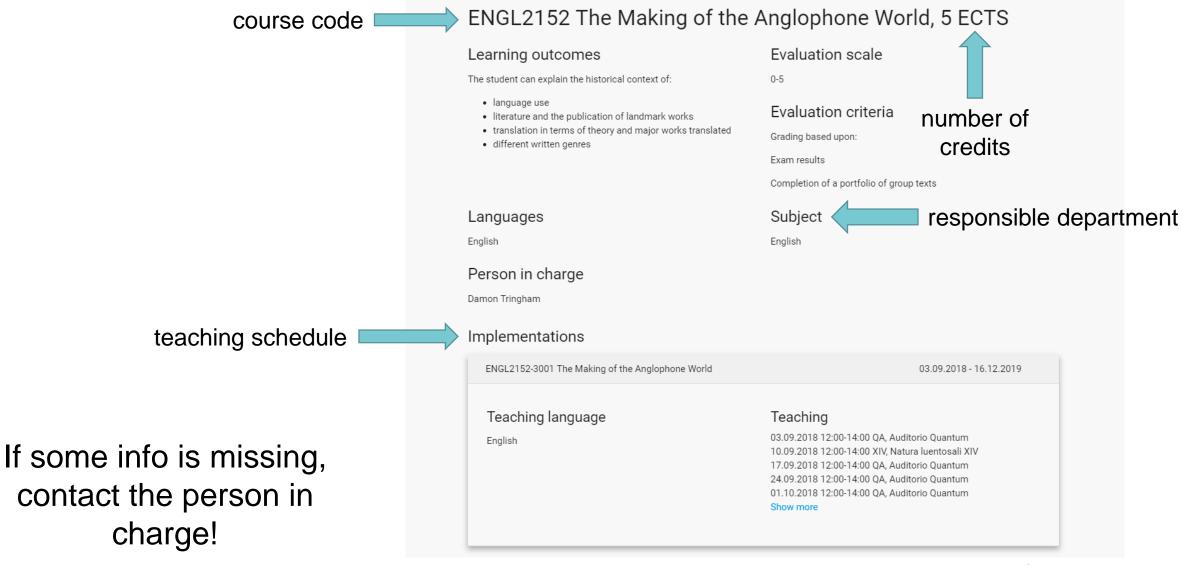


## **Study Guide Peppi**

- https://studyguide.utu.fi
- In Peppi you can find all the courses available for you
- The teaching schedules are also found in Peppi under the course description (under 'implementations')
- You can read more about Peppi at https://intranet.utu.fi/index/studyguide/

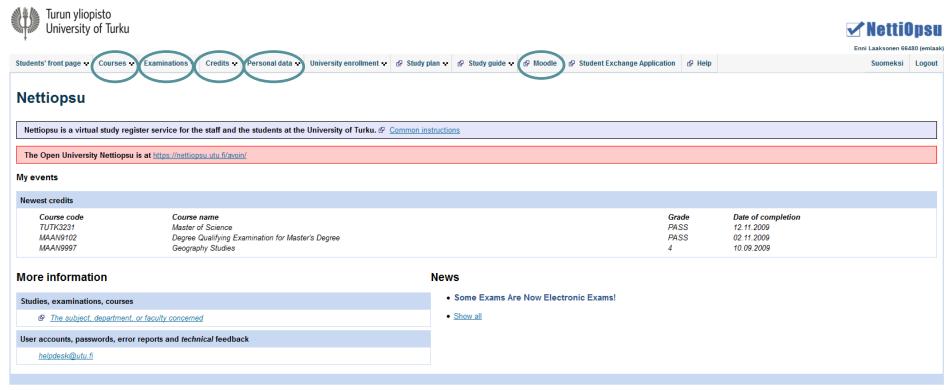


## Example of a course page





# Nettiopsu – virtual study register

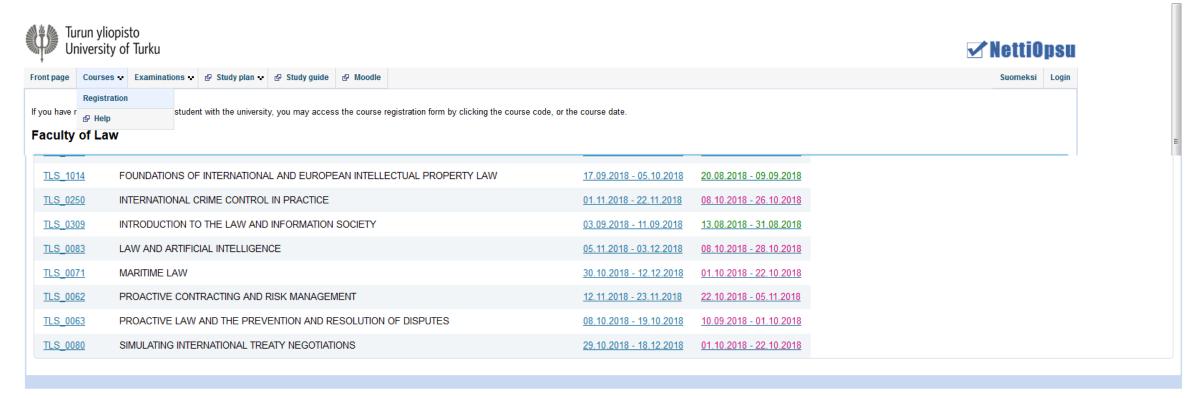


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- Check your course and exam registrations
- Check your grades and credits
- Check and update your contact information
- Access Study Guide



# Course registration



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Exam registration works in the same way!

Many ways to register to exams, Nettiopsu most common



## Finding your way to studies - in short

- Finding the course information
  - Study Guide should have it all
  - You can also try www-pages
- Course timetables
  - Teaching schedules are in Study Guide
  - Course timetables and teaching schedules are found in the course descriptions.
- Course registration
  - is often online in Nettiopsu or sometimes in Moodle
  - may be done by going to the first lecture
  - may only require an email to the teacher



## Most common modes of study

- Lecture courses can last the whole term or half a term, and they can be taught during two periods, one period, or just part of a period.
- Exams and special courses can be arranged outside the teaching periods.
- Book exams = you read the material defined by the teacher and take an exam based on it.
- Essays/papers and other written works usually based on a certain set of source books.
- Lecture diaries and learning diaries are written self-reflecting diaries based on lectures or seminars.
- Also: case studies, lab work, seminars, group work...



#### **Exams**

- Exams are generally held at the end of each course unless other evaluation methods are used.
- There are also General Examination Days in each faculty.
  - For self-study exams and for taking an exam again
- You can take an exam 3 times. The best result will be registered.
- Exam registration is usually done online: nettiopsu.utu.fi
- Take along a pencil and student ID (nothing else)
- Exam results in NettiOpsu (in 2-3 weeks)



#### **Exam behaviour**

- Be on time!
- Take only a pencil and student ID (nothing else) with you when you sit down.
- You get the questions and blank paper from the supervisor.
- If you need anything (more paper, to go to toilet) raise your hand.
- The supervisor will tell you when the exam ends and when you can leave at the earliest.
- Cheating is strictly forbidden and all cheating attempts are taken seriously.



#### **Electronic exams**

- = exams taken in an e-exam room using a computer.
- Also possible during the evenings and weekends.
- Exam rooms in Teutori, Agora, Publicum and Turku School of Economics.
- You must first reserve a time and computer for the exam.
- Then activate your student card (first time only) or get a key in order to have access to the e-exam room.
- Two services available: Tenttis and Exam
- List of possible exams that can be taken and more information can be found on <u>tenttis.utu.fi</u> and <u>exam.utu.fi</u>



## **Academic year**

- Autumn Semester
- 1 August 31 December
- Periods I and II
- Teaching ends around 17.12.
- Spring Semester
- 1 January 31 May teaching period, the semester ends on July 31
- Periods III and IV
- Teaching ends in April/May





#### **Credits**

- 1 credit (cr) = 1 opintopiste (op) = 1 ECTS
- 1 ECTS = 27 hours of work (including lectures, seminars, reading, writing, and independent work)
- The recommended workload for one Academic year equals to 60 ECTS/ 30 ECTS during one semester.
- How many credits can I take?
- How many credits do I need to take?



#### **Grades**

| UTU |              | ECTS |
|-----|--------------|------|
| 0   | Fail         | F    |
| 1   | Sufficient   | Е    |
| 2   | Satisfactory | D    |
| 3   | Good         | С    |
| 4   | Very good    | В    |
| 5   | Excellent    | Α    |



or pass/fail (cannot be converted to a **numeric** evaluation)

- Failed courses are shown in the credit list in NettiOpsu
- but **not shown** in the Transcript of Records!



#### **ACADEMIC CULTURE**

#### Punctuality

- Academic Quarter
- $\bullet$  12 14 = 12.15-13.45
- $\bullet$  12.00 13.00 = 12.00-13.00

#### Informal interaction with professors

- firstname.lastname@utu.fi
- Office hours
- During/after lessons

#### Independent, active, responsible students

- Freedom to make decisions on your studies
- Responsibility of the progress of your studies



#### **HELP AND INFORMATION**

- Orientation materials on <u>Internet</u>
- Programme Coordinators
- Tutor
- Web pages / Intranet
- E-mail lists
- Student Union & student organisations



#### STUDENT CENTRE DISCO

- Certificates and Transcripts
- Study register related issues
- Tuition fees and scholarships

- Located on the University Hill
- Mon-Fri 12.00 -14.00 (15 Aug -15 Sep: 10-14)



### **ORIENTATION CONTINUES**

- Today, Thursday and Friday
  - More lectures and programme information sessions
  - Library tours
  - Free guided bus tour (only for registered students)
  - Welcome Fair



Study in Turku student fair 29 Aug ICT City 10-16



## **Opening Carnival 3 September**

- Held on the square next to Educarium and Publicum at 12 pm
- Organised by the University of Turku and the Student Union





# Introduction to Degree Studies

Orientation for International Students

- Student Services
- Degree system



#### **Admission and Student Affairs**

- Registration and study rights (disco@utu.fi)
- Scholarships and tuition fees
- Admission process
- Information e-mailing list for degree students
- Enni Laaksonen
- Johanna Kärki
- Find us at the Student Centre (admissions@utu.fi)



#### Student services

- Most services are available close to your everyday activities: Coordinator of your programme, staff and teachers of the programme, Study Advisor of your faculty
- Also available: <u>Career Guidance Services</u>, Job Seeking Guidance, Services for Students with Disabilities and Students with Special Needs, CampusSports, <u>Study</u> <u>Psychologist...</u>
- And you can go on exchange!



## Degree system in Finland

- 3 yr Bachelor's (usually 180 credits) + 2 yr Master's (usually 120 credits)
- Degrees usually consist of studies in one major subject and in one or more minor subjects
- Studies form larger entities at 3 levels: basic, intermediate and advanced levels
- Bachelor's: basic and intermediate level studies
- Master's: advanced level studies



## Master's degree programme

- To complete the programme and degree: at least 120 credits as defined in the curriculum of the Programme
- The entire content of the degree is mainly offered by the Programme
- It usually takes two academic years to complete a Master's degree



## Academic freedom and responsibility

- Freedom to make decisions on your studies (timetables, minors, the interest of research)
- Responsibility of the progress of your studies
- Basic rights guaranteed by administration: objectivity, lawfulness, equality
- No insurance provided by the university for students (exception: e.g. lab work, field course)



## **Academic community**

- Students are not considered customers but equal members of the academic community > easiness in approaching the staff (office hours!)
- Students are an important part of the decision making processes at the university
  - Student representation in programme committees, faculty work groups etc.





