

# Africa-related education supply at Finnish universities



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# Background information

- The aim is to map the Africa-related education supply at Finnish universities.
  - University study guides were browsed (because of no proper search functions, courses related to Africa were hard to find).
  - Finnish universities (faculties, departments and other organisations) were contacted, including student councellors, study secretaries, education planners, guidance counsellors.
  - Hard to find the right contacts and get information.
  - Different levels of responses from different universities.
  - From the University of Eastern Finland received a very comprehensive PDF-file on the study opportunities regarding Africa.
  - In some courses, Africa is only dealt with briefly and these courses are therefore not mentioned in the listing.
- For these reasons, the data may be incomplete.

# Main results and development ideas

- Many courses ignore themes related to Africa, but Africa as a region and destination is rarely at the centre of teaching.
- Courses often deal with cultural factors, sustainable development, language diversity and regional context.
- UniPID is to some extent a significant platform in teaching.
- Africa-related teaching provision should be increased and diversified in all universities.
- There is a need to put Africa more prominently at the center of the education, and Africa should also be treated more closely from a regional point of view.

# University of Helsinki

- Mainly, teaching focuses on the regional and cultural research degree programme, the Bachelor's Programme in Cultures and the Master's Programme in Linguistic Diversity at the Faculty of Humanities
- University of Helsinki's Africa programme focuses on increasing teaching related to Africa



# Education supply at the University of Helsinki

- Taita field course, Seminaari 5 op
- Somali 1, 15 op
- Somali 2, 15 op
- The Horn of Africa — past and present, 5 op
- Afrikan kirjallisuudet, 5 op
- Globaalit tutkimuskysymykset maantieteessä, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO ENS-H322 How imperialism changed the world, 5 op
- KOLONIALISMIN GLOBAALIHISTORIAA (HISK-213, HISK-222, HISK-226, HISM-321, HISM-322, HISM-323), 5 op
- Tieto ja tiede eurooppalaisissa imperiumeissa 1800-luvulla: tutkimusmatkoja, kokoelmia ja biopolitiikkaa (HISK-213, HISK-221, HISK-222, HISM-321, HISM-322, HISM-323), Luento-opetus, 5 op
- KUKA-TA217 Taidehistorian globaalit näkökulmat, Avoin yo: Arkkitehtuuri kolonialismin ja jälkikolonialismin aikakaudella, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO AYYKK-232 Avoin yo: Globaalin etelän yhteiskuntarealiteetit, kesä 2021, Verkkokurssi, 5 op
- Kehityskaantiede, 5 op
- Opintojakso YK-211 Globaali taloudellinen muutos, Globaali taloudellinen muutos, Kirjallinen työ, 5 op
- Opintojakso YMK-3310 Ilmastonmuutos ja globaali oikeudenmukaisuus, 5 op

## Languages

- OPINTOJAKSO KIK-AR111 Arabia 1, 15 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KIK-AR113 Arabialainen kirjallisuus, 5 op
- Egyptin arabiaa 1, Luento-opetus, Luento-opetus, 5 op
- Egyptin puhekielen kurssi, Luentokurssi, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KIK-AL202 Kielelliset ilmiöt Afrikassa, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KIK-SW111 Swahili 1, 15 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KIK-AR212 Arabialainen kulttuuri, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KUKA-LIS215 Johdatus Koraaniin ja sunnaan, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KIK-SW211 Swahili 2, 15 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KIM-AL345 Muun Afrikan kielen jatkokurssi, 15 op
- Opintojakso KIM-AL344 Muun Afrikan kielen peruskurssi, Tentti, 15 op

# Education supply

## Culture

- OPINTOJAKSO KUKA-LIS214 Islamin peruskurssi, 5 op
- KUKA-US213 ja TUK-203 Uskontotieteen proseminaari (islamilainen teologia), Seminaari, 4 op
- TUK-IST2506 ja KUKA-US207 Islamin monimuotoisuus, Luento-opetus, Luento-opetus, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KUKA-AL211 Alue- ja kulttuurintutkimuksen lähestymistavat, 5 op
- LANDSCAPES OF IDENTITY: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND ENVIRONMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY (KUKA-AL216 / ALKU-P315 / KUKA-AL213 / KUKA-AM502 / KUKA-AM503 / KUKA-AM507), Luento-opetus, 5 op

## Natural sciences

- Opintojakso IPS-174, Itä-Afrikan kasvit, Verkko-opetus, 5 op
- Opintojakso TUK-2611 Ruoka, uskonto ja elämäkatsomus, Avoin yo: Ruoka, uskonto ja elämäkatsomus, 5 op
- Opintojakso ME-207 Maapallon metsät, Luento-opetus, Luento-opetus, 3 op
- OPINTOJAKSO KUKA-103 Tila, paikka ja ympäristö, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO FOR-219 Sustainable forest ecosystem management, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO ME-226 Agriculture, agroforestry and forestry in the tropics, 3 op
- OPINTOJAKSO ME-229, Introduction to tropical forestry, 5 op
- OPINTOJAKSO AGRI-201 Trooppinen kasvintuotanto, 5 op

# University of Tampere

- Plenty of courses about global topics, which deal with Africa also
- Couple of UniPID courses
- Research and Innovation in Higher Education 120 op
- Most of the courses are in Regional studies, but also in Social Science

# Education supply at the University of Tampere

## **In the curriculum at the moment:**

- Curriculum Development for Climate Change Education in Global South (UniPID)
- Social protection and Health: Definitions, policy goals and global examples (UniPID)

## **Faculty of Social Sciences**

- Globaalit ilmiöt ja paikalliset käytännöt, 5 op
- Global Health Policy, Governance and Issues, 5 op
- Kestävän kehityksen opintokokonaisuus, 20–55 op
- Global Health Issues, 20 op
- Globaali maailma, 5 op

## **Other faculties**

- Globaalikasvatus, 5 op (kasvatustiede)
- Jälkikoloniaalinen kulttuuri ja globaali englanninkielinen kirjallisuus, 5 op



# University of Eastern Finland

- The University of Eastern Finland gave an extensive list of their studies in Africa.
- Teaching in Africa covers many disciplines and the study opportunities are well mapped.
- Educational sciences, natural sciences and social sciences are well represented.

# Education supply at the University of Eastern Finland

- Public health in humanitarian crises 5 ECTS
- Education for sustainable future 5 ECTS
- Ethical teachers: Ethical challenges in educational contexts 3 ECTS
- Exploring cultural stereotypes 3 ECTS
- International education 2-5 ECTS
- Introduction to intercultural encounters
- Components of cultural multiplicity 5 ECTS
- Ethics in intercultural interaction 5 ECTS
- Religious change and interaction 4 ECTS
- Theologian Working Internationally 4 ECTS
- History of colonisation and decolonisation in (Central) Africa 5 ECTS
- Globalization and the Crisis of Development 2 ECTS
- Sustainability and Natural Resources 5 ECTS
- Environmental Governance and Policy Instruments: Theory and Practice 5 ECTS
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- Social Scientific Environmental Studies: Theories and Methods 5 ECTS
- Community Engagement and Conflict Resolution in Environmental Planning and Decision-making 5 ECTS
- Environmental and natural resource governance 5 ECTS
- Food and society 5 ECTS
- Global environmental politics
- International law and forests 5 ECTS
- Environmental collaboration and conflict resolution 5 ECTS
- United Nations Environment Programme Course on Multilateral Environment Agreements
- Decolonising sustainable development? Introductory lessons from the Global South
- Ecosystem Restoration in the Tropics and Climate Change
- Global Perspectives in Social Work 5 ECTS
- Working with diversity 5 ECTS
- Social Scientific Environmental Studies: Theories and Methods 5 ECTS
- Community Engagement and Conflict Resolution in Environmental Planning and Decision-making 5 ECTS
- Environmental and natural resource governance 5 ECTS

# University of Oulu

- Africa-related teaching is mainly focused on Geography

## Education supply at the University of Oulu

- Global Education Development (UniPID)
- 790340A Globaali kehitysproblematiikka, 5 op (maantiede)
- **Development and sustainable tourism in the Global South 790352A** (Maantiede)
- Kestävä kehitys ja globaali matkailutalous, 5 op 791632S (maantiede)
- Tourism, development and sustainability, 5 op 790161A (maantiede)
- Globaali kulttuurihistoria, 3 op 700405A (Yleinen historia)
- 408536S Intercultural Education, Social Justice and Sustainability, 5 op (kasvatustiede)
- 700153A Globaali aatehistoria, 5 op (Tieteiden ja aatteiden historia)
- **488402S Sustainable Development, 5 op** (Prosessi- ja ympäristötekniikka)

# Other universities

- Few Africa-related courses in University of Jyväskylä, Hanken, Aalto University and Åbo Akademi University.
- In these universities there are faculties where Africa-focused education does not play a leading role.
- Because of the faculty structure, Africa-related teaching is not at the center of the teaching at these universities.
- Not found Africa-related education supply at the University of Lapland and LUT.

# Aalto University

- International Design Business Management, 120 op
  - Creative Sustainability, 15-25 op
  - African Economic Development, 6 op
  - Market-based Development in the Global South, 6 op
  - Global Perspectives: Re-mapping the History of Art, 4 op
  - Digital services for sustainability
  - Sustainable Global Technologies Programme, 17 op
  - Interplay of Cultures Studio, 12 op
  - A minor studies programme WiT (World in Transition) 15-25 op
- Much of the teaching relates to the Global Impact programme and the teaching within it.

# Other Universities

- **University of Jyväskylä**

- Master's Degree Programme in Development, Education and International Cooperation
- ETNS226 Etnografia lähellä ja kaukana (5 op)
- MUPA2002 Musiikkikulttuurit 3: Monikulttuurinen maailmanmusiikki (5 op)
- KYHMODKOK Kestävät yhteiskunnat -moduuli (25–40 op)
- Towards Sustainable Development Goals: the Nexus of Water, Food and Energy

- **Hanken**

- Intercultural Business Communication: Asia, the Arab world and Africa

- **Åbo Akademi University**

- Concepts of Sustainability (UniPID)
- Migration, Development and Human Rights (UniPID)

# Universities with very limited Africa-related teaching

## University of Lapland

- No Africa-related courses were found in the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Social Sciences or at the Faculty of Law

## LUT University

- No Africa-related teaching found in LUT



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