Africa-related education supply at the Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences

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Background

- The aim is to map the Africa-related education supply at Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences.
- Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences that belong to the FAPI network were contacted.
  - student counsellors, education planners and guidance counsellors
- The mapping was mainly based on study guides.
- It is difficult to map courses, as the information vary and is sometimes incomplete in different Universities of Applied Sciences.
- 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

• Education supply related to Africa is scarce in Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences.

• Africa as a region and destination is rarely at the center of the education, but courses related to sustainable development and internationalisation often deal with Africa-related themes.

• Africa-related courses often deal with sustainable development, international cooperation and economic factors.

→ Africa-related teaching provision should be increased and diversified in all Universities of Applied Sciences.

→ There is a need to focus more Africa-related issues in the course provision, and to increase cooperation between Finnish and African actors in education and teaching.
Haaga-Helia

Education supply:

StartUp School goes Africa:

- WOR8HH051 StartUp School x Ambitious Africa Project W&S, 5 op (new course)
  - Students can explore and promote opportunities for educational export in Africa.
  - Student carries out a project that focuses on the African region and supports the Sustainable Development Goals.

- CUL8RB021 Food and Culture, 6 op

- In addition, a lot of education supply related to sustainable development and internationalisation, in which Africa may be handled briefly.
Tampere University of Applied Sciences

Education supply:
• Degree programs where Africa is sidelined in some courses:
  • Environmental Engineering, 240 op
  • International Business, 210 op
• Risk Management and Circular Economy, 60-90
• In addition, several courses relate to sustainable development and globalisation.
Turku University of Applied Sciences

- Africa is in the content of some courses, but it is only dealt with briefly.
  - For example, courses related to international business often handle Africa-related issues to some extent, even though it is not at the heart of the course content.
- In addition, Turku University of Applied Sciences offers a relatively large amount of internationalisation and sustainable development-related teaching.
Häme University of Applied Sciences

• Wide education supply related to sustainable development.

Education supply:
• KK00DM05-3001 Cross-cultural communication, 5 op (online)
• Sustainable Society and Global Economy, 5 op (online)
  • sustainable development and SDG’s
• Creating Sustainable Solutions, 5 op, field work in Africa or project work in Finland
  • Aims to promote cooperation between African actors and Finnish actors through multicultural field courses.
South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences and Satakunta University of Applied Sciences

South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences:
Education supply:
• AV00EL35-3002 Doing business in Africa
• In addition, many of the courses deal with sustainable development and global environmental problems.

Satakunta University of Applied Science:
Education supply:
• IN212402 Intercultural Communication
• In addition, many courses related to internationalisation and sustainable development.
LAB University of Applied Sciences, Centria University of Applied Sciences and Humak University of Applied Sciences

LAB University of Applied Sciences

• Africa as a region and destination is not at the heart of the courses content.

• Some courses that are related to sustainable development and internationalisation.

Centria University of Applied Sciences

• Africa is not at the center of the teaching.

• Africa is dealt with briefly in some courses.
  • for example courses related to international trade deal with Africa-related themes to some extent.

Humak University of Applied Sciences

• Africa is not at the heart of the education supply.

• Some courses related to sustainable development, in which Africa is dealt briefly.
Universities of applied sciences without significant Africa-related teaching

- KAMK University of Applied Sciences
- Lapland University of Applied Sciences
- Karelia University of Applied Sciences
- Vaasa University of Applied Sciences
- Metropolia University of Applied Sciences
- Novia University of Applied Sciences
- Laurea University of Applied Sciences
- JAMK University of Applied Sciences