

Opasraportti

FSci - Geography, Specialization on Tourism Geographies (Double Degree Master's programme) (2018 - 2019)

Geography is one of the widest fields in sciences. The discipline studies different spatial and regional processes on the surface of the Earth, mainly in the context of human activities. One of the focal areas of geography is the examination of the relationship between people and the environment. This relation and its changing meanings are still important starting-points in geography. Geography has a special role as a mediator between social and natural sciences. Due to the wide-ranging character of the research subjects, geographers currently apply the theories and methods of natural sciences, cultural and social sciences widely. Similarly, the aim of education in geography is to provide students with wide and profound theoretic-methodological knowledge and to offer the capability to master the contents of the field. After the graduation, students are able to apply this knowledge in e.g. scientific research, regional planning or as experts.

The major subject to all is Geography, and in the double degree programme Tourism Geographies. The student can apply for the double degree programme in his/her first year of master studies.

After MSc-graduation the student can

- define his/her the most essential research traditions in tourism geographies
- define the most important research challenges in the view point of present and future situation
- analyze different geographical causalities and information using in-depth research methods
- apply learned aspects to new teaching and learning situations and clarify how different phenomena of Geography are fixed together
- analyze geographical knowledge and information wider research methods
- clarify and argue about the implications of geographical phenomena as part of processes that are linked to tourism geographies and also to wider geographical aspects
- to widen geographical view with independent research work (Master Thesis) so that he/she can do new openings to the research traditions and to research challenges

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

- 791699S: Maturity test, 0 op
- 791621S: Political geography, 5 op
- 791613S: Position based analyses and services in geography, 5 op
- 791619S: Pro gradu thesis (Master Thesis), 30 op
- 791627S: Research in regional geography, 5 op
- 790606S: Special research course in Tourism Geography, 5 op
- 791632S: Sustainable development and global tourism, 5 op
- 790620S: Tourism planning and development, 5 op
- 791629S: Traditions and current issues in tourism research, 5 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

791699S: Maturity test, 0 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Jan Hjort

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

0 cr

Language of instruction:

Finnish, Swedish, English

Timing:

1. or 2. year of Master Studies

Contents:

Summary of a thesis that is approved by the supervisor and added to the thesis before uploading the thesis to Laturi.

Target group:

Compulsory to all geography students

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

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Recommended optional programme components:

Master thesis

Recommended or required reading:

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Assessment methods and criteria:

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Grading:

Pass / Fail

Person responsible:

Professors

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

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791621S: Political geography, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: 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, 2nd 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, its 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:

Students in Human and Cultural Geography.

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 on exam day.

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 2019.

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

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Ossi Kotavaara

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, 2nd semester.

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:

Especially students of GIS.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

GIS basics and cartography and Advanced course of GIS have to be done.

Recommended or required reading:

NOPPA Study Portal

Assessment methods and criteria:

Written report and seminar.

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

Grading:

1–5

Person responsible:

Jarmo Rusanen, Ossi Kotavaara

Working life cooperation:

No.

791619S: Pro gradu thesis (Master Thesis), 30 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Diploma thesis

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

30 ECTS

Language of instruction:

Finnish, Swedish, English or other possible language which is agreed with professors.

Timing:

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

Learning outcomes:

Indicates that the student is able to carry out demanding and independent academic research work. Thesis shows that the student can write a Thesis which are based on material that he/she has studied and on basic concepts and phenomena of his/her field of specialization. In the Thesis the student can use the most central research methods, and can classify, analyse and evaluate his/her knowledge in relation to the tradition of the research field. The Thesis shows that the student can make accurate conclusions about the studied phenomena and he/she reflects those in relation to research tradition. Thesis is based on latest aspects of the field and also develops new research subjects and questions.

Contents:

The Thesis will deal with the subject that is approved by professor or other supervisor. The student will take part to Seminar (I, II, III) in Master Thesis (791631S).

Mode of delivery:

Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Independent research report.

Target group:

Common course to all students of Geography.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Recommendation: all the Basic and Intermediate studies are finished and main part of Advanced studies are finished.

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

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Assessment methods and criteria:

Written Thesis.

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

Grading:

The Thesis will be approved and grades the Departmental Council of the Department of Geography, 1–5.

Person responsible:

Professors.

Working life cooperation:

Yes. Master thesis can be carried out in wider research or development project.

Other information:

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791627S: Research in regional geography, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Paasi Anssi

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS

Language of instruction:

Finnish and/or English.

Timing:

1st or 2nd MSc-year, 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:

The student can interpret the latest discourse of the regional geography and participate to it by connecting his/her own study to the discussed issues.

Contents:

The course focuses on the contemporary issues of new regional geography.

Mode of delivery:

Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Study circle, presentations, book exam.

Target group:

Students in Human and Cultural Geography.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

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Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Cresswell Tim (2014) Place. 2nd edition. Wiley-Blackwell

Assessment methods and criteria:

Exam on exam day.

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

Grading:

1-5.

Person responsible:

Anssi Paasi.

Working life cooperation:

No.

Other information:

Course is organized on every other year, next on spring 2018.

790606S: Special research course in Tourism Geography, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2017 -

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Saarinen, Jarkko Juhani

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS

Language of instruction:

Finnish or English.

Timing:

1st or 2nd MSc-year, 1st or 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:

The student will deepen and develop his/her geographical knowledge through literature or through empirical study. 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 his/her field of specialization.

Mode of delivery:

Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

This course may be performed by different ways. The student can: to make another final exam from other module; to carry out some other course from other module; work as research assistant; to make virtual course related to his /her field; to make manuscript based on his/her Master Thesis. Ways of performance can be discussed with professor.

Target group:

MSc-students of each module.

Recommended optional programme components:

Course can be selected from another module of advanced studies of Geography.

Recommended or required reading:

Will be agreed with professor.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Written exam on examinarium or other way of performance.

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

Grading:

1–5.

Person responsible:

Jarkko Saarinen

Working life cooperation:

Yes. Working in research or development projects gives completion for working after graduation.

791632S: Sustainable development and global tourism, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

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:

Especially students in Tourism Geography, and Human Geography and teachers.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

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Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Literature:

- Mowforth, M. ja I. Munt (2009). Tourism and Sustainability.
- Selection of articles: (to be announced during the course)

Other readings:

- Butler, R. ja T. Hinch (toim.) (2007). Tourism and Indigenous Peoples;
- Holden, A. (2008). Environment and tourism;
- Saarinen, J., Becker, F., Manwa, H. ja D. Wilson (toim.) (2009). Sustainable Tourism and Southern Africa;
- Sharpley, R. ja D.J. Telfer (2002). Tourism and Development;
- Saarinen, J. Rogerson, C, ja H. Manwa (toim.) (2012). Tourism and Millennium Development Goals.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Written report and exam on exam day.

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

Grading:

1-5.

Person responsible:

Roger Norum

Working life cooperation:

No.

Other information:

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790620S: Tourism planning and development, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2015 -

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS

Language of instruction:

English.

Timing:

1st MSc-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-global nexus. Student knows the

starting points of the tourism policy in different scales, the background aspects of the tourism policy and current trends in regional, national and transnational tourism development and management thinking.

Contents:

Concepts and theories of the tourism development and tourism planning, economic and policy connections and 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:

18 hrs lectures, written seminar work and presentation, exam.

Target group:

Students doing the Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD). Other students based on pre-agreement.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

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Recommended optional programme components:

Course is part of the Tourism Geographies Double Degree (DD).

Recommended or required reading:

- Hall, C.M. (2000). Tourism Planning: Policies, Processes and Relationships. 236 s. Prentice Hall, Harlow.
- Fennel, David A. (1999 or later version). Ecotourism – an introduction (partly).
- other material agreed during the course

Assessment methods and criteria:

Participation in practicals, exam on exam day.

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

Grading:

1–5.

Person responsible:

Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

Working life cooperation:

Possibly in some respects.

Other information:

Exam can be written in Finnish. Written seminar work and presentations are in English.

791629S: Traditions and current issues in tourism research, 5 op

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Field of Geography

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Kaarina Tervo-Kankare

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay791629S Traditions and current issues in tourism research (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS

Language of instruction:

Finnish/English

Timing:

1st or 2nd MSc-year, 2nd semester.

Learning outcomes:

Following the completion of the course the learner has deepened her/his knowledge on the research traditions and current issues in tourism geographies.

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:

Face-to-face learning.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

16 hrs lectures, group work, written and oral assignments, and exam or report.

Target group:

Especially students of Tourism Geography.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

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Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Will be announced when the course starts.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Written exam and assignments.

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:

This course will be organized uneven years. Next time this course will be in semester 2, 2017 (or, if possible in every year). Alternatively, this course may be performed by case study based on recent literary and its written and oral presentation.