



Adult Education promoting Sustainable Development

UEF/MOOC Adult Education Promoting Sustainable Development



Welcome to the course!



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Background

- This course is part of a transnational Erasmus+ project called [Education as a Constructor of Social and Cultural Sustainability for the 21st century \(sus21\)](#).
- This has no effect on the students completing this course.
- The course structure has been planned to meet the needs and objectives of the project.



Learning objectives

Students will:

- Be familiar with the concept of adult education and sustainable development within a social cultural context.
- Be able to discuss and compare sustainable development within Finnish adult education policy.
- Be familiar with how work/life balance connects to sustainable development and how to encourage it.
- Be familiar with the connection between non-formal learning and social cultural sustainable development.
- Be familiar with how the development of new technologies can enable or disrupt sustainable development.



Course structure

- The course consists of six (6) independent learning modules. In the modules, students will complete a set of learning tasks. There are compulsory parts and optional parts in each module.
In each module you will find:
- 1. Short Module specific instructions.** (**Note:** first module also has four compulsory video lectures about active citizenship and non-formal learning)
 - 2. An introduction to the topic** (compulsory). This can be either a slideshow, video, literature summary or another format.
 - 3. Independent learning tasks** (compulsory). Each learning task is clearly marked and has its own instructions. You can follow your progress using the completion progress tool bar.
 - 4. Optional reading section for self-studying** (optional). Each module has its own material section with literature, multimedia, examples etc. These are for optional self-studying and can be used as references when completing the final assignment.



Evaluation

- All learning tasks and the final assignment are compulsory. The written assignment will be evaluated in the scale of 0-5.
- Other learning tasks will be evaluated pass/fail, but can affect the course grade positively when accomplished well (maximum one grade up). In each learning task you will find the requirements to get a '+'. You need to get '+' from 4/6 learning tasks to raise your grade.

Special emphasis in the evaluation of the written assignment is given to these elements:

- **Skilled use of references. Students can use the citation format of their choice, but the use must be consistent.**
- **Critical reflection and ingenuity.**
- **Consistent structure and meeting the requirements of scientific writing.**
- **Coherent use of the concepts.**



Final Assignment:

Students have two options for the final assignment (choose one):

- **Final assignment 1: Essay (individually)**
- **Final assignment 2: Project proposal (individually, in pairs or in groups)**
- The instructions for both options have been collected to PowerPoint presentations that can be found from “Final Assignment Instructions & Submission” section. Familiarize yourself with the final assignment options and choose which one is more suitable for your personal course goals.
- Please note the ethical principles to be followed in academic writing. **Plagiarism isn't allowed.** See Finnish National Board on Research Integrity (TENK) ethical review in human sciences. <https://www.tenk.fi/en/ethical-review-in-human-sciences>



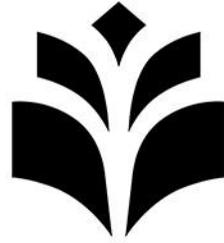
Questions?

- All questions about the assignments should, when possible, be directed to the discussion forum "**Questions about the course**" on the Moodle front page. This way other students can see the previously asked questions and the course staff can find the questions easily.
- If other questions arise, contact: **Juha Kauppila, University Lecturer (juha.kauppila@uef.fi)**



Digicampus Moodle:

- For the courses, that have students outside the University of Eastern Finland we use the **Digicampus Moodle**. You can access the Moodle platform by signing in with either **HAKA** account (Finnish Higher Education organizations) or **Google** account. Students using Digicampus Moodle for the first time with a Google account, must first accept the Terms of Use and verify their account with an email sent to their Gmail account. After signing up for the system, enroll for the course.
- When enrolled on the course, you must first read the instructions well and only after that start studying the course. It is recommended that you proceed in the order of the modules, but it is possible to complete the modules in different order as well.



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**Thank you
and good studying!**

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