

# The Open University at Åbo Akademi University

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# What is the Open University?



## Part of the Centre for Lifelong Learning

### Aim:

- Promote educational and regional equality by offering university courses to **the general public**

### How?

- Offers basic, intermediate and some advanced level courses from many different fields
- Open to everyone, regardless of age and educational background
- Follows the curricula of Åbo Akademi University, and the content, quality and level of the courses are equivalent to undergraduate studies

# The structure of the courses

- The courses have been planned to accommodate adult learners.
- Teaching is organized mainly in the evenings and at weekends.
- Flexibility in time and place where needed.
- Most courses are completely offered online (online lectures, assignments on learning platforms or equivalent).



# Study fees

- Open University studies are subject to a fee, 50 euros per semester/term.
- Students at Åbo Akademi University do not need to pay the study fee, including exchange students
- However, potential annulment fee (20 euros) is applicable also for ÅAU students



# Some statistics

- annually more than 2000 students and in total 300 courses (30-40 in English)
- Almost all courses are offered online



# Courses in English

- Most courses are in Swedish, but quite a few in English 2023-2024
  - 36 courses in 14 subjects
- Registration (not in Peppi): [link to the form](#)
- Look out specifically for these:
  - Sustainability Studies
  - Gender studies
  - Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research



# Sustainability Studies

## Autumn term:

- **Concepts of sustainability (5 ECTS), online course**
  - Enrolment no later than 3.9.2023. [Link to registration](#)
- **Introduction to ESD – Education for Sustainable Development (5 ECTS), online course**
  - Enrolment 7.8–11.9.2023
- **Ecological Sustainability (5 ECTS), online course**
  - Enrolment 7.8–20.9.2023
- **The Baltic Sea Environment – Challenges and Solutions (5 ECTS), online course**
  - Enrolment 7.8–24.9.2023

<https://www.abo.fi/en/cil-subject/sustainability-studies/>



# Humanities



## Gender Studies:

- **An introduction to Trans Studies (5 ECTS), online course with distance teaching**
  - Enrolment: 7.8–18.9.2023
- **What is on my plate? Food, Feminism and practice (5 ECTS), online course**
  - Enrolment: 7.8–2.10.2023

<https://www.abo.fi/en/cii-subject/gender-studies/>

# Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research



## Autumn term:

- **Peace Education (5 ECTS), online course with distance teaching.**
  - Enrolment 7.8-4.9.2023.

<https://www.abo.fi/en/cii-subject/peace-mediation-and-conflict-research/>

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