

COMPLEMENTARY COMPETENCE IN BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Elective Studies Compiled into Modules

Elective studies are a part of completing a university of applied sciences degree. Complementary modules make it possible to deepen or extend your knowledge.

The modules comprise competence areas. A module typically includes at least two study units, but alternatively competence can also be developed in projects. Credits can also be gained through recognition of prior learning or demonstrations.

Complementary competence modules are also well-suited for further education for those students, who have completed a degree. Graduates can enrol in them as students of the Open University of Applied Sciences.

Modules Further Competency in a Subject Area

The scope of a module is 15 - 30 credits. Complementary competence modules support individual study paths and competence. Complementary competence modules that are compatible with the student's professional goals can include in his/her degree. The compatibility of the elective studies with the degree will be subject to prior agreement with the teacher tutor.

Learning is made relevant to workplace development and the student's personal goals. The learning outcomes specified for the modules build on future workplace needs and Laurea's focus areas.

Completion of Studies

Study offering describes what studies has planned to offer over the course of a degree programme. Not all study units are held every year, rather a new list of available study units and projects is planned and published each academic year according to demand.

The competences described in the module can be developed either by participating in study units or working in projects. Please note that in some education forms projects are the primary way of gathering credits.

The study unit and project implementation plan include the actual start and end dates of the studies, the implementing campus, language of instruction, registration period, number of credits, learning outcomes, evaluation criteria and areas, implementation methods, degree workload and mandatory literature. The learning outcomes, schedule and evaluation criteria are reviewed together with the students at the beginning of each study unit. The topic of the project and the competences developed by participating in it will be clarified when the project is added to the study offer. The scope of the project will be agreed on in each case.

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Studies can be implemented either in Finnish or in English. The language of the implementation is decided for each semester and is visible in the study unit/project implementation plan.

In order for a student to further their competency, we recommend that the student selects entire modules, but it is also possible for a student to select individual study units or projects from modules.

Flexible Possibilities for Completing Attainments and Specialising

Any studies in an institution of higher education can be counted as complementary competency. In addition to complementary competence studies presented in the curriculum the student can for example

- select complementary competence studies offered on Laurea's different campuses
- select a core competence module in another degree programme as their complementary competency
- choose options available for cross-studies, which are offered, for example, by Laurea, Haaga-Helia and Metropolia (3AMK) and Aalto University as well as
- take part in student exchange.

Curriculum Development

The offering of the complementary modules is constantly under development to match the requirements of the working life and thus the offering may change during the studies. Up to date plans on the available advanced competency modules will be published each academic year.