

University teaching as a scholarship?

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Blended counselling a means of supporting students

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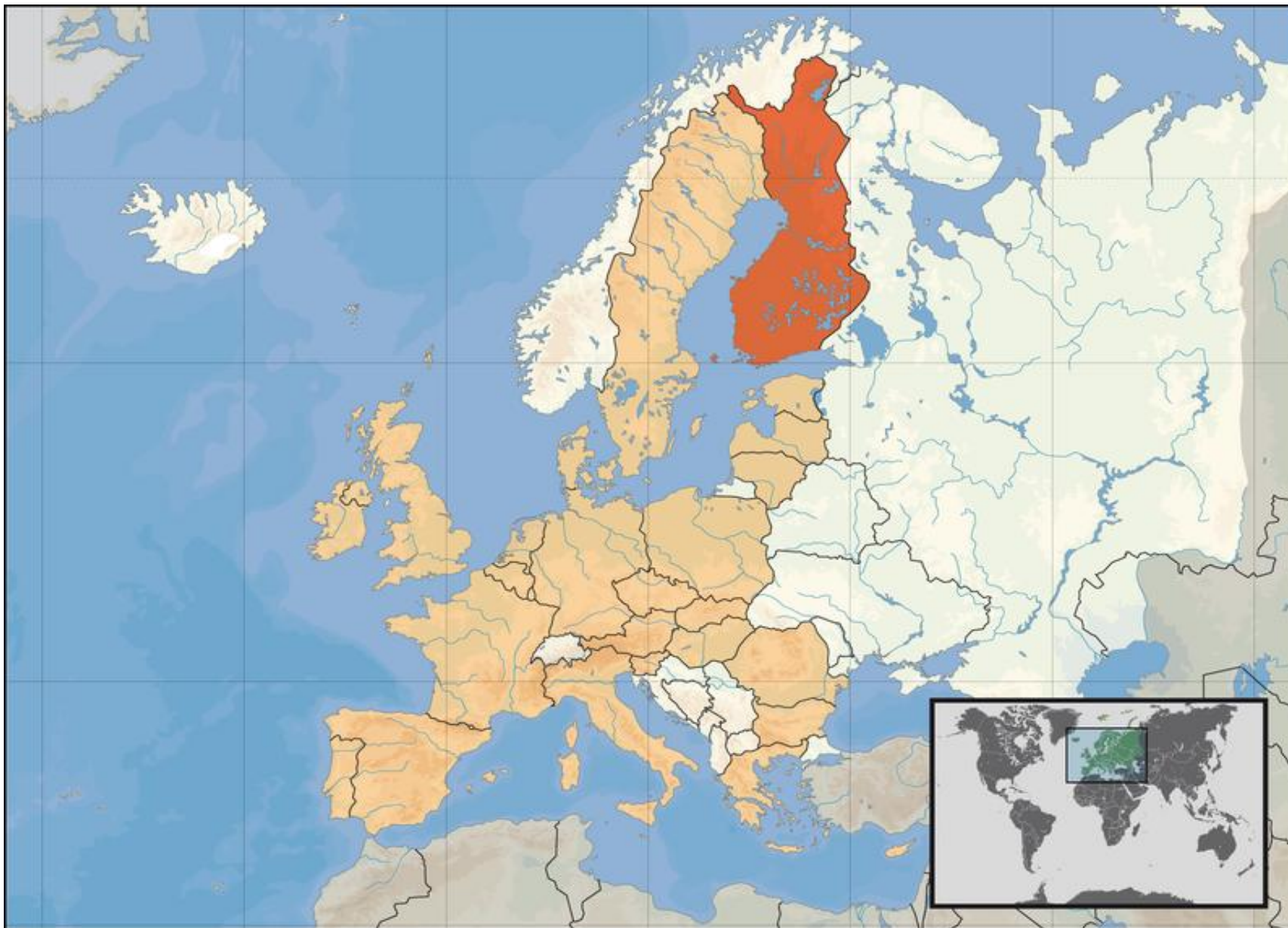
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A University with Three Campuses

- Founded 1.1.2010
- The University of Eastern Finland has three campuses in Joensuu, Kuopio and Savonlinna.
- Common operating principles on all campuses.
- Each of the campuses has a distinct profile.
- Cooperation between the campuses is active.

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UEF in a Nutshell

- Approximately 14,000 degree students.
- Approximately 14,000: Open University (8000) and continuing education (6000) students.
- Approximately 3,000 members of staff.
- The university's annual budget is 251.7 million euros: basic government funding constitutes 167.3 million euros and additional funding 84.4 million euros.



The pilot : Virtual solutions of the information, guidance and counselling services a means of supporting adult students

- develop services to new target groups
- test and develop new virtual solutions and information and communication technology
- test social media and communal tools
- find new operation models a means of supporting counselling and students
- Networking – technology brings counsellors of cooperation partners closer

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The most important things in counselling and guidance for students are

- studies goes well and without problems
- to notice needs of students and make sure, that there's no obstacle in study process
- students make their personal study plan
- information, guidance and counselling services are available at the right time and at the right place
- get counselling and support the way, which is suitable for her/him
- offer support to students who can not demand it



Blended Counselling

Based on Blended Learning

Blended Counselling – concept and way of thinking

“ Technology can be blended as a natural part of guidance and counselling work and it is well planned entity hand in hand with traditional methods. ”

“ Counselling is planned seamlessly partly online (via the internet) and partly face-to face. Mixing synchronous and asynchronous counselling. ”



Supporting Students

- GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING FOR EVERY SITUATION: FACE-TO-FACE OR ONLINE

INDEPENDENT OR GUIDED AND SUPPORTED USE OF OUR SERVICES

- **ASK** about other possibilities for studying.
- **EVALUATE** your learning and give feedback.

AT THE END OF YOUR STUDIES

- **SHARE** your studying experiences with your tutor and fellow students either online or face-to-face.
- **GIVE** feedback.
- **FOLLOW** our website and the online learning environment.

DURING YOUR STUDIES

- **PARTICIPATE** in the counselling sessions – either at the university or via videoconference.
- **PLAN** and make your personal study plan (PSP).
- **PARTICIPATE** in the introductory counselling sessions (introductory lectures, etc.).

AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR STUDIES

- **PARTICIPATE** in the study info sessions.
- **CONTACT** us.
- **FOLLOW** us on Facebook.
- **GET** to know our website, study guides and newsletter.

BEFORE YOUR STUDIES

Contact Guidance and Counselling Services at the Open University:
TRAINING SECRETARIES | COORDINATORS | GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS | TUTORS

Blended Counselling

- ONLINE OR FACE-TO-FACE

COUNSELLING

- student counsellors
- coordinators
- teachers

GUIDANCE

- coordinators, teachers
- student counsellors
- training secretaries

INFORMATION

- training secretaries
- coordinators, teachers
- student counsellors
- tutors

PERSONAL COUNSELLING

**GUIDED AND SUPPORTED
USE OUR SERVICES**

INDEPENDENT USE OF OUR SERVICES

AT THE RIGHT TIME, AT THE RIGHT PLACE

Conclusions – new learning culture

- * Blended counselling gives potential environment to support students more effectively
- * Students and counsellors work together to improve the quality of learning and counselling
- * Requires assessing function of counsellors and students and new skills and know-how



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Thank you!

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