



SD programme of Oulu UAS English summary

Oulu University of Applied Sciences (Oulu UAS) emphasises internationality, entrepreneurship and sustainable development (SD) in all its operations. The action programme “*Sustainable development as a part of the competence 2015*” continues the systematic work of Oulu UAS for building a sustainable future. The programme aims at strengthening insight of SD being a part of the daily routines and professional competence of every student and staff member at Oulu UAS.

SD politics of Oulu UAS

Oulu UAS is a northern SD activator. Oulu UAS educates experts relating positively to issues of SD. Oulu UAS acknowledges its ecological, economic, social and cultural responsibility and commits to comply and systematically enhance principles of SD in all its operations.

Oulu UAS recognises the enhancement of SD expertise as one of its essential pull factors. SD responsibility contains the following objectives:

- Ecological: *Reducing the carbon footprint* (preventing negative environmental impacts: decreasing consumption of energy, materials and water)
- Economic: *Eco-efficiency* (balancing aims and resources, life cycle thinking, recycling)
- Social goal: *Work and study wellbeing* (strengthening competence, indulgence, caring, equality and security)
- Cultural: *Enhancing multiculturalism* (dialogue between educational and professional fields, sustaining and advancing provincial culture)

The SD work of Oulu UAS has proceeded well. Library, Vocational teacher education, School of music, dance and media and Rector’s office received Green Office diplomas for the work of diminishing ecological footprint and decreasing CO₂ emissions. Furthermore, the schools of Health and social care, Business and information management and Renewable natural resources were awarded ISO14001 environmental standard certificates for creditable and systematic environmental management work.

The main objectives of the SD action programme deal with 1) developing SD teaching, 2) strengthening SD responsibility in RDI work, 3) enhancing daily routines of SD and 4) utilising SD potentials in communication. The objectives contain several actions such as

- planning and carrying out multidisciplinary SD courses, analysing potential of actualising an English SD training programme, organising SD training for teachers
- evaluating practises of schools as to defining SD thesis and standardising monitoring criteria, being initiators for commencing international, multidisciplinary SD projects, producing national and international publications
- integrating SD work to quality work, strengthening remote work as a natural option, boosting SD feedback and initiative procedures
- recognising SD communication potential, uplifting SD to quality politics and culture of Oulu UAS, making implicit SD practises explicit.

The SD action programme of Oulu UAS concerns every student and staff member. The rector and directors of the schools are in charge of monitoring. The results of SD work are published in the annual reports of Oulu UAS.