



SISU

WITH YOU IN YOUR STUDIES, FROM START TO FINISH.
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WHAT IS SISU?

- Sisu is the study information system at the University of Helsinki.
- In sisu you
 - prepare a study plan,
 - register for courses,
 - receive grades and
 - fill in various applications.

▼ Bachelor's Programme for the World
KH01-001

➤ Knowledge and Learning
HY-10 Basic studies

▼ Co-operation in Science
HY-20 Intermediate studies

5 cr HY-220
Basic Research I

5 cr HY-240
Bachelor's Thesis

▼ Optional

5 cr HY-21V
Discipline-Specific Knowledge

5 cr HY-23V
Basic Research III



PRINCIPLES OF PLANNING STUDIES

- You do not need to prepare a study plan for your entire degree at once; you can flexibly edit it anytime.
- **You do not need to send the plan to anyone for approval** unless you want your degree to have a different structure or you want to add credits completed elsewhere to your plan. However, the study plan might contain certain parts that need to be approved just before you graduate (in the plan they are marked as '**approval required**')
- If necessary, you can have multiple study plans in Sisu, but only one of them can be the **primary plan**. You can only register for courses, fill in applications and graduate through your primary plan.
- **Always start the registration process for courses through the study plan!**
- Learn more: Instructions for students → [Personal study plan](#)



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HOW TO CREATE A NEW STUDY PLAN?

1. A study plan is created in the 'Structure of studies' –tab with the 'new study plan' - button.
2. On the 'My educations' –tab choose your education (you might see several if you have several study rights), the desired curriculum period (2026-2027) and finally give the plan a name.
3. 'Create a plan'
4. You can copy the primary plan and create alternative plans

GUIDANCE

NEW STUDY PLAN



Create a new study plan

My educations

All educations

SELECT EDUCATION

CURRICULUM PERIOD

NAME

CANCEL

CREATE A PLAN



SISU DEMO: STUDY PLAN

Open Sisu:

<https://sisu.helsinki.fi/student/>



FROM PLANNING TO REGISTRATION

Learn about the available courses and the structure of your degree

- Check the studies required for your degree in Sisu or on the page [Structure and extent of degree](#)
- Learn about the courses available in the academic year: [Courses](#) search tool and [Where can I find courses](#) page

Fill in your study plan

- Add the course to your primary plan if it is not already included.
- Select the completion method, i.e. whether you plan to complete the course by attending the classes or by taking the exam.

Select the timing of your studies

- On Sisu's Timeline page, select the timing of your studies in your degree.
- You can also use the timing template for your degree programme.

Register

- Use Sisu's Registration tab to register when the enrolments open.
- There are specific criteria for being accepted for courses, which Sisu will check. Selections are usually **not** based on the first come first served principle.



SISU-DEMO: SELECTING COMPLETION METHOD, TIMING AND REGISTERING

Open Sisu:

<https://sisu.helsinki.fi/student/>



ADDING THE STUDIES TO THE TIMELINE

1. Courses which have been added in the plan should be added to the timeline. This is a good way to estimate the planned workload in each period.
2. EEB has a timing template to help with the planning. **NB! The timing template only works if the course has been added to the study plan before loading the template!**
3. Courses which have not been added to the timeline can be added by clicking 'Edit timing' button of the desired period
4. Duration of studies can be changed by adding the same course to several teaching periods.

NB! Sisu lets you add courses to any period (even when there's no teaching)

[Home](#) > Timeline

Timeline

Plan and view the overall picture of your studies on the timeline. Schedule your courses and view the placement of completed courses on the timeline. Select the study plan for which you want to view and edit the overall picture.

STUDY PLAN

Opintosuunnitelmani 19.02.2026 ▾

Education: Bachelor's Programme in Mathematical Sciences and Master's Programme (3 years + 2 years) (oletus, curriculum period: 2026-27)

Created: 19.2.2026

Edited: 11.6.2026

Bachelor's Programme in Mathematical Sciences, 180 cr

| Scheduled credits: 35

| Completed credits: 116

Master's Programme in Data Science, 120 cr

| Scheduled credits: 0

| Completed credits: 0

Study plan timeline

Schedule unfinished courses of the study plan on the timeline. You can edit and remove the courses periodically on the timeline. The timeline also shows completed credits.

STUDY RIGHT

1.8.2021–31.7.2029

SCHEDULE COURSES WITH A TIMING TEMPLATE

SCHEDULE A COURSE

 REMOVE ALL SCHEDULED COURSES

☐ Show empty summer periods on the timeline

☐ Show past semesters on timeline

2026 – Spring

2026 – Autumn

Semester 1.8.2026–31.12.2026

| Scheduled credits: 10

| Completed credits: 0

1. Period

Period 31.8.2026–25.10.2026

| Scheduled credits: 5

| Completed credits: 0

EDIT TIMING

[Models of Computation \(5 cr\)](#)

TKT20005 | Course

2. Period

Period 26.10.2026–31.12.2026

| Scheduled credits: 5

| Completed credits: 0

EDIT TIMING

[Foundations of Artificial Intelligence \(5 cr\)](#)

TKT10007 | Course



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HOW TO REGISTER FOR COURSES?

1. Add the course to the study plan, choose a completion method and add the course to the timeline (this way the course is easier to find in step 2).
2. Courses added to your study plan can be found on the 'Registration'-tab:
 - First choose a course implementation (i.e. the lecture course or exam you want to register for)
 - Then register for the teaching during the registration period

Registration

Courses and course implementations

STUDY RIGHT

Bachelor's Programme in Computer Science and Master's Program

Uncompleted courses in the primary study plan

Uncompleted courses selected for the primary plan of the study right are listed. You can find the primary plan on the Structure of studies tab.

Period 1. period / 2026–2027

Computing and Society: continuation course (contact teaching) (3 cr) TKT200153 Course <i>No published implementations.</i>	Data Structures and Algorithms I (5 cr) TKT10008 Course SELECT A COURSE IMPLEMENTATION	Academic an (CEFR B2) (4 cr) KK-ENMALU C <i>Select the</i>
Academic Skills (1 cr) TKT50004 Course <i>Select the completion method in the "Structure of studies" view.</i>	Models of Computation (5 cr) TKT20005 Course <i>Select the completion method in the "Structure of studies" view.</i>	Computing a TKT200151 Coi <i>No publi</i>

Registration for the selected course unit

1. Register (1)

Atoms, molecules and interactions, KEK101, Lectures (5 cr) 4.9.2023–22.10.2023 <i>Registration ends on 3.9.2023 23.59</i> REGISTER <i>Remove course unit selection</i>



CHOOSING THE COMPLETION METHOD

1. Choose the desired completion method in the study plan
 - **'participation in teaching'** ("the normal course"),
 - **'exam'** (complete the entire course with an exam) or
 - **'independent study'**
2. Choose the desired completion method in the pop-up window.

If only a single completion method is offered, it is automatically selected for you.

5 cr MAT11009
Basics of mathematics in machine learning I

1.
Completion method not selected. **SELECT COMPLETION METHOD**

Select how you will complete the course

You can complete the course in the ways listed. Select a completion method.

☐ Completion method 1 (5 cr)
• Participation in teaching (5 cr)

☐ Completion method 2 (5 cr)
• Exam (5 cr)

☐ Completion method 3 (5 cr)
• Independent study (5 cr)

CANCEL CONFIRM



HOW TO REGISTER FOR TEACHING

1. Go to 'Registration' –tab
2. Confirm the registration and choose suitable groups (if necessary)
 - NB! It's better to choose several suitable groups, since otherwise Sisu might reject your registration (due to no available places in the selected group(s)).
3. Based on the selection criteria, Sisu will display **preliminary** information on acceptance to the course ('Prediction: You will be admitted onto the course implementation. The prediction can change during registration and after it.')
4. Students approved to the course will be confirmed only after the actual registration period has ended.
5. On some courses registrations are confirmed immediately.

Register (2)

[Organic chemistry 1, KEK102, Orgaaninen kemia 1, Contact teaching, \(5 cr\)](#)

3.9.2024–27.10.2024

[Open registration details](#)

Registration ends on 1.9.2024 at 23.59

REGISTER

[Remove course unit selection](#)

Selection guide

1. Select teaching groups (minimum 1).

2. You can mark teaching groups as your first preference if you want to. Preferences are considered when assigning students to teaching groups. Out of the teaching groups you selected, you will be placed in 1 teaching group(s). You will not be placed in a teaching group that you have not selected.

Teaching groups

☒ Ryhmä (1) IN CALENDAR		
☒ This group is my first preference		
Number of seats in the teaching group: Not specified		
TIME AND PLACE INFORMATION		
DATE AND TIME	LOCATION	TEACHER
pe 13.9.–18.10.2024 9:15–10:00	Chemicum Chemicum, sali A129	Juho Helaja
Exceptions and additional information		
☐ Ryhmä (2)		
☐ This group is my first preference		
Number of seats in the teaching group: Not specified		
TIME AND PLACE INFORMATION		
DATE AND TIME	LOCATION	TEACHER
pe 13.9.–18.10.2024 14:15–15:00	Chemicum Chemicum, sali A129	Juho Helaja
Exceptions and additional information		



WHERE CAN I FIND COURSES?

Note: all available EEB courses are listed in the EEB degree structure in Sisu. If you want to complete courses offered by other programmes, or language courses:

1. Sisu has the descriptions of courses and teaching for this academic year:
 - <https://sisu.helsinki.fi/student/search/main>
2. Teaching for current academic year can also be found in 'Courses' page
 - <https://studies.helsinki.fi/courses>
3. Preliminary teaching programme for the next academic year can be found (after March) in Instructions for students
 - <https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/article/where-can-i-find-courses>



APPLICATIONS IN SISU

In Sisu, you can apply for:

- approval of a diverging degree structure (free edit mode)
- credit transfer (substitution, inclusion)
- separate approval requiring it (e.g. some study modules)
- an extension to your study right
- Graduation

NB! All applications are done within the primary plan. If you create an entirely new plan, all applications/decisions must be made again!

If you copy an existing plan, previously made applications for it will also be copied.



COURSES IN THE 1ST PERIOD

Register to following courses in Sisu during this week (student tutors will help):

- EEB-001 Ecology – from theory to practice, 5 cr
- EEB-020 Evolutionary Biology, 5 cr
- EEB-019 Quantitative methods in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 5 cr



CANCELLING A COURSE REGISTRATION

- You can cancel a course registration in Sisu if the registration is open
- Registration usually closes a week before the course starts but this depends on the course
- Registration dates are course specific and you can check them in Sisu
- After registration is closed, contact the responsible teacher

Teaching period	Period dates	Registration opens in Sisu (always check in Sisu; there may be exceptions)
1	31.8.-18.10.2026	10.8.2026
2	26.10.-13.12.2026	28.9.2026
3	18.1.-7.3.2027	23.11.2026
4	15.3.-9.5.2027	8.2.2027
summer	1.6.-30.8.2027	12.4.2027



INSTRUCTIONS AND SUPPORT FOR SISU USERS

- See illustrated Sisu user instructions and helpful videos in the Instructions for Students: <https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/user-instructions-sisu-students>
- The [Student Advice](#) offers help in any technical questions related to Sisu as well as general advice concerning applications, for example.
- HelsinkiUni Help: <https://uni-help.helsinki.fi/en>

Sometimes Sisu-related issues are easier to sort out face to face than through messages. Face-to-face advice on using Sisu is available via Zoom every Thursday from 13 August to 19 December.

- Sisu Zoom is open on Thursdays from **13.00 to 15.00**. You can join at any time.

Start of studies 2026, 2028 or 2030

Always check up-to date period information in Course page or Sisu

Some of the Compulsory Specializes studies and Complementary Studies are listed for both years. In this case, you can choose the completion year based on your personal study plan.

Courses arranged every other year marked with an asterisk:
* course organised in odd academic years: 2027-2028, 2029-2030
** course organised in even academic years: 2026-2027, 2028-2029

Period 1

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-001 Ecology – From theory to practice	5
EEB-020 Evolutionary Biology	5
EEB-019 Quantitative Methods in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	5

Period 2

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-003 Statistical Methods in Ecology	5
Compulsory Specialized Studies (select min 20 cr)	
EEB-301 Fundamentals of Conservation Biology	5
GMB-204 Population Genetics	5
Complementary EEB Studies (select 20 cr)	
EEB-204 Speciation theory **	5
EEB-313 Geoinformatics in Ecology	5

Period 3

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-004 Planning a Master's Thesis	
Compulsory Specialized Studies (select min 20 cr)	
EEB-203 Eco-Evolutionary Dynamics	5
EEB-308 Biodiversity Research and Assessments	5
EEB-118 Behavioural Ecology and its Applications	5
Complementary EEB Studies (select 20 cr)	
LSI34008 Experimental and Monitoring Design in Ecology**	5

Period 4

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-004 Planning a Master's Thesis	
Compulsory Specialized Studies (select min 20 cr)	
EEB-310 Macroecology and Global Change	5
EEB-302 Conservation Dialogues: Expanding Ecologists' Toolkit	5
EEB-314 Conservation Genetics	5
EEB-201 Molecular Laboratory Methods and Analyses	5
EEB-116 Climate Change and Biodiversity: Consequences and Conservation Measures **	5

1st
year

Period 1

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-005 Developing Scientific Writing and Presentation	
EEB-006 Master's Thesis + maturity essay	
EEB-011 Mathematical methods in biology 1 *	3
ECGS-024 Technology in Ecological Research and Environmental Monitoring	5

Period 2

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-005 Developing Scientific Writing and Presentation	
EEB-006 Master's Thesis + maturity essay	
Complementary EEB Studies (select 20 cr)	
EEB-012 Mathematical methods in biology 2 *	3
EEB-313 Geoinformatics in Ecology	5

Period 3

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-005 Developing Scientific Writing and Presentation	
EEB-006 Master's Thesis + maturity essay	
Compulsory Specialized Studies (select min 20 cr)	
EEB-203 Eco-Evolutionary Dynamics	5
Complementary EEB Studies (select 20 cr)	
EEB-112 Current Topics in Marine Biodiversity	5
EEB-013 Mathematical methods in biology 3 *	3

Period 4

Compulsory Core Studies (select all)	
EEB-005 Developing Scientific Writing and Presentation	
EEB-006 Master's Thesis + maturity essay	
Complementary EEB Studies (select 20 cr)	
EEB-014 Mathematical methods in biology 4 *	3

2nd
year

Summer

Complementary EEB Studies (select 20 cr)	
EEB-117 Field Course in Subarctic Ecology	5
ME-224 Wildlife Management in Theory and Practice **	5

Can be completed in any period, depending on personal study plan	
EEB-108 Book exam in Ecology	5
EEB-209 Book Exam in Evolutionary Biology	5
EEB-303 Book Exam in Conservation Biology	5
EEB-009 Internship 1	5
EEB-010 Internship 2	5
EEB-120 Learn from Research Seminars	1-2
NEU-603 Laboratory Animal Science	2-5
EEB-000 Teaching Assistant	1
Optional studies	20