



LITO STUDENT GUIDE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

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1. Who can take LITO online courses?

LITO Basic Business Studies are available only for students who are not taking the Finnish Bachelor's or Master's degree in Economics and Business Sciences. Students from Aalto University, University of Eastern Finland, University of Jyväskylä, LUT University, University of Oulu, Tampere University, University of Turku, University of Vaasa or Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry at University of Helsinki can take the LITO courses. In addition, 30 students from Åbo Akademi are admitted to the Introduction to Corporate Social Responsibility course.

You may be a degree student, doctoral student, exchange student or be a graduate with a right to take extension studies. NB! Only degree students from Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry at University of Helsinki are admitted. You must have a valid study right and be an attending student at your home university. Note that your university may give more specific guidelines and restrictions for taking the LITO courses – read carefully the guidelines given by your university.

Students from Open University or Universities of Applied Sciences cannot take the LITO courses. Neither are LITO courses available under the Flexible Study Rights Agreement (JOO).

2. Preparing for the studies and study plan

Plan carefully how many and which of the LITO courses you can take. You may choose any number of the 5-credit courses. You need a computer, an internet connection and an e-mail address that is not secret in order to participate in the LITO courses.

Course syllabi, learning goals etc. of the courses can be found in the study guide of your university as well as on the learning platform (www.lito.fi). **It is your responsibility to ascertain that the courses you plan to take are compatible with your studies and can be included in your degree.** Consult study counsellors at your own university or faculty about the compatibility of the LITO courses with your (degree) studies.

LITO courses cannot be included in the Finnish Bachelor or Master of Economic and Business Sciences degrees. If you have, however, taken LITO courses before you have been granted the study right to these degrees, contact study counsellors at your home university.

Although studying online provides flexibility, the LITO courses have schedules that you need to follow. Participation requires independent initiative as well as ability to stick to the course time schedule as there are deadlines for submitting exercises and taking exams. Business Simulation Game requires your active online presence on the dates given by the instructors. **Make sure that course dates and schedules fit with your other engagements, as 5 ECTS equals some 135 hours of work, make yourself a study plan and stick to it!**

3. Course registration, study right and transfer of student information

You need to register for the each of the courses separately. Registration takes place at your home university in Finland during a pre-defined registration period. Follow the deadlines as no late entries are accepted.

Each of the LITO courses has a designated university responsible for organizing the course (i.e., the host university). When you register for a LITO course, you are granted a study right for that particular course at the host university. Your study right is valid until the end of the academic year in which you have registered for the course.

To receive credits for the courses, you must be granted the right to attend the course(s) for which you have registered from the host university. To grant the right to attend a course(s), the home university will transfer personal student information to the host university. The data to be transferred includes surname, first name, possible middle name(s), gender, nationality, e-mail address, personal identification number and home university. If you do not have a Finnish personal identification number, your date of birth will be transferred. Data classified as secret will not be transferred. **Receiving credit for the course(s) is not possible without transferring personal student information.**

4. Access to the LITO learning platform and course sites

All the LITO courses are implemented on the Digicampus learning platform (www.lito.fi). **Access the platform through the HAKA authentication with the user-ID and password of your home university in Finland.** Make sure that your user-ID and password are valid and working.

When logging in to the LITO platform, choose your Finnish home university (i.e., the university where you have registered for the course) from the menu available on the HAKA authentication page, and use the same home university and user-id every time you log in. If you possess user-ids in multiple universities and use different user-ids when logging in, the LITO platform creates a separate user profile for each user-id you have used and cannot e.g., combine course assignments submitted under different user-ids.

You need a self-enrolment key to access an individual course site. The key and course instructions are sent before the course starts or the pre-assignment opens to the e-mail address obtained from your home university in Finland. If it seems that you have not received the self-enrolment key, please check carefully your e-mail and junk mail folder before contacting the contact person of the course.

5. Pre-/starting assignment

Some of the LITO courses include a compulsory pre-/starting assignment that has to be submitted by the deadline given by the instructors and accepted before you can continue with the course. The teachers give you instructions for the assignment after the registration period has expired. Returning the pre-assignment after the deadline counts as a "fail" and you will be dropped out of the course.

6. Studying online

The LITO courses are organized in co-operation with multiple universities, and hence, the instructors may come from more than one university.

After you have enrolled with a course at the learning platform, the teachers give you guidelines for the completion of the course. You can reach the course contact person(s) via the learning platform if you have any questions. **Make sure that you will have enough time for the completion of courses to make the most out of your LITO studies.**

It is usual for the studies in economics and business sciences that learning material is in English. You may take some of the LITO courses either in Finnish or in English, while there are also courses that are available only in Finnish or in English.

7. Use of artificial intelligence (AI) applications in the LITO courses

You are always ultimately responsible for the accuracy and reliability of the work you submit in a course. The regulations and guidelines of the host university are applied in the assessment of your study attainments. Hence, the responsible teacher(s) of a LITO course may, e.g. restrict the use of artificial intelligence in a course. The teachers will give further instructions of the use of AI in their courses.

As the AI applications and the guidelines concerning the use of such applications are currently evolving, these guidelines may be further specified.

8. Special arrangements in studies

If you have a recommendation for special arrangements in studying approved by your home university, and you need such arrangements with LITO courses, contact the teacher or contact person of a LITO course when registering for the course, or if the course has already started, immediately after you have received an approved recommendation for special arrangements.

9. Giving feedback

The teachers collect feedback while the course is ongoing, and giving final feedback is obligatory for successful completion of the course. Feedback is anonymous, but the teachers can see who has given feedback and whose feedback is missing on the learning platform. **Your feedback is important for the development of the LITO courses!**

10. Registration of study credits and the LITO study module

It is not possible to have the study credits registered without registration for the course at your home university in Finland and without a study right at the host university. The requirements for the completion of a course as well as the principles of the student evaluation are given in the course syllabus. If there is no final exam and you fail to pass, please contact the course instructors.

The regulations of the host university are applied in grading the study attainments. When you have taken a course, your grade is registered at the host university. Due to the large number of students, the grades are, as a rule, registered at one time after the end of the course or after each exam.

Thereafter, your grade is transferred to the study register of your home university. You can follow the registration of credits on the MyStudyinfo site (OmaOpintopolku in Finnish) available at <https://opintopolku.fi/oma-opintopolku>. To use the site, identify yourself by using Finnish banking identification codes, mobile certificate or certificate card. If your study credits have been registered at the host university, but not at your home university, please contact first the office for student affairs at your university in Finland (see the list below). **Please note that the transfer of credits to your home university requires some time as the transfer is currently done manually.**

Contact persons:

- **Aalto University:** vilja.luomala@aalto.fi
- **University of Helsinki (Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry):** simo.riikonen@helsinki.fi
- **University of Eastern Finland:** silja.tuomala@uef.fi
- **University of Jyväskylä:** kristiina.ruokoja@jyu.fi
- **LUT University:** suvi.tiainen@lut.fi
- **University of Oulu:** minttu.eskonniemi@oulu.fi
- **Tampere University:** tellervo.helenius@tuni.fi
- **University of Turku:** kaisa.saastamoinen@utu.fi
- **University of Vaasa:** salla.jarvisalo@uvasa.fi
- **Åbo Akademi:** reeta.marjamaa@abo.fi

If you wish to get a note in your diploma stating that you have taken the LITO study module, you must take at least 25 ECTS of the LITO studies including the course "Understanding and managing a business as a dynamic whole – Business Simulation Game". Apply for the module mark at your home university. Only LITO courses can be included in the LITO studies.

If you wish to include LITO courses into study modules offered by your university, contact study counsellors at your own university or faculty.

11. Rectification of course grade

If you are not satisfied with the course evaluation, contact the teacher responsible for grading. Requests for rectification are processed according to the statutes of the host university responsible for organizing the course (see the list of the host universities in the academic year 2024–2025 below):

- **Basics of Management and Organizations:** University of Eastern Finland
- **Basics of Marketing and Sales:** University of Vaasa
- **Economics and the Business Environment:** Tampere University
- **Introduction to Corporate Social Responsibility:** Hanken School of Economics
- **Introduction to Entrepreneurship:** University of Oulu
- **Johdatus taloushallintoon:** Aalto University
- **Johdatus yritysjuridiikkaan:** Tampere University
- **Business Simulation Game:** University of Turku

12. Misconduct and fraud in study attainments

Any misconduct or fraud in study attainments are processed according to the statutes of the host university responsible for organizing the LITO course (see the list above).

WISHES OF EVERY SUCCESS WITH YOUR STUDIES!