

SCIENCES MEET IN KOKKOLA











MULTIDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

Kokkola University Consortium Chydenius is a joint institution of three universities, coordinated by the University of Jyväskylä. The universities of Vaasa and Oulu also operate on the campus. The University Consortium is located on a campus area near Kokkola town centre.

Specialising in adult education, the University Consortium provides master's and doctoral level education, continuing education and open university studies. Research and development projects as well as cooperation with local operators are an essential part of the consortium's activities.

For more than half a century, Kokkola has been home to higher education. In 1985, the University of Jyväskylä established a unit for continuing education in Kokkola. In the 1990s, the unit became an independent institute. In 2004, the consortium of three universities was formed. In 2007, it was renamed the Kokkola University Consortium Chydenius and moved to its current premises.

In the spirit of Chydenius

Anders Chydenius (1729–1803), the figure-head of the University Consortium, was a pioneering advocate of equality and freedom of speech. Chydenius, the vicar of Kokkola, had a diverse range of interests, including medicine and the natural sciences. His ideas of openness and individual liberty still live and breathe in the values of the University Consortium.



FIELDS OF STUDY

Five units offering master's and doctoral level studies operate in Kokkola. The education is tailored into personal study paths.

Information Technology

Students can study the basics of IT in Kokkola and graduate with, for example, a master's degree in technology from the University of Jyväskylä. The programme enables fully remote studies that can be completed alongside work. The postgraduate programme focuses on research and more in-depth studies.

Teacher Education

Students can study for a class teacher qualification or specialise in early childhood education or special education pedagogics in Kokkola. The studies offered by the University of Jyväskylä are designed for adult students and implemented as multiform learning, contact instruction or online teaching. We offer teaching and education professionals continuing education based on the latest scientific research of the field.

Business Studies

The Master's Degree Programme in Business Studies at the University of Vaasa focuses on business development. The studies are designed to be completed alongside work. The themes of the continuing education include working life, management and business development.

Social Sciences

Social work can be studied as a master's programme designed for adult students in line with the curriculum of the University of Jyväskylä. The studies feature both distance and contact instruction, and the contact instruction periods take place in Kokkola about once a month on weekends.

Applied Chemistry

The master's programmes, organised by the University of Oulu, are implemented as multiform learning alongside work. The research apprenticeship and thesis can be carried out in cooperation with your employer. Kokkola also offers postgraduate studies in chemistry.







ADULT EDUCATION DRIVES YOU FORWARD

The adult and continuing education offered in Kokkola is perfect for anyone seeking a new direction in their career or looking for special expertise or a vocational qualification.

Several programmes, continuing education modules and open university studies can be completed remotely with digital learning environments, making this an optimal solution for those who are employed. The necessary contact instruction is usually organised in the evenings and on the weekends.

From open university to a degree

The University of Jyväskylä organises open university studies for all in Kokkola. In addition to individual courses, the Open University offers study modules in various fields of education to enable students to apply for master's degree programmes. Studies completed at JYUOpen can later be included in the degree, enabling students to graduate faster. An extensive network of partner organisations further broadens the selection of studies on offer.

Learn more about studying in Kokkola: www.chydenius.fi/en/studies







INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL RESEARCH

All of the five fields of education carry out research in Kokkola. A close interaction between studies and research at the University Consortium is reflected in the content of both the basic degree studies and postgraduate studies.

International cooperation and research are a fundamental part of the University Consortium's operations. Research also serves to develop the local Central Ostrobothnia region in collaboration with the public and private sector alike.

The University Consortium engages key industry and business partners for its research projects, and utilises a wide range of sources for project funding.

Focal points in research:

- Research supporting the renewal of industries and business
- Participation, communality and well-being
- The changing landscape of learning and teaching

Learn more about our research and current projects: www.chydenius.fi/en/research





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