





## Structural Development of the Universities of Lapland – Lapland University Consortium

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM TARGET

### Quality and Impact

The Lapland University Consortium (LUC) combines the education, research, culture, and other expertise of three universities into a high-level and high-impact entity that serves Lapland, Finland, and the globalized world.

### Continuity

The consortium ensures the future of higher-level education, research, and artistic activity in Lapland.

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM VISION 2012

- Strong university consortium that is based on cooperation, work division, and complementarity
- Decision-making structure enabling the above
- Well-functioning institutes; tourism and culture (including vocational colleges)
- Joint support service centre and information administration (including vocational colleges)
- Joint library and language centre
- Joint RDI operations serving the region (vocational colleges included in innovation service activities)

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM ORGANIZATION

- Board of the Kemi-Tornionlaakso Municipal Education and Training Consortium Lappia
- Board of Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences
- Board of the University of Lapland
- Board of the Rovaniemi Municipal Federation of Education
- Board of Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences
- Strategy Group of the Lapland University Consortium
  - Executive Group, Secretariat
- Advisory Council of the Lapland University Consortium
- Shared Units and Services of the Lapland University Consortium
  - Library of the Lapland University Consortium (LUC Library)
  - Lapland Institute for Tourism Research and Education
  - Institute for Northern Culture
  - Language Centre of the Lapland University Consortium
  - (Service Centre of the Lapland University Consortium)

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM TARGETS OF DEVELOPMENT

### Structural development of education

- removing overlaps
- provincial responsibilities

### Joint focusing of R&D&I activities

- joint innovation program
- joint innovation services

### Joint support services

- Support Service Centre

### Joint institutes

- Lapland Institute for Tourism Research and Education
- Institute for Northern Culture

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION

- Educational work division (UAS) effective as of the beginning of 2009 (- 10 training programs)
- Cross-offering of adult education compensates for centralized youth education
- Work continued by increasing student mobility and by building UAS – university educational continuums

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM INNOVATION PROGRAM

- The consortium's innovation program steers research and development toward provincial development
  - Targets
    - Lapland of experiences, culture, and tourism
    - Lapland of natural resources
    - Lapland of wellbeing
    - Lapland of industry
- Development of "four views on Lapland" is starting
  - implementation strongly supported e.g. by the provincial program
- Consortium's innovation service development plan approved
  - start-up on 1 January 2011

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM SHARED INSTITUTIONS

- Lapland Institute for Tourism Research and Education operative as of 1 August 2009
  - core formed by the tourism expertise of the Rovaniemi Municipal Federation of Education (vocational secondary education), Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences, and the University of Lapland
  - aiming for strong relations with the business life
  - operational possibilities have been reinforced by a new contract and rules of procedure (effective 12/2010)
- Institute for Northern Culture – preparations underway
  - core formed by the cultural and communication expertise of the Lappia Vocational College, Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences, and the University of Lapland
  - aiming for strong "field relations"
  - operational as an institute in 2011

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM SUPPORT SERVICE CENTRE

### Decisions

- support services arranged jointly and in a customer-oriented manner
- Service Centre of the Lapland University Consortium will be established
- prepared in cooperation with municipal consortiums
- start-up of service centre operations in 2011
- shared information administration in the consortium 1 Jan. 2012

### Situation

- operational model under construction (cooperative / contract-based)
- operational assembly of services has started
  - student affairs
  - project management
  - open university education

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## LAPLAND UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM IN ADDITION

- LUC Library has started on 1 January 2010
- Start-up of the LUC Language Centre on 1 January 2011
- Construction of the consortium's adult education services being started

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**Faculties and educational volumes**


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**Four faculties**

- Education
- Law
- Art and Design
- Social Sciences.

Percentage of the University of Lapland in national education 2007–2009:

	Degrees in higher education	Doctoral degrees
Faculty of Education	6,61 %	10,70 %
Faculty of Law	22,71 %	20,00 %
Faculty of Art and Design	31,29 %	20,69 %
Faculty of Social Sciences	8,13 %	6,46 %



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## University community

- around 4,800 students
- around 7,000 adult students (Open University, continuing education, University of the Third Age)
- 646 employees
- 66 professors
- 125 docents
- part-time teaching 22 working years
- budget 2010 M€ 58.7
- degrees

	Doctors	Masters
2009	20	268
2008	25	661
2007	24	397

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## University profile

Profile areas of the University of Lapland

- Arctic and Northern research
- Tourism research

Strategic focus areas of the University

- Service design
- Northern wellbeing and changing work
- Sustainable development and equity

Strategic focus areas of Lapland University Consortium (LUC)

- Lapland of tourism, culture, and experiences
- Lapland of wellbeing
- Lapland of natural resources
- Lapland of industry

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## Faculty of Education

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Fields of education


- Adult Education
- Education
- Class Teacher's degree programme
- Media Education

Special characteristics of Northern areas

- inclusive education
- education in sparsely-populated areas

Research units of the faculty

- Gender Studies
- Research Centre Ounas
- Centre for Media Pedagogy



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## Faculty of Law

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One of the three faculties of law in Finland.

Special competence areas

- Legal Informatics
- Legal Culture and Legal Linguistics
- Space Law
- Taxation on Consumption.

Focal points of research

- Issues related specifically to Northern regions
- Legal languages and cultures, acquisition of legal information
- Societal change, technological development, and globalization
- Tourism
- Dignity of life.



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## Faculty of Art and Design

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**Areas of education**

- Art Education
- Audiovisual Media Culture
- Graphic Design
- Industrial Design
- Textile Design
- Clothing Design.

**Profile areas of the research**

- Multivalued and multicultural art industry in the changing North
- Arctic and Northern servicescapes and design.

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## Faculty of Social Sciences

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**Areas of education**

- Administration, Management, Public law, Rehabilitation, Tourism, Politics (International Relations, Political Science), Social work, Sociology, Applied psychology (Bachelor's degree).


**In the core of research**

- Changing work and its management
- Northern politics, economy, and environment
- People in the margins of welfare
- Knowledge construction, usage, and management.

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## Arctic Centre

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- **International research institute and science centre** focusing on Arctic issues
  - Goal: to be the world's leading institute for Arctic research
  - Experience-based Science Centre Exhibition brings science close to people
  - **Library of the Arctic Centre**
    - > literature on Northern and especially Arctic regions, e.g. on their nature, peoples, cultures, and livelihoods, as well as related legislation, research, and scientific expeditions.

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## Arctic Centre

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**The Arctic Centre explores** Northern and Arctic regions in the areas of

- Interaction between human activity and the environment
  - Global change
  - Climate change
  - Sustainable development
  - Environmental and minority law.

**Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law**

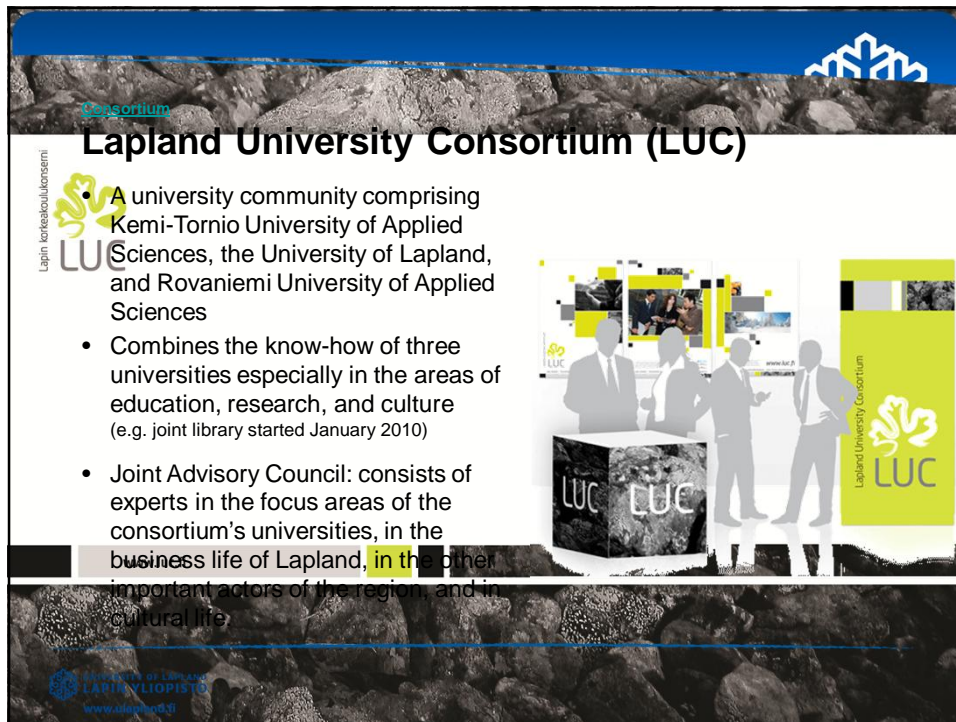
- jurisprudential research on human rights and environmental law in the Arctic
- functions as an expert for the Advisory Board on Human Rights

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## Lapland University Consortium (LUC)

- A university community comprising Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences, the University of Lapland, and Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences
- Combines the know-how of three universities especially in the areas of education, research, and culture (e.g. joint library started January 2010)
- Joint Advisory Council: consists of experts in the focus areas of the consortium's universities, in the business life of Lapland, in the other important actors of the region, and in cultural life.

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## Lapland Institute for Tourism Research and Education

- Started in autumn 2009
- Is built around the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Lapland; the tourism, nutrition, and economy sectors of Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences; and the tourism, nutrition, and economy sectors of the Lapland Vocational College.

**Focal areas of research, development, and services**


- Tourism in the Arctic and Northern regions
- Societal, economic, and environmental politics in tourism
- Tourism as a sustainable livelihood and business.





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## Institute for Northern Culture

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- Built around the Faculty of Art and Design at the University of Lapland, the sectors of trade and culture at Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences, and the sector of cultural education at Vocational College Lappia
- Networked cooperation in the areas of culture, education, research, and development
  - > Based in Tornio.
- Three professorships, one artistic director
  - > Movie and TV production
  - > Northern Ethnography
  - > Environment, Art, and Art Education
  - > Sound Design



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## Societal Interaction

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**The basic functions of the university include**

- Teaching
- Research and Artistic Activity
- Societal Interaction
  - > education, research, and development work together with companies and public organizations
  - > participation in the planning of regional development
- The university anticipates and recognizes societal changes in the Barents region, northern Finland, and especially the regions of Lapland. It also meets the corresponding future requirements for know-how



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## International education

- Basic-degree teaching offered in a foreign language: **1,067 cr.** in 2009.
- A popular exchange destination: **227 exchange students** in 2009.
- The University of Lapland has cooperation agreements with universities in **39 countries** (e.g. USA, Canada, Korea, the Nordic Countries, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Australia, and Russia).
- The student and researcher exchange is based on either bilateral agreements or international exchange programs.



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## Arctic university palette

The University of Lapland coordinates an international network of Arctic universities – **the University of the Arctic:**

- covers more than 120 Northern research and education institutes
- administration and coordination headed by the University of Lapland.



**Field-specific networks of UArctic** e.g. *Geopolitics and security* and *Northern tourism*

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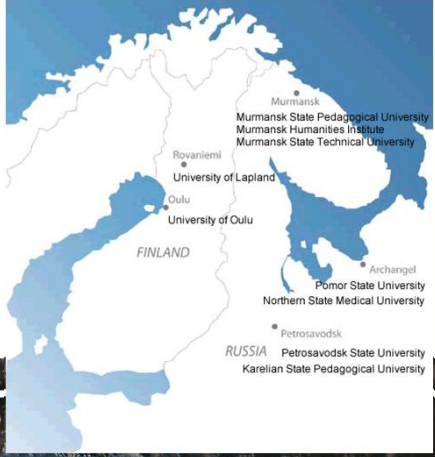
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## Bridge to northwestern Russia

- The University of Lapland is part of the **Barents Cross Border University** project (BCBU) together with the University of Oulu and seven universities in the Barents region in Russia.
- Within the BCBU project, the university complements the international Comparative Social Work Master's program.




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