



Embedding Library in Study Structure

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Helsinki University of Technology TKK

- The second biggest university and the largest technical university in Finland
- 15 000 students, 700 international students
- 3600 employees





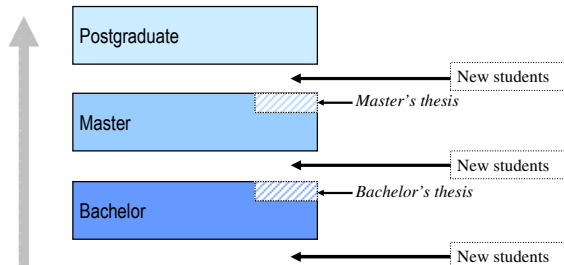
TKK Library

- Main library: 55 employees
 - Responsible for training
- 23 departmental libraries: 35 employees





The New Degree Structure





Past

- Library courses in study plan since 1970
- Several course models
- From 1994 in the network
- 'Searching for scientific information' course 1999->



Planning strategies(1)

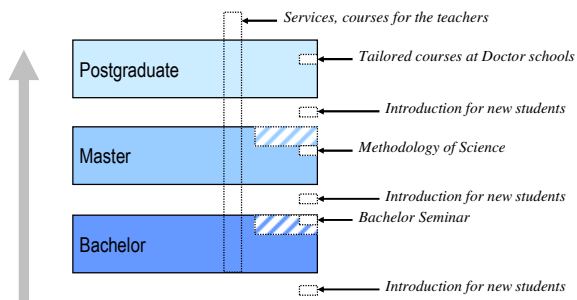
- Courses and planning groups with other university teachers:
 - YOOP (Program on Higher Education Pedagogy Training)
 - TieVie (Information and Communication Technology Training for Teachers)
- > contacts with other TKK personnel and personnel from other universities



Planning strategies (2)

- To make library more visible
- Best when library representative is being asked to participate in planning groups
- Everyday situations
- Information specialist->planning officer
- New salary system

Library courses in the New Degree Structure





Principles for course planning

- Information retrieval training has to support other studies
- Students have to have motivation, a panic, a real need for information retrieval
- Training has to become more in-depth as the studies proceed
- Courses have to give real benefit to the students



New students

- Library part in the 'Orientation course for new students'
- Compulsory for all – no credits
- A one-hour lecture and exercises for two hours in the library
- A good first impression of the library, how to find course books and where to find more information
- New students coming later get a short info



Bachelor seminar

- All students have to do this
- Lower university degree is new – gives motivation
- Piloting by library – from now on on departments' responsibility
- Lectures and exercises included in the seminar to support the making of the bachelor
- The library is responsible for the training of information search and making references



Master studies: methodology of science

- Has to be 5 cr courses
- A new course is being planned in co-operation with 'Teaching and learning development' and 'Language centre'
- Includes scientific information retrieval, e-publishing, copyright issues and writing in English



Postgraduate level

- Tailored training for doctoral schools
- Updating of the course participants' knowledge of current issues, personal guided training
- A course for university teachers is also under planning



In the future

- Workload increases – at least in the beginning
- More lectures (stress?)
- Information specialists will have to concentrate in some fields
- Changes will keep us young
