Embedding Library in Study Structure

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- The second biggest university and the largest technical university in Finland
- 15,000 students, 700 international students
- 3,600 employees

TKK Library

- Main library: 55 employees
  - Responsible for training
- 23 departmental libraries: 35 employees
The New Degree Structure

- Postgraduate
- Master
- Bachelor

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

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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