

Principles for cooperation in education and research with higher education institutions and research institutes located in countries that are undemocratic or in violation of human rights

In compliance with its strategy and ethical principles, the University of Jyväskylä interacts in an active and responsible manner in regional, national and international contexts, promoting ethical values and sustainable development. All research is carried out according to the guidelines for responsible conduct of research and the ethical principles of the University.

The University of Jyväskylä believes that cooperation in education and research, as well as the resulting mobility of individuals and interaction between people, advance the development of individuals' competence and critical thinking and, consequently, open communication in regions and countries that violate human rights. International academic cooperation better contributes to the development of more open and democratic societies than does the isolation of their higher education institutions and research institutes. Numerous examples of solving international conflicts show that isolation, instead of helping to find solutions, tends to make conflicts worse. This standpoint also complies with the recommendations of the United Nations.

On this basis, the University allows academic cooperation with higher education institutions and research institutes also in those regions where political systems are undemocratic or suppress human rights and the open flow of information is impeded. This principle covers both university-level cooperation based on agreements and the actions of individual units or employees. The University does not allow cooperation in situations in which a higher education institution or research institute itself actively promotes the means of suppression or in which the results of research cooperation can be utilised in the military aggressions of such countries. The University does not oblige its employees to act against their conscience in international cooperation.

In its operations, the University follows the European Union's sanctions legislation and the Council of the European Union decisions and regulations on sanctions.

The University's security policy is observed in all international cooperation.

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More information on the principles of international cooperation:

Division of Strategic Planning and Development
International Office of Student and Academic Services

Appendix: Documents and websites referred to in the text

Strategy of the University of Jyväskylä 2015–2020:

<https://www.jyu.fi/hallinto/strategia/strategiat/strategiasivu>

Guidelines for responsible conduct of research by the Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity:

http://www.tenk.fi/sites/tenk.fi/files/HTK_ohje_2012.pdf

Ethical Principles of the University of Jyväskylä:

https://www.jyu.fi/hallinto/strategia/periaatteet/eettiset_periaatteet

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland website on international sanctions

<http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=49565&contentlan=1&culture=fi-FI>

University of Jyväskylä Security Policy

https://www.jyu.fi/hallinto/strategia/politiikat/turvallisuuspolitiikka_15062011