



NOVA SoilSoc network



Nordic Minor in Soil Sciences (25 ECTS)
At the University of Helsinki

Interdisciplinary international minor

- n Interdisciplinary – supports students major studies but strengthens skills on other subjects too
- n International – language and cultural skills, networking
- n Minor – can be embedded into many majors / study programmes (e.g. microbiology, environmental soil science, forest soil science)
- n A new way to benefit from NOVA collaboration and make it visible in the study curriculum!

Benefits

- n Framework and meaning for short Nordic exchange visits (Nordplus Express Mobility)
- n Strengthens Nordic collaboration
- n Provides specialisation alternatives
- n Promotes the networking of teachers and researchers too

Flexible structure

tailored to every student separately

- n National and international study modules related to soil sciences (e.g. soil chemistry, soil physics, soil biology, pedology, hydrology) and tools used in soil studies (e.g. laboratory techniques, statistics)
 - n One SoilSoc Summer School, 3-6 ECTS. The SoilSoc network organises problem-based graduate-level intensive courses annually with different themes and host institutions
 - n International study modules, minimum 15 ECTS. These comprise international courses organised in Finland as well as courses taken in other NOVA member universities.
 - n Other related studies agreed on in the personal study plan. A minimum 4-week practical training period in a foreign or Finnish research group or company (2-9 ECTS) is recommended.

Persons responsible

- n Professor in charge: Markku Yli-Halla, professor of Environmental Soil Science
- n Student counselling: Anu Mikkonen, MSc, SoilSoc network secretary together with the student advisors of the related subjects

SoilSoc Programme

- n SoilSoc minor + MSc thesis on a related topic (recommendation: in English)
=> separate certificate on participating in the SoilSoc Programme