



Digimentors at the University of Oulu

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Digimentors at the University of Oulu "Companions on teachers' journey" in the changing world

" Digimentors are pedagogy professionals who help the university staff adopt new digital tools. The task is important, since the digital pedagogical competence plays a key role in society. For this reason, the Digimentors' group was awarded at the Opening Ceremony of the Academic Year 2024-2025. "

<https://patio oulu.fi/en/news/digimentors-play-key-role-adoption-new-digital-tools>



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*The digital mentor works together
with the teacher*




Examples of utilizing digimentors with low threshold

- **Developing a course**, support during the course
- Choosing, building and guiding the use of a **suitable digital tool** for learning (Moodle, Howspace, Thinglink etc.)
- **Guidance** on topics such as AI, AI guidelines, accessibility, video learning materials
- **Practical help** with hybrid teaching



Example of a course planning

1. Problem/idea
 2. E-mail
 3. Meeting
 4. Working
 5. Course starts: support at the beginning
 6. Feedback + thoughts for the next year: How to develop?
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”Working with a digimentor can enhance teachers' well-being, save time, and develop digipedagogical skills.”





What else we do? Examples

- Coordinating digitalisation program to the faculty
- Community-wide tasks within the university, e.g. AI guidelines for theses
- Work for multidisciplinary collaboration to develop education



Current tips from digimmentor

- AI in Education training in English will start in October | Patio (oulu.fi)
- As a teacher, you have several digital services in your use | Patio (oulu.fi)
- Digipediatip: Personal consultation on digipeda issues as a daily help of yours | Patio (oulu.fi)



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Please don't hesitate to pull my sleeve, drop by my office, or book a time (Walk in on Tu. 9-11 AM). Digimentors are here for you. Questions?