

THE DUAL CURRICULUM MODEL COMBINES THEORY AND PRACTICE

The Dual curriculum model supports the workforce's needs and students' competence to work in the rural industry upon graduation.



In the education of Agriculture and Rural Industries, there are many ways to combine theory and practice. The curriculum include a lot of cooperation with working life partners, and all stakeholders (teachers, students, and working life partners) consider close operation essential.

The integration of theory and practical learning in the curriculum is manifested in the following ways:

- **Field visits to relevant industry settings** (farms, other businesses in the field, fairs/events)
- **Internships** (both domestic and with opportunities international exchanges)
- **Guest speakers from the industry** (entrepreneurs, other experts in the field such as advisors and researchers)
- **Various projects and practical exercises** (drawing practical examples from real-world work and research, involving multiple collaborations with working life partners)
- **Thesis projects** (Savonia's theses always have a real-world commissioning from the industry.)



Savonia also has a lot of international collaboration.

For instance, in the Dual AFS project, Savonia supported the development of curricula at universities in Albania and Kosovo. The goal was to achieve a better balance between theoretical and practical components in the curriculum.



Would you like to know more about the Dual curriculum model in the field of Agriculture and Rural Industries at Savonia?



Listen to the videos. Savonia's teachers, students and a working life partner provide more information about work-life orientation, what it entails, the pedagogy of practical parts, the role of work-life-oriented education in rural industries, and collaboration in work-life-oriented education.

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Savonia's teachers Ardita Hoxha-Jahja and Hannu Viitala and the education manager Petri Kainulainen provide more information about international-level collaboration.

Open [this link \(www\)](#) and listen to their thoughts on the expertise that Savonia can offer regarding work-life orientation.

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