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Why should I take this course?

Unique data and the lecturers' academic and hands-on knowledge

By enrolling to the course, you will have an access to the latest findings related to the main developments in the field of e-voting in Estonia. The course relies on the research findings published in the book "E-voting in Estonia: Technological Diffusion and Other Developments Over Ten Years" by our MOOC authors, Dr. Kristjan Vassil and Mihkel Solvak. The course and the book are unique in employing a wealth of empirical evidence - including 10 years of survey data on e-voting, actual log data on voting sessions and aggregate election data - to demonstrate the development and usage of internet voting.

Flexible deadlines

Since the course is meant for both students and working professionals, there are only *two* deadlines throughout the course: the midterm deadline (when the first four quizzes should be submitted) and the final deadline (when the second batch of quizzes should be completed).

Vibrant and international e-learners community

By joining the course, you will become a part of a diverse and international community of e-learners. In the previous two openings, we were fortunate to host more than 520 participants, from over 59 countries, coming from such places as the US, India, Russia, UK, Brazil, Iceland, Kenya and New Zealand.

How do I register?

All interested participants can register for the course via a direct link here.

To register you will have to provide your personal information, including your given name, surname and email address. Please use the email address that you constantly use and check since the course updates and certificate are going to be sent to this email address.

The MOOC does not appear on my Moodle feed

If you registered to the MOOC with the credentials that are different from your University of Tartu Moodle account (for instance, you used not your full name or a different email address), then the Study Information System might create a separate account for you and the course will not appear on you University of Tartu Moodle feed. To solve the issue, please contact Lehti Pilt, <u>lehti.pilt@ut.ee</u> and indicate your problem.

How and when do I get my username and password?

All participants will be transferred to Moodle automatically closer to the start of the course (i.e. around 3-4 days prior to the start of the course). As soon as you are going to be transferred to Moodle, you will receive an automatic email, containing your login credentials (i.e. username and password). If you already have the University of Tartu account on Moodle (and you merged your UT account with the MOOC Moodle account), then you can login with your university credentials.

When do I get access to the course material?

All participants will be transferred to Moodle automatically closer to the start of the course (i.e. around 3-4 days prior to the start of the course). The course content will be opened gradually (on a weekly basis).

Can I transfer credits from this course? How?

Students who want to transfer the credits from the MOOC to your curriculum, should note that credits do not transfer automatically since the course is registered under a continuing education programme. You can transfer the credits under VÕTA or RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) system. To do that you will have to download an appropriate application form, which you can get from an Academic Affairs Specialist from your Faculty, and enclose the MOOC certificate together with your filled out form. Students coming from the University of Tartu can find necessary information and documents about VÕTA referring to this page http://www.ut.ee/en/RPL

Depending on your programme's requirements, you will be able to transfer the course either under optional or directing modules. However, before filling out the form, we highly advise you to consult with your Academic Affairs Specialist to specify all details.

If you are a visiting student at the University of Tartu, make sure that you consult with your Academic Affairs Specialist and Programme Director about the fit of the MOOC to your study plan in advance.

What is the format of the course certificate? Is it free of charge?

The course is free of charge. The final course certificate will be issued in a digital format (with an e-signature). To access the course certificate, participants will have to install free ID-software

I missed the registration deadline, can I still participate in the course?

If you missed the registration deadline but still would like to participate in the course, please contact Anna Beitane, <u>anna.beitane@ut.ee</u>