

Opasraportti

Estonian Language and Culture (2014 - 2015)

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Admission requirements

Estonian Language and Culture as a subsidiary subject is open to all students presently enrolled and registered at the University. Courses offered in the programme can also be used as elective courses in some Intermediate and Advanced Level study modules in the Finnish Language degree programme. In addition, the Introduction to Estonian course, held every autumn, is a required for students majoring in Finnish. A portion of Estonian Language and Culture studies may be completed at the Estonian universities of Tartu or Tallinn while on student exchange. Students should contact the lecturer of Estonian Language and Culture for information on accreditation of courses taken at Estonian universities.

Study guidance

Study guidance is provided by University Lecturer.

Estonian Language and Culture

The culture, history, and present-day geopolitical situation of Finland and its southern neighbour Estonia share both surprising similarities and interesting differences. As a closely related language, Estonian offers a unique point of reference for students wishing to become more knowledgeable about the history and present-day status of the Finnish language. Contact between Finland and Estonia is constantly close and diverse. Estonia is also a rapidly modernizing country, and experts on its language and culture are in demand in Finland, Estonia, and the EU. The University of Oulu offers Basic Studies (25 ECTS credits) and Intermediate Studies (35 ECTS credits) in the subject. Additionally, Introduction to Estonian (4 ECTS credits) is a prerequisite. The emphasis of the study programme is a contrastive study of the languages and cultures of Finland and Estonia, and the study of Finnish and Estonian as second or foreign languages. The languages of instruction are both Finnish and Estonian in Basic Studies, and exclusively Estonian in Intermediate Studies. The objective is to create educate speakers of practical Estonian and diversified professionals knowledgeable about the language and culture of Estonia, particularly in the context of the working-life and cultural needs of Northern Finland.

Studies and learning objectives

After completing the Basic Studies package, students are capable of using Estonian in a variety of tasks that require both oral and literary skills, and can read different types of texts in Estonian. During Basic Studies, students achieve a fluency level in both spoken and written Estonian and obtain the ability to follow lectures in Estonian and read literature in Estonian, as well as acquiring topical knowledge regarding Estonian culture.

After completing the Intermediate Studies package, students are capable of using their knowledge to solve problems regarding language usage. They can define the main characteristics of Estonian vocabulary, and use dictionaries as well as digital materials. Students can also evaluate and comment on works by Estonian writers and discuss and analyse Estonian folklore. When translating demanding texts, they can solve problems related to language and culture.

Courses

Prerequisite course

695200Y Introduction to Estonian (4 ECTS credits)

Basic Studies 25 credits

695202P Intermediate Estonian (5 ECTS credits)

695203P Conversational and Writing Skills in Estonian (4 ECTS credits)

695204P Variations of Estonian (4 ECTS credits)

695205P Estonian Literature (4 ECTS credits)

695206P Aspects of Estonian Culture (4 ECTS credits)

695213P Aspects of Estonian (4 ECTS credits)

Intermediate Studies 35 credits

695207A Grammar of Contemporary Estonian (5 ECTS credits)

695208A Estonian Lexicology (5 ECTS credits)

695209A Estonian Writers (5 ECTS credits)

695210A Translation of Estonian (5 ECTS credits)

695211A Estonian Heritage (5 ECTS credits)

695212A Further Studies in Estonian Language and Culture (10 ECTS credits)

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

695206P: Aspects of Estonian Culture, 4 op

695213P: Aspects of Estonian language, 4 op

695203P: Conversational and Writing Skills in Estonian, 4 op

695211A: Estonian Heritage, 5 op

695208A: Estonian Lexicology, 5 op

695205P: Estonian Literature, 4 op

695210A: Estonian Translation, 5 op

695209A: Estonian Writers, 5 op

695212A: Further Studies in Estonian Language and Culture, 10 op

695207A: Grammar of Contemporary Estonian, 5 op

695202P: Intermediate Estonian, 5 op

695200Y: Introduction to Estonian, 4 op

695204P: Variation in Estonian, 4 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

695206P: Aspects of Estonian Culture, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

4

Language of instruction:

Estonian and Finnish

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can discuss the central periods of Estonian cultural (folk culture, fine arts, architecture, design, music, theatrical and film art) history and the Estonian people and acquire topical knowledge on Estonian culture.

Contents:

History of Estonia, cultural history, a specific art form

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and/or seminars and/or independent study

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Introduction to Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Degree programme

Recommended or required reading:

Lauri Vahtre, Eesti kultuuri ajalugu (2000);

Seppo Zetterberg (ed.), Viro. Historia, kansa, kulttuuri (1995)

Availability can be checked via Weboodi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary, or home essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695213P: Aspects of Estonian language, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2007 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

4

Language of instruction:

Estonian and Finnish

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students are capable of assessing and commenting on a specific aspect of Estonian language or culture in detail.

Contents:

A specific aspect of Estonian language or culture and related study

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and/or seminars and/or independent study

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Introduction to Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Individually agreed upon by the lecturer and the student

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary, or home essay

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Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695203P: Conversational and Writing Skills in Estonian, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

4

Language of instruction:

Estonian

Timing:

Spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can fluently converse and adequately write about everyday life- and work-related matters in Estonian.

Contents:

Estonian conversational and writing exercises related to central aspects of everyday life and work

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Exercises

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Introduction to Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Mare Kitsnik & Leelo Kingisepp, *Naljaga pooleks* (2006)

Availability can be checked via [Weboodi](#)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Reading materials. Participation in contact teaching and periods of independent study. Examination

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Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695211A: Estonian Heritage, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Estonian

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can discuss and analyse the main characteristics of the different aspects of Estonian heritage.

Contents:

Different areas of Estonian heritage (folklore, folk culture, folk art, traditional religion) and related study literature

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and/or seminars and/or independent study

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Intermediate Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Eduard Laugaste, *Eesti rahvaluule* (1975);

Ants Viires (ed.), *Eesti rahvakultuur* (2008);

Ilmar Talve, *Eesti kultuurilugu keskaja algusest Eesti iseseisvuseni* (2004)

Availability can be checked via [Weboodi](#)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary, or home essay

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Grading:

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Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695208A: Estonian Lexicology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Estonian

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can define the main historical, semantic, grammatical, and stylistic characteristics of Estonian vocabulary, and are capable of using the most essential Estonian dictionaries and digital materials.

Contents:

Estonian vocabulary and central aspects of its study

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and/or seminars and/or independent study

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Intermediate Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Huno Rätsep, Sõnaloo raamat (2002);

Mati Ereht ym., Eesti keele käsiraamat (2007);

Essential Estonian dictionaries

Availability can be checked via Weboodi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary, or home essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695205P: Estonian Literature, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

4

Language of instruction:

Estonian and Finnish

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can define the main periods of Estonian literature and are capable of evaluating works of central Estonian writers.

Contents:

History of Estonian literature and central areas of its study

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and/or seminars and/or independent study, including reading four Estonian works of prose and two works of poetry (Finnish translations or in Estonian) and evaluation of them

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Introduction to Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Epp Annus ym., Eesti kirjanduslugu (2001);
Seppo Zetterberg (ed.), Viro. Historia, kansa, kulttuuri (1995)
Availability can be checked from Weboodi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary, or home essay
Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695210A: Estonian Translation, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Estonian

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can solve the central problems regarding language and culture when translating from Finnish into Estonian or from Estonian into Finnish.

Contents:

Translation of different types of demanding texts (literature, newspapers, scientific texts, official documents) from Estonian into Finnish and translation of simple texts from Finnish into Estonian

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Seminars

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Intermediate Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Individually agreed upon by the lecturer and the student

Assessment methods and criteria:

30 pages of translation of demanding texts from Estonian into Finnish and 5 pages of translation of simple texts from Finnish into Estonian

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695209A: Estonian Writers, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Estonian

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students evaluate and comment on a specific Estonian writer, a group of writers, a literary direction, or a period of literature.

Contents:

Estonian literature and its study

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and/or seminars and/or independent study

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Intermediate Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Individually agreed upon by the lecturer and the student

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary, or home essay

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Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695212A: Further Studies in Estonian Language and Culture, 10 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:

10

Language of instruction:

Estonian

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can evaluate and thoroughly comment on certain aspects of Estonian language and culture and acquire topical information on them.

Contents:

Additional familiarization with Estonian language and culture

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and/or seminars and/or independent study

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Intermediate Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Some constituents of this course can be accredited as elective courses, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Individually agreed upon by the lecturer and the student

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary, or home essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695207A: Grammar of Contemporary Estonian, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Estonian

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can summarize the structures of contemporary Estonian and apply their knowledge of the subject in solving problems related to language usage.

Contents:

Ortography, morphology, syntax, and word formation in Estonian

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, exercises

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Intermediate Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Mati Ereli ym., Eesti keele käsiraamat (2007);

Jaak Peebo, Eesti keele muutkonnad (1997);

Reet Kasik, Eesti keele sõnatuletus (2004)

Availability can be checked from Weboodi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam or learning diary

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695202P: Intermediate Estonian, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5

Language of instruction:

Estonian and Finnish

Timing:

Spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can recognise and analyse central aspects of Estonian grammar and culture from a perspective of contrast with Finnish. Students can adequately read, converse and write in Estonian and use the Estonian language properly in various social settings. Students can also use fundamental Estonian vocabulary (approx. 1000 words) fluently.

Contents:

Estonian grammar, familiarization with Estonia and Estonian culture, contrast of Estonian and Finnish grammar.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and exercises

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Successful completion of Introduction to Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Renate Pajusalu et al., Keelesild (2006);

Hannu Remes, Viron kielioppi (1983)

Availability can be checked via Weboodi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Oral exam, for which 20 pages of Estonian literature is read, and a formal lecture exam. The exam can be substituted with a learning diary

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695200Y: Introduction to Estonian, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

4

Language of instruction:

Finnish and Estonian

Timing:

2nd year, periods 1.-2.

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can define the central features of Estonian grammar from contrastive perspective (Estonian-Finnish). Students are also able to apply the basic knowledge in Estonian language and culture, and use the central vocabulary (appr. 500 words).

Contents:

Basics in Estonian grammar, culture and geography; differences between Estonian and Finnish grammar.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures and (web-)exercises

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

None

Recommended optional programme components:

The course is an introduction to other courses in Estonian Language and Culture

Recommended or required reading:

Renate Pajusalu ym.: Keelesild, 2006.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Examination or lecture journal

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

University Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No

695204P: Variation in Estonian, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

4

Language of instruction:

Estonian and Finnish

Timing:

Autumn or spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students can name the main aspects of the historical development of the Estonian language and the different stages of Estonian as a literary language. Students can define local Estonian dialects and recognize and interpret variation in contemporary Estonian.

Contents:

Historical, local, and social variation of Estonian.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching or self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, seminars, and/or independent study

Target group:

Open to all students enrolled at the university

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Intermediate Estonian required

Recommended optional programme components:

Can be taken as an elective course, e.g., in Basic or Intermediate Studies in the Finnish Language programme

Recommended or required reading:

Karl Pajusalu et al., Eesti murded ja kohanimed (2009);

Heli Laanekask, Eesti kirjakeele kujunemine ja kujundamine 16.-19. sajandil (2004);

Raimo Raag, Talurahva keelest riigikeeleks (2008)

Availability can be checked via Weboodi

Assessment methods and criteria:

Formal lecture exam, book exam, learning diary or home essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

0-5

Person responsible:

Lecturer Heli Laanekask

Working life cooperation:

No