Estonian Language and Culture

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Language and culture of Estonia as a minor subject
The culture, history, and present-day situation of Finland's southern neighbour, Estonia, are both surprisingly similar and interestingly different when compared with Finland. As a related language, Estonian presents a challenge to students wishing to become better acquainted with the history and modern-day situation of the Finnish language. Travel, economic, political, cultural, and personal contacts between the two countries are close and diverse. Estonia is a rapidly developing country, and experts in its language and culture are in demand in Finland, Estonia, and the European Union.

The University of Oulu offers Basic Studies (25 credits) and Intermediate Studies (35 credits) in Estonian language and culture studies. The Estonian language basic course (4 credits) is a prerequisite. The emphasis is on a contrastive study of the Finnish and Estonian languages and cultures and Finnish and Estonian as a second or foreign language. The languages of instruction during Basic Studies are both Finnish and Estonian; in Intermediate Studies the language of instruction is Estonian. The goal is to educate professionals knowledgeable about the Estonian language and culture for the working-life needs of Northern Finland in particular.

Admission requirements and commencement of studies
Language and culture of Estonia is available to all students of the University of Oulu. The courses of this minor subject can substitute as optional courses in some Intermediate and Advanced study modules for Finnish language students. The Estonian language basic course is an obligatory course for students majoring in Finnish. The basic course is held every autumn term. Part of the studies in this subject can be completed by being an exchange student at the Estonian universities in Tartu or Tallinn. Students should contact lecturer Heli Laanekask when seeking to substitute courses from these universities for equivalent courses here.

Study counselling
Lecturer Heli Laanekask, telephone +358-8-5533471.

Courses
Prerequisite course
695200Y Introduction to Estonian 4 credits

Basic Studies 25 credits
695202P Intermediate Estonian, 5 credits
695203P Conversational and Writing Skills in Estonian, 4 credits
695204P Variations of Estonian, 4 credits
695205P Estonian Literature, 4 credits
695206P Aspects of Estonian Culture, 4 credits
695213P Aspects of Estonian, 4 credits

Intermediate studies 35 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

Opintojaksosojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

695206P: Aspects of Estonian Culture, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen oppimateriaali:
Vahtre, Lauri , , 2000
Zetterberg (toim.), , 1995
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
4 credits
Language of instruction:
Estonian and Finnish
Timing:
Autumn or spring term

**Learning outcomes:**
Students will know the main phases and persons of Estonian cultural history

**Contents:**
Estonian history and cultural history; basic knowledge of Estonian popular culture, art, music, theatre, and cinema.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures, seminars, guided self-study.

**Target group:**
All students of the University of Oulu

**Recommended optional programme components:**
Introduction to Estonian

**Recommended or required reading:**

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Examination

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
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**695213P: Aspects of Estonian language, 4 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2007 -
**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Humanities

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**
4 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Estonian and Finnish

**Timing:**
Autumn or spring term

**Learning outcomes:**
Students will know more profoundly some areas of Estonian language.

**Contents:**
Areas and researches of Estonian language.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures, seminars, guided self-study.

**Target group:**
All students of the University of Oulu

**Recommended optional programme components:**
Introduction to Estonian

**Recommended or required reading:**
Lectures, seminars, guided self-study.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Examination

**Grading:**
0-5

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

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -
**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies

**Laji:** Course
ECTS Credits: 4 credits  
Language of instruction: Estonian  
Timing: Spring term  
Learning outcomes: Students will be competent in Estonian etiquette and conversational skills, also in written forms.  
Contents: Conversation and writing in Estonian.  
Learning activities and teaching methods: Exercises, homework.  
Target group: All students of the University of Oulu  
Recommended optional programme components: Intermediate Estonian  
Recommended or required reading: Kitsnik & Kingisepp: Naljaga pooleks (2006)  
Assessment methods and criteria: Examination  
Grading: 0-5  
Person responsible: Lecturer Heli Laanekask

695211A: Estonian Heritage, 5 op  
Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -  
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies  
Laji: Course  
Vastuuksikkö: Faculty of Humanities  
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail  
Opintokohteen oppimateriaali: Vilres ym., 1998  
Talve, Ilmar, 2004  
Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian  
ECTS Credits: 5 credits  
Language of instruction: Estonian  
Timing: Autumn or spring term  
Learning outcomes: Students are introduced to different areas of traditional Estonian folklore.  
Contents: Areas of Estonian folklore: traditional poems, material culture, traditional beliefs etc.  
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures, seminars, guided self-study  
Target group: All students of the University of Oulu  
Recommended optional programme components: Intermediate Estonian  
Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
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695208A: Estonian Lexicology, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen oppimateriaali:
Rätsep, Huno, , 2002
Erelt, Mati , , 2000
Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Estonian
Timing:
Autumn or spring term
Learning outcomes:
Students are taught historical, semantic, grammatical, and stylistic features of Estonian vocabulary. They get to know the most important Estonian dictionaries.
Contents:
Different features and sources of Estonian vocabulary.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures, exercises, guided self-study
Target group:
All students of the University of Oulu
Recommended optional programme components:
Intermediate Estonian
Recommended or required reading:
Rätsep: Sõnaloo raamat (2002); Erelt et al.: Eesti keele käsiraamat (2000); important Estonian dictionaries.
Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
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695205P: Estonian Literature, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen oppimateriaali:
Hennoste, Märt , , 1997
Nirk, Endel , , 1986
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
ECTS Credits:  
4 credits  
Language of instruction:  
Estonian and Finnish  
Timing:  
Autumn or spring term  
Learning outcomes:  
Students will know the main phases and authors of Estonian literature.  
Contents:  
History of Estonian literature  
Learning activities and teaching methods:  
Lectures and seminars; reading four Estonian works of prose and two books of poetry (in Finnish or Estonian)  
Target group:  
All students of the University of Oulu  
Recommended optional programme components:  
Introduction to Estonian  
Recommended or required reading:  
Assessment methods and criteria:  
Examination  
Grading:  
0-5  
Person responsible:  
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695210A: Estonian Translation, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Estonian

ECTS Credits:  
5 credits  
Language of instruction:  
Estonian  
Timing:  
Autumn or spring term  
Learning outcomes:  
Students will be familiar with the practical problems and solutions in translating from a related language to another.  
Contents:  
Translation of different types of texts (prose, newspaper articles, scientific articles, official documents) from Estonian into Finnish, and simple texts from Finnish into Estonian.  
Learning activities and teaching methods:  
Lectures, seminars, guided self-study  
Target group:  
All students of the University of Oulu  
Recommended optional programme components:  
Intermediate Estonian  
Recommended or required reading:  
Assessment methods and criteria:  
Translation of a 30-page text from Estonian into Finnish and 5-page text from Finnish into Estonian.  
Grading:  
0-5  
Person responsible:  
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**695209A: Estonian Writers, 5 op**

_**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -  
**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies  
**Laji:** Course  
**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Humanities  
**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail  
**Opintokohteen kielet:** Estonian

**ECTS Credits:**  
5 credits

**Language of instruction:**  
Estonian

**Timing:**  
Autumn or spring term

**Learning outcomes:**  
Students will be more profoundly familiar with some periods, trends, groups or writers of Estonian literature.

**Contents:**  
Selected period of Estonian literature, movement, group of authors or a single author.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**  
Lectures, seminars, guided self-study

**Target group:**  
All students of the University of Oulu

**Recommended optional programme components:**  
Intermediate Estonian

**Recommended or required reading:**  
Decided together with the teacher.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**  
Examination

**Grading:**  
0-5

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

_**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2005 -  
**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies  
**Laji:** Course  
**Vastuuysikkö:** Faculty of Humanities  
**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail  
**Opintokohteen kielet:** Estonian

**ECTS Credits:**  
10 credits

**Language of instruction:**  
Estonian

**Timing:**  
Autumn or spring term

**Learning outcomes:**  
Students will be more profoundly familiar different areas of Estonian language and culture.

**Contents:**  
Selected areas of Estonian language and culture.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**  
Lectures, seminars, guided self-study.

**Target group:**  
All students of the University of Oulu

**Recommended optional programme components:**
695207A: Grammar of Contemporary Estonian, 5 op

ECTS Credits:
5 credits

Language of instruction:
Estonian

Timing:
Autumn or spring term

Learning outcomes:
Students will understand the structure of contemporary Estonian.

Contents:
Structure of Estonian (spelling, phonology, morphology, syntax, word derivation).

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures, exercises

Target group:
All students of the University of Oulu

Recommended optional programme components:
Intermediate Estonian

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination

Grading:
0-5

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695202P: Intermediate Estonian, 5 op

ECTS Credits:
5 credits

Language of instruction:
Estonian

Timing:
Autumn or spring term

Learning outcomes:
Students will understand the structure of contemporary Estonian.

Contents:
Structure of Estonian (spelling, phonology, morphology, syntax, word derivation).

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures, exercises

Target group:
All students of the University of Oulu

Recommended optional programme components:
Intermediate Estonian

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination

Grading:
0-5

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ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Estonian and Finnish
Timing:
Spring term
Learning outcomes:
Students will know the main areas of Estonian grammar.
Contents:
Contemporary Estonian grammar.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and practical exercises. Reading a 20 page work of Estonian literature.
Target group:
All students of the University of Oulu
Recommended optional programme components:
Introduction to Estonian
Recommended or required reading:
Pajusalu et al.: Keelesild (2006); Remes: Viron kieliooppi (1983)
Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
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695200Y: Introduction to Estonian, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen oppimateriaali:
Pajusalu ym.,, 1999
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
4 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish and Estonian
Timing:
Autumn term
Learning outcomes:
Students will understand the basics of Estonian grammar. They are also taught a contrastive Estonia-Finland perspective and a basic overview of Estonian culture.
Contents:
The basics of contemporary Estonian grammar. The main features of Estonian history and culture. The basic skills of reading and writing in Estonian.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures, exercises and web-based exercises.
Target group:
All students of the University of Oulu
Recommended or required reading:
Assessment methods and criteria:
Learning journal or examination
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
695204P: Variation in Estonian, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen oppimateriaali:
Pajusalu ym., 2002
Raag, Raimo, 1999
Laanekask, Heli, 2004
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:
4 credits

Language of instruction:
Estonian and Finnish

Timing:
Autumn or spring term

Learning outcomes:
Students are taught a basic overview of the historical development of Estonian, of local dialects and modern variations.

Contents:
The phases of written Estonian, the main local dialects and social variations of Estonian.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures and seminars

Target group:
All students of the University of Oulu

Recommended optional programme components:
Intermediate Estonian

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Examination

Grading:
0-5

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