

Opasraportti

Language Centre - Finnish for foreigners (2010 - 2011)

The Language Centre arranges Finnish courses from a survival course to courses on an advanced level. Courses are intended mainly for registered international students (exchange, degree and postgraduate students) and staff members of the University of Oulu. Other participants (not registered students) are welcome if there is room in the groups. The courses are free of charge only for registered students; all others have to pay a participation fee.

Students may register themselves for the courses by emailing a teacher.

N.B. Information about Finnish courses also available at the international students' Orientation in September and January.

The most recent information on schedules of Finnish for Foreigners (including room information) can be found [here](#).

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

900013Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 1, 3 op
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 900017Y: Survival Finnish Course, 2 op

Opintojaksosten kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksosten kuvaukset

900013Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 1, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay900013Y Beginners' Finnish Course 1 (OPEN UNI) 2.0 op

Proficiency level:

A1, according to the Common European Framework

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Survival Finnish course (900017Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

As much Finnish as possible; English will be used as a help language.

Timing:

The course is in autumn terms and spring terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can understand and use some familiar and common everyday expressions relating to her/himself and everyday situations. S/he can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is willing to help. The student is able to read short simple texts and messages dealing with familiar topics. S/he also deepens her/his understanding of the Finnish language and communication styles.

Contents:

This is lower elementary course which aims to help students to learn communication skills in ordinary everyday situations. During the course, students broaden their vocabulary and knowledge of grammar and principles of pronunciation. They also practise to understand easy Finnish talk about everyday subjects, and reading and writing short and simple texts/messages.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: talking about oneself, one's family, studies and daily routines, as well as asking about these things from other person, expressing opinions, describing people and things, talking about weather and seasons, the names of the months and colours.

The structures studied are: verb types, basics of the change of the consonants k, p and t in verbs and nouns, the genitive and partitive cases, possessive structure, some declension types for nouns (word types) and the basics of the local cases.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons twice a week (26 h) and self study (24 h).

Target group:

International students and staff of the University.

Recommended or required reading:

Gehring, S. & Heinzmann, S.: **Suomen mestari 1** (chapters 3-5)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Marja Pohjola-Effe

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. The course will start right after the Survival Finnish course. The lessons will be held twice a week during a 6-week period. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900053Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 2, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay900053Y Beginners' Finnish Course 2 (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

Proficiency level:

A2, according to the Common European Framework

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Beginners' Finnish course 1 (900013Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

4 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

As much Finnish as possible; English will be used as a help language.

Timing:

The course will be offered in the spring term.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can understand and use some very common everyday expressions and sentences. S/he can communicate in easy and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar everyday matters. The student understands different kinds of short texts. S/he can for example locate important information in them. In addition, s/he has acquired more detailed knowledge of the language and culture.

Contents:

This is a post-elementary course. During the course students learn more about communication in ordinary everyday situations in Finnish. They also extend their vocabulary and knowledge of grammar. Students practise understanding simple Finnish talk and short texts.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: asking for and giving directions, asking for help/favours, carrying out transactions in shops and restaurants, making appointments, talking about the past, asking for and expressing opinions and feelings, accommodation, travelling, vehicles, work, professions, food, drink and parties.

The structures studied are: the local cases, nominative plural (basic form plural), imperfect (past tense of verbs), part of the imperative, more declension types for nouns (word types), more about the change of the consonants k, p and t in verbs and nouns, declension of the demonstrative pronouns and personal pronouns, more about the partitive case, basics of the object cases, postpositions and some sentence types in Finnish.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons twice a week (50 h) and self study (50 h).

Target group:

International students and staff of the University.

Recommended or required reading:

Gehring, S. & Heinzmann, S.: **Suomen mestari 1** (kappaleet 6-9)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Marja Pohjola-Effe

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. The lessons will be held **twice a week** during a 13-week period. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900054Y: Conversational Skills in Finnish, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B1/B2 , according to the Common European Framework.

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Finnish course for advanced students (900020) or of Intermediate Finnish 2 (900016Y) at a high level or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course is offered in spring terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can interact with a degree of fluency (and spontaneity) that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible. S/he can describe and explain (clearly and in detail) on a wide range of objects, experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions. The student can bring out opinions, give reasons and explanations for them and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options. S/he is also able to give a (clear) prepared presentation and answer the questions posed by the audience.

Contents:

During the course students strengthen their communication skills in formal and informal situations. The goal is to activate the student's Finnish skills and encourage him/her to use them in different situations. There will be various types of situational dialogue, conversation and listening exercises in the course. In addition, students will conduct a short survey which will also be reported to other students in the class.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons once a week (28 h), group work (10 h) and self study (12 h).

Target group:

International students and staff of the University.

Recommended or required reading:

Will be provided during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:

To pass the course, students must attend class on a regular basis and complete group work tasks and homework assignments.

Grading:

Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900061Y: Finnish Language Workshop, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2011

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B1/B2, according to the Common European Framework.

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Finnish course for advanced students (900020) or of Intermediate Finnish 2 (900016Y) at a high level or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course is offered in autumn terms, but not in every autumn.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student has developed her/his Finnish language skills in the field chosen for special attention in the initial self-assessment. S/he knows her/his own strengths and weaknesses in Finnish and s/he can make a plan for improving her/his skills.

Contents:

During the course students are guided in the development of their Finnish language skills in accordance with their own, self-defined purposes. The goal is to draw up a study plan for every participant in the course by means of which s/he is able to develop her/his language skills. The course also aims to help the students find tools for developing their Finnish skills further after the course. In the workshop participants will learn in small groups on the basis of their own wishes. Topics and more detailed contents of the course will be decided together with the participants of the course.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons once a week (24 h), group work (16 h) and self study (10 h).

Target group:

International students and staff of the University

Recommended or required reading:

Will be provided during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:

To pass the course, students must attend class on a regular basis and complete group work tasks and homework assignments.

Grading:

Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900020Y: Finnish for Advanced Students, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay900020Y Finnish for Advanced Students (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

Proficiency level:

B1, according to the Common European Framework

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Intermediate Finnish course 2 (900016Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course is offered in spring terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can deal with most situations in Finnish. S/he can understand clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school and leisure and also the main points of messages and conversations in colloquial Finnish. The student is able to produce simple coherent and logical text on different topics. S/he can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions, and also explain and justify her/his opinions better than before.

Contents:

During the course students acquire the knowledge and skills for communicating in more formal situations and learn to understand formal and official texts. In the course students develop their Finnish skills especially for study and work purposes. In addition, they also study in more detail the differences between spoken and written language.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: studying, applying for a job, the social welfare and political system in Finland, giving a presentation on a topic within one's own field or of personal interest.

The structures studied are: the essive and translative cases, the passive perfect and pluperfect, revision of the pronouns, comparison of adverbs, the participles and part of the clause replacements (infinitives and participial constructions).

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons once a week (26 h) and self study (24 h).

Target group:

International students and staff of the University.

Recommended or required reading:

Will be provided during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (once a week), homework assignments and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

The lessons will be held once a week during a 13-week period or twice a week during a 6-week period). Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900015Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 1, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay900015Y Intermediate Finnish Course 1 (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

Proficiency level:

A2, according to the Common European Framework

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Beginners' Finnish course 2 (900053Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

4 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Mainly Finnish

Timing:

The course is offered in spring terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can communicate in ordinary everyday situations when the topics are familiar or connected with everyday matters. S/he can search for and locate key informational content in different kinds of texts. The student can also identify the topic and some details of the discussion around her/him. S/he can describe activities and personal experiences both orally and in writing and s/he also knows the difference between spoken/colloquial and written/standard language. The student knows how things can be expressed with different degrees of politeness.

Contents:

The course is a lower intermediate course. During the course students strengthen their communication skills in ordinary everyday situations and acquire a wider vocabulary and more thorough knowledge of grammar. In addition, students practise understanding and producing Finnish talk and reading newspaper articles.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: requesting different kinds of requests, expressing politeness, making appointments with friends, giving directions, doing the shopping, talking about the past and talking about his/her future plans, hobbies, transactions e.g. in the bank and post office, celebrations and festivals in Finland.

The structures studied are: part of the conditional, more about the imperative, the verb rections, the deverbal noun (-minen), passive present tense, part of the plural declension of nouns, the third infinitive (ma-infinitive), more about sentence types, perfect tense, more about object cases.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons twice a week (50 h) and self study (50 h).

Target group:

International students and staff of the University.

Recommended or required reading:

Will be provided during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. The lessons will be held twice a week during a 13-week period. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900016Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 2, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B1, according to the Common European Framework

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Intermediate Finnish course 1 (900015Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

4 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course is offered in autumn terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can communicate in various informal situations in Finnish. The student understands the main points of messages and talk around her/him.

S/he can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest and describe experiences and also report heard content to others.

Contents:

The course is an upper intermediate course. During the course students learn the necessary written and oral skills to be able to cope in informal situations arising during everyday life, work and study. In the course, students practise understanding more Finnish talk and newspaper articles, and finding information and talking about it to other people. Part of the course consists of guided self study tasks. In the classes the main stress is on oral exercises and group work.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: transactions e.g. in clothes shops, at the doctor's and on the phone, Finnish small talk, reacting in different situations, planning a trip and booking e.g. a flight, information and facts about Finland and its history, telling about one's home country and home town, features of colloquial/spoken language.

The structures studied are: the perfect and pluperfect, revision of all the verb tenses, comparison of adjectives, more about the conditional, more about the plural declension of nouns (particularly the plural partitive case), more about object and predicative cases, the passive imperfect.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons once a week (30 h) and self study (70 h). Part of the course consists of guided self study tasks in Optima environment.

Target group:

International students and staff of the University.

Recommended or required reading:

Hart, S.: **Suomea paremmin.**

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (once a week), homework assignments, self study tasks and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. The lessons will be held **once a week** during a 13-week period. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900027Y: Special Course in Finnish: Writing Skills, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B1/B2, according to the Common European Framework.

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Finnish for Advanced Students (900020Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course is offered in spring terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can write coherent and detailed descriptions and summaries about various matters. S/he is able to summarize text and justify his/her

own statements of opinions. In addition, the student knows the steps of the writing process and understands the significance of a text's function and target audience. S/he can also differentiate between formal and informal writing styles.

Contents:

During the course students develop their writing skills in Finnish and are guided in the drafting of different text types and documents needed in studies and work. In the course students learn how to write informal and formal letters, an argument-essay, a summary, a job application and a report.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

The course will be held online using an Optima environment.

Target group:

International students and staff of the University.

Recommended or required reading:

Web based material.

Assessment methods and criteria:

To pass the course, the student must complete all the required writing assignments.

Grading:

Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#). Sign-up by emailing the contact person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.

900023Y: Structures of the Finnish Language, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B2, according to the Common European Framework

Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Finnish for advanced students or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

4 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course is offered in autumn terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student has a general overview of the structures of the Finnish language. S/he has gained a deeper understanding of the special nature and features of the Finnish language and can apply structures in her/his own communication.

Contents:

During the course, students will extend their knowledge of Finnish grammar and improve their skills by practising a variety of structures until they become second nature. The course consists of sections on phonology, morphology and syntax. Each of these sections includes a theoretical component and exercises. The course consists of sections on phonology, morphology and syntax. Each of these sections includes a theoretical component and exercises.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

The course will be held online using an Optima environment.

Target group:

International students and staff of the University

Recommended or required reading:

Web based material

Assessment methods and criteria:

To pass the course, the students must complete all the required assignments.

Grading:

Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).

900017Y: Survival Finnish Course, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Language Centre

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay900017Y Survival Finnish Course (OPEN UNI) 2.0 op

Proficiency level:

A1, according to the Common European Framework

Required proficiency level:

No previous Finnish studies.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish and English

Timing:

The course is offered in autumn terms and spring terms.

Learning outcomes:

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course the student can understand and use some very common everyday expressions and phrases, and s/he can locate informational content in simple texts and messages. The student also knows the basic characteristics of Finnish language and Finnish communication styles.

Contents:

This is an introductory course which aims to help students to cope with the most common everyday situations in Finnish. During the course, students learn some useful everyday phrases, some general features of the vocabulary and grammar, and the main principles of pronunciation.

The topics and communicative situations covered in the course are: general information about the Finnish language, some politeness phrases (how to greet people, thank and apologize), introducing oneself, giving and asking for basic personal information, numbers, some time expressions (how to tell and ask the time, days of the week, time of day), food, drink and asking about prices.

The structures studied are: personal pronouns and their possessive forms, forming affirmative, negative and interrogative sentences, the conjugation of some verbs, the basics of the partitive singular and some local cases for answering the 'where'-question.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons twice a week (24 h) and self study (26 h).

Target group:

International students (and staff) of the University.

N.B: The Open University will organize one Survival Finnish group for non-students during the autumn term 2010.

Recommended or required reading:

Will be provided during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and written exam at the end of the course will be observed in assessment.

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Marja Pohjola-Effe

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the teacher or at the orientation organized for the exchange students. The lessons will be held twice a week during a 6-week period. Exact times and room will be informed on the [Schedule](#).