

Opasraportti

Finnish for foreigners (2008 - 2009)

Finnish for Foreigners 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.

In the autumn term, courses start in September (week 37 or 38) and in the spring term they start in January (week 3).

Students may register themselves for the courses by emailing a teacher. The timetables of the courses are available on the homepage of the Language Centre:

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N.B. Exchange students: Information about Finnish courses at the Orientation in September and January.

Courses during the academic year 2008–2009 (N.B. changes are possible):

Elementary level

900017Y Survival Finnish Course - 2 ECTS cr (autumn + spring, several groups)

900013Y Beginners' Finnish Course I - 2 ECTS cr (autumn + spring, several groups)

900053Y Beginners' Finnish Course II - 4 ECTS cr (autumn + spring)

Intermediate level

900015Y Intermediate Finnish Course I - 4 ECTS cr (spring)

900016Y Intermediate Finnish Course II - 4 ECTS cr (autumn)

Advanced level

900020Y Finnish for Advanced Students - 2 ECTS cr (spring)

900027Y Special Course in Finnish: Writing Skills - 2 ECTS cr (spring)

900054Y Conversation Skills in Finnish - 2 ECTS credits (spring)

900061Y Finnish Language Workshop - 2 ECTS cr (autumn)

900023Y Structures of the Finnish Language - 4 ECTS cr (autumn + spring)

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

900013Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 1, 3 op

900053Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 2, 5 op

900054Y: Conversational Skills in Finnish, 3 op

900061Y: Finnish Language Workshop, 2 op

900020Y: Finnish for Advanced Students, 4 op

900015Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 1, 5 op

900016Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 2, 5 op

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

900023Y: Structures of the Finnish Language, 4 op

900017Y: Survival Finnish Course, 2 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

900013Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 1, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: 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

Required proficiency level:

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

ECTS Credits:

2 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish and English.

Timing:

The course will be offered in the autumn term and spring term.

Learning outcomes:

The aim of the course is to learn communication skills in simple everyday situations. Students also deepen their understanding of the Finnish language and culture.

Contents:

During the course students learn to talk about oneself, one's family and way of life; to describe feelings, to ask for and give information; to make simple conversations. They also practise to understand easy Finnish talk about everyday subjects, short written messages and main aspects in simple texts. Students also learn more vocabulary, grammar and principles of pronunciation.

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:

Heikkilä, Satu - Majakangas, Pirkko: Hyvin menee! (Chapters 3-7).

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:

1–5

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.

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:

A1-A2

Required proficiency level:

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

ECTS Credits:

4 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish and English

Timing:

The course will be offered in the autumn term and spring term.

Learning outcomes:

This is a post-elementary course. The aim of the course is to learn more about communication in ordinary everyday situations in Finnish. In addition, the aim is to acquire more detailed knowledge of the language and culture.

Contents:

During the course students learn to ask the way and give directions, carry out transactions in different places, talk about the past, ask and express opinions and feelings. They also practise understanding simple Finnish talk and short texts.

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:

Heikkilä, Satu - Majakangas, Pirkko: Hyvin menee! (Chapters 8–15).

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:

1–5

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.

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

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 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course will be offered in the spring term.

Learning outcomes:

The aim of the course is to strengthen student's 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.

Contents:

There will be various types of speaking, conversation and listening exercises in the course.

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 person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students

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

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 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course will be offered in the spring term.

Learning outcomes:

The aim of the course is to help students to develop their Finnish language skills in accordance with their own, self-defined purposes. The goal is to draw up a study plan for every participant of the course with 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.

Contents:

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 person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.

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

Required proficiency level:

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

ECTS Credits:

2 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course will be offered in the spring term.

Learning outcomes:

The course aims to help students acquire the knowledge and skills for communicating in more formal situations, to understand newspaper articles and to develop their Finnish language skills for study and work purposes.

Contents:

During the course students learn e.g. to write job application and to give a presentation. They also study in more detail the differences between spoken and written language.

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, homework assignments, and exams during the course will be observed in assessment.

Grading:

1–5

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.

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

Required proficiency level:

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

ECTS Credits:

4 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course will be offered in the spring term.

Learning outcomes:

The course is a lower intermediate course. The course aims to help students to learn how to communicate in simple and routine tasks and situations. In addition, the aim is to acquire a wider vocabulary and more thorough knowledge of grammar.

Contents:

During the course students learn to request, make appointments, give directions, tell about his/her plans. After having completed the course, the students are expected to understand simple newspaper articles and Finnish talk about familiar subjects.

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:

Heikkilä, Satu - Majakangas, Pirkko: Hyvin menee! (Chapters 16–23).

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:

1–5

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.

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:

A2 - B1

Required proficiency level:

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

ECTS Credits:

4 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course will be offered in the autumn term.

Learning outcomes:

The course is an upper intermediate course. After the course the students are expected to have the necessary written and oral skills to be able to cope in informal situations arising during everyday life, work and study. In addition, students will be able to understand Finnish talk at normal speed about general topics and the main points of newspaper articles.

Contents:

During the course students learn more about how to carry out transactions, make plans and for example tell each other about their home countries. Students also practise understanding Finnish talk, writing short essays and reading short newspaper articles.

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:

Will be provided during the course.

Assessment methods and criteria:

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

Grading:

1–5

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.

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

Required proficiency level:

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

ECTS Credits:

2 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course will be offered in the spring term.

Learning outcomes:

The aim is to help students to develop their writing skills in Finnish. In the course the students are also guided to pay attention to a writing process, function and a receiver of the text.

Contents:

During the course students learn how to draft different text types and documents needed in study and work.

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 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:

B1–B2

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:

4 credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

The course will be offered in the autumn term and spring term.

Learning outcomes:

The aim of the course is to give a general overview of the structures of the Finnish language. 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.

Contents:

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 person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students

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

Required proficiency level:

No previous Finnish studies.

ECTS Credits:

2 credits

Language of instruction:

English and Finnish.

Timing:

The course will be offered in the autumn term and spring term.

Learning outcomes:

This is an introductory course which aims to help students to cope with the most common everyday situations in Finnish.

Contents:

During the course, students learn some useful everyday phrases (e.g. greetings, telling about him/herself, asking), some general features of the vocabulary and grammar, the main principles of pronunciation and some aspects of the Finnish culture.

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.

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:

1–5

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Other information:

Sign-up by emailing the contact person (responsible person) or at the orientation organized for the exchange students.