

Opasraportti

LC - Courses for exchange students (2020 - 2021)

The Language and Communication unit organizes several courses which are also intended for international students, both degree students and exchange students of the Oulu University.

These courses are:

A) Finnish courses from survival course level to advanced level. Students are accepted into the courses and groups in the order of registration. Preference is given to those whose degree requires Finnish Language studies and/or whose home university requires participation in language courses of the country of exchange.

B) German, French, Russian and Japanese courses (provided that there is space in the group).

The courses are free of charge for the registered students.

C) Tandem studies.

A) Finnish Language and Culture courses in the academic year 2020–2021

Languages and communication of Oulu University organizes Finnish courses from a survival course to courses on an advanced level. This list below gives information which courses will be organized during the academic year 2020–2021 and which are available for the exchange students and other international students in the University of Oulu.

Elementary level

[900017Y](#) Survival Finnish Course, 2 ECTS cr (autumn 2020 and spring 2021)

[900013Y](#) Beginners' Finnish Course 1, 3 ECTS cr (autumn 2020 and spring 2021)

[900053Y](#) Beginners' Finnish Course 2, 5 ECTS cr (autumn 2020 and spring 2021)

Intermediate level

[900015Y](#) Intermediate Finnish Course 1, 5 ECTS cr (autumn 2020)

[900016Y](#) Intermediate Finnish Course 2, 5 ECTS cr (spring 2021)

Advanced level

[900027Y](#) Special Course in Finnish: Writing Skills, 3 ECTS cr (spring 2021)

[900054Y](#) Conversational Skills in Finnish, 3 ECTS cr (autumn 2020)

B) German, French, Russian and Japanese courses (provided that there is space in the group). See study guide.

C) Tandem studies

Tandem is a study exchange program in which students work together in pairs (or occasionally trios), each participant being a native speaker of his/her partner's target language; thus both can share information about their own language and culture. The other language should always be Finnish.

Aims

- To have the chance to get to know the target language and culture under the guidance of a native speaker, as well as improve oral communication. In exchange, the native speaker can share information about his/her own culture and way of life.
- To use both languages equally so as to offer both language speakers practice in the target language.
- To increase contacts between Finnish and foreign students.
- To help foreign students adapt to life in Finland and provide the Finnish students with the opportunity to have cross-cultural contacts.

Target group

Tandem is intended for all the students of the University of Oulu and in general for all the language levels, including beginners' level.

The following proficiency levels are required from the Finnish students of these languages:

- 905046Y German-Finnish tandem, CEFR level A2/B1
- 904073Y Russian-Finnish tandem, CEFR level A2/B1
- 902062Y English-Finnish tandem, CEFR level B1
- 904024Y French-Finnish tandem, CEFR level A2/B1
- 905046Y Japanese-Finnish tandem, CEFR level A2/B1.

In other languages no proficiency level is required.

No Finnish language skills are required from the foreign students.

More information on the website of Languages and Communication: <https://www oulu.fi/languagesandcommunication/node/60429>

Further information

Students are accepted into the courses and groups in the order of registration. Preference is given to those whose degree requires Finnish Language studies and/or whose home university requires participation in language courses of the country of exchange.

Exact information about schedules and rooms of the courses in 2020–2021 will be updated at the end of May 2020. Registration for the autumn courses starts at the beginning of August and for the spring courses at the beginning of December.

Information available also

- at the Orientation for new international students
- by emailing Anne Koskela ([anne.koskela\(at\)oulu.fi](mailto:anne.koskela(at)oulu.fi))

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
- 900015Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 1, 5 op
- 900016Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 2, 5 op
- 900027Y: Special Course in Finnish: Writing Skills, 3 op
- 900017Y: Survival Finnish, 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: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

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

Proficiency level:

A1 (target level A1.2)

Status:

The course is intended for the international students in every faculty of Oulu University.

Required proficiency level:

A1.1, Completion of the Survival Finnish course (900017Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

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

Timing:

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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; food, drink and transactions in the grocery; accommodation and describing it; colours and adjectives.

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

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and guided self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons 2 times a week (26 h, including the final exam) and guided self study (55 h)

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Survival Finnish Course

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Kuparinen, K. & Tapaninen, T. Oma suomi 1 (chapter 2 - 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.

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

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo. The course will start right after the Survival Finnish course.

900053Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 2, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

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

Proficiency level:

A1.3

Status:

International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle.

See more information for OAMK students <https://www oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy>.

Required proficiency level:

A1.2, completion of the Beginners' Finnish course 1 (900013Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

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

Timing:

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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: talking about weather, carrying out transactions in clothing stores and at the doctor's, asking about location, asking for help/favours, expressing how you are feeling, writing an invitation and email; talking about past, describing people and things; seasons, the names of the months, travelling, vehicles, body parts, adjectives, food, drink and parties.

The structures studied are: the local cases, more about the change of the consonants k, p and t, more declension types for nouns (word types), nominative plural (basic form plural), basics of the imperfect (past tense of verbs), basics of the object cases, some postposition structures, some sentence types (predicative and necessity sentences).

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and guided self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons 2 times a week (52 h, including the tests) and guided self study (83 h)

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle.

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Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Beginners' Finnish Course 1 or the equivalent language skills.

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Kuparinen, K. & Tapaninen, T. Oma suomi 1 (chapters 6 - 10)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and tests will be taken into consideration in the assessment.

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

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Arja Haapakoski

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo. Staff members in staff training portal.

900054Y: Conversational Skills in Finnish, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B1/B2 , according to the Common European Framework.

Status:

The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu. Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) may also participate to this cross-institutional study. See courses, student quota and applying for OAMK students <https://www oulu fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy>.

Required proficiency level:

A2.2

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

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

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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.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and guided self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons twice a week (28-30 h), group work (15 h) and guided self study (36 h)

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University. Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) may also participate to this cross-institutional study. See courses, student quota and applying for OAMK students <https://www oulu fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy>.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of Intermediate Finnish 2 (900016Y) or equivalent skills

Recommended optional programme components:

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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.

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

Grading:

Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo. Staff members in in staff training portal.

900015Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 1, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay900015Y Intermediate Finnish Course 1 (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

Proficiency level:

A2.1

Status:

The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu.

Required proficiency level:

A1.3, Completion of the Beginners' Finnish course 2 (900053Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Mainly Finnish

Timing:

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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 and can apply that information in her/his own communication.

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 doctor's and post office.

The structures studied are: 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.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and guided self-study.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons 2 times a week (52 h, including the tests) and guided self-study (83 h)

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Beginners' Finnish Course 2

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Gehring, S. & Heinzmann, S.: **Suomen mestari 2**, (chapters 1 - 5)

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and the tests will be taken into consideration in the assessment.

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

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo.

900016Y: Intermediate Finnish Course 2, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

A2.2

Status:

The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu.

Also students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) may also participate to this cross-institutional study. See courses, student quota and applying for OAMK students <https://www oulu fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy>.

Required proficiency level:

A2.1, Completion of the Intermediate Finnish course 1 (900015Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

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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 written texts, and finding information and talking about it to other people. 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 and on the phone, Finnish small talk, reacting in different situations, information and facts about Finnish celebrations and features of colloquial/spoken language.

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

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and guided self-study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons (52 h, including the tests) and guided self-study (83 h).

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

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See more information <https://www oulu fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy>.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Intermediate Finnish Course 1 or equivalent skills

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Gehring, S. & Heinzmann, S.: **Suomen mestari 2 (chapters 6 - 8).**

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (twice a week), homework assignments and the tests will be taken into consideration in the assessment.

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

Grading:

Grading scale is 1-5.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi or Tuudo.

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

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B1/B2, according to the Common European Framework.

Status:

Course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu.

Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle. See more information <https://www oulu fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy>.

Required proficiency level:

A2.2 Completion of the Finnish for Advanced Students (900020Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

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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.

Mode of delivery:

One contact lesson at the beginning of the course and guided independent studying using online

Learning activities and teaching methods:

The course will be held online using a Moodle environment.

Target group:

Course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu.

Students of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences (OAMK) students and OAMK's international and exchange students may also participate to this cross-institutional study. The quota principle is as follows: at least two OAMK students in a course and if there are more places, they are filled according to the queuing principle. See more information <https://www.oulu.fi/forstudents/crossinstitutionalstudy>.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Intermediate Finnish Course 2

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Web based material in Moodle.

Assessment methods and criteria:

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

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

Grading:

Grading is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi or in Tuudo. Staff members in staff training portal.

900017Y: Survival Finnish, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.1995 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:

ay900017Y Survival Finnish Course (OPEN UNI) 2.0 op

Proficiency level:

A1.1

Status:

The course is intended for the international students in every faculty at the University of Oulu.

Required proficiency level:

No previous Finnish studies.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS cr

Language of instruction:

Finnish and English.

Timing:

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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.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching, on-line learning and independent work. There will be organized also one on-line group in each semester.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons 2 times a week (26 h, including the final exam) and guided self study (24 h).

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students, exchange students and the staff members of the University.

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

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Recommended optional programme components:

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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.

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

Grading:

Grading scale is on a pass/fail basis.

Person responsible:

Arja Haapakoski

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi or in Tuudo.