

Opasraportti

LC - Finnish for foreigners (2017 - 2018)

Elementary

900017Y Survival Finnish Course 2 ECTS
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 900061Y Finnish Language Workshop 2 ECTS
 900023Y Structures of the Finnish Language 4 ECTS

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Notice that not every course is available in every semester.

Registration for the autumn courses starts at the beginning of August and for the spring courses at the beginning of December.

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

900013Y: Beginners' Finnish Course 1, 3 op
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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:

A1.2

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, 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.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and guided self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons 2 times a week (26 h) and guided self study (50 h)

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students and exchange students 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:

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.

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. 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:

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

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: asking for and giving directions, asking for help/favours, carrying out transactions in shops and restaurants, 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.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching and guided self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons 2 times a week (50 h) and guided self study (75 h)

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students and exchange students of the University

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Beginners' Finnish Course 1

Recommended optional programme components:

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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 midterm and final exams 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. The lessons will be held **twice a week** during a 13-week period.

900054Y: Conversational Skills in Finnish, 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:

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

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:

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 once a week (30 h), group work (15 h) and guided self study (30 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 Finnish course for advanced students (900020) or of Intermediate Finnish 2 (900016Y) at a high level

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.

900065Y: Finnish Language Workshop, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2008 -

Opiskelumuoto: Language and Communication Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Languages and Communication

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Proficiency level:

B2–C1

Status:

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Required proficiency level:

Completion of the Finnish course for advanced students (900020) or equivalent skills

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

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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 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. The topics and communicative situations covered in the course can be for example: working life skills, written text and oral fluency and some grammatical revision. The special theme in the course is phraseology of Finnish Language.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching, study group and self study

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons (contact teaching) every second week (10 h), study group meetings every second week (10 h) and self study (30 h)

Target group:

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

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Finnish course for advanced students (900020) or equivalent skills

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Delivered during the course

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly meetings (lessons and study group) self study tasks, other 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 pass/fail.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi. The lessons will be held every second week during a 10-week period.

900020Y: Finnish for Advanced Students, 4 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:

ay900020Y Finnish for Advanced Students (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op

Proficiency level:

B1, according to the Common European Framework

Status:

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Required proficiency level:

A2.2 Completion of the Intermediate Finnish course 2 (900016Y) or the equivalent language skills.

ECTS Credits:

4 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

Finnish

Timing:

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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 also in more formal situations and learn to understand formal and official texts. In the course students develop their Finnish skills for everyday living, 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: the social welfare and political system in Finland (e.g. family life, working life, culture, history, environmental matters) giving a presentation on a topic within one's own field or of personal interest.

The structures studied are: more about conditional (perfect tense of conditional), more about passive (past,

perfect and pluperfect of passive), the imperative, the essive and translative cases, more about comparison of adjectives, more case government.

Mode of delivery:

Multi-modal teaching (Contact teaching, on-line teaching and independent work)

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons once a week (40 h), guided study in the Optima learning environment (40 h) and self study (20 h)

Target group:

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

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Completion of the Intermediate Finnish course 2 or equivalent skills in Finnish

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Gehring, S., Heinzmann, S., Päivärinne, S. & Udd, T. (2013): Suomen mestari 3 (chapters 1–6) and material in the Optima learning environment

Assessment methods and criteria:

Regular and active participation in the weekly lessons (once a week), self study tasks, other 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. The lessons will be held once a week during a 13-week period.

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 of 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 (50 h) and guided self study (75 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 written midterm and final exams 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. The lessons will be held twice a week during a 13-week period.

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 of University of Oulu.

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 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, 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 once a week (40 h) and guided self study (85 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 Intermediate Finnish Course 1

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Gehring, S. & Heinzmann, S.: **Suomen mestari 2 (chapters 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.

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. The lessons will be held **once a week** during a 13-week period.

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:

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

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 and after that guided independent studying using online

Learning activities and teaching methods:

The course will be held online using an Optima environment.

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 Intermediate Finnish Course 2

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Web based material.

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 by emailing the contact teacher.

900023Y: Structures of the Finnish Language, 4 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:

B2, according to the Common European Framework

Status:

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

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:

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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.

Mode of delivery:

The course will be held online using an Optima environment.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

One contact lesson and after that guided independent studying using online.

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 Finnish for advanced students or the equivalent language skills.

Recommended optional programme components:

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Recommended or required reading:

Web based material

Assessment methods and criteria:

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

900017Y: Survival Finnish Course, 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 of Oulu University.

Required proficiency level:

No previous Finnish studies.

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

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:

Multi-modal teaching (Contact teaching, on-line teaching and independent work)

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lessons 1–2 times a week (12–14 h) and guided self study (36 h)

Target group:

International degree and post-graduate degree students and exchange students 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 1-5.

Person responsible:

Anne Koskela

Working life cooperation:

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Other information:

Sign-up in WebOodi.