

STUDY GUIDE

FINNISH FOR BEGINNERS

Organised by

University of Vaasa - Language Center Linginno

1. IDENTIFYING DATA.		
• Course Name.	Finnish for beginners	
• Coordinating University.	University of Vaasa	
• Partner Universities Involved.	-	
• Course Field(s).	Modern language	
• Related Study Programme.	-	
• ISCED Code.	0231	
• SDG.	https://sdgs.un.org/goals : 4, 17	
• Study Level.	Students: Bachelor, Master, Doctoral; + Staff	
• EUNICE Key Competencies	Problem solving	Moderately
	Teamworking	Partially
	Communication	Moderately
	Self-management	Strongly
	Cognitive flexibility	Partially
	Digital competence	-
	Technical competence	-
	Global intercultural competence	Moderately

• Number of ECTS credits allocated.	2
• Mode of Delivery.	Online self-study
• Language of Instruction.	English, Finnish

• Course Dates.	1.10.–5.12.2025
• Precise Schedule of the Lectures.	Video lectures, learning materials, and tasks all available on the course Moodle page. No synchronous teaching and therefore also no mandatory attendance.
• Key Words.	Basics, beginner-level, survival Finnish, practical situations
• Catchy Phrase.	From Start to Finnish!

• Prerequisites and co-requisites.	No prerequisites. The course is available to all students (Bachelor, Master, Doctoral) and staff members of the Alliance.
• Number of EUNICE students that can attend the Course.	50 (more if needed)
• Course inscription procedure(s).	Standard EUNICE procedure

2. CONTACT DETAILS.

• Department.	University of Vaasa - Language Centre Linginno
• Name of Lecturer.	Susanna Mantila
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• Other Lecturers.	-

3. COURSE CONTENT.

During this course, students will learn the very basic words and phrases of Finnish related to the following everyday situations:

- greetings
- numbers: telling the time, prices
- most common phrases connected to studying: library, lectures, exercises, seminars, official functions, socializing, life on campus
- practical situations: shopping, food, going to a café/restaurant/bar, buying a train ticket, concert ticket, or movie ticket online

Students will also get information about Finnish culture and society:

- How do Finns talk to people (formal vs. informal)?
- National idiosyncrasies
- Basic information about the University of Vaasa and language-learning possibilities in Vaasa

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES.

Students will learn how Finnish works as a language, as well as how to understand simple texts and find information in them. Students will also get practice in listening comprehension and learn how

to pronounce Finnish. Moreover, they will learn about Finnish society and culture.

5. OBJECTIVES.

Practice of receptive skills and strategies needed to manage everyday situations in Finnish, as well as motivation for students to deepen their skills in Finnish. To convey an understanding of culturally significant factors.

6. COURSE ORGANISATION.

UNITS

	Five modules + course revision:
1.	<i>Welcome to Vaasa!</i>
2.	<i>At the Coffee Shop</i>
3.	<i>Student Town</i>
4.	<i>To the University</i>
5.	<i>New Friends</i>
6.	Course Revision Module

LEARNING RESOURCES AND TOOLS.

Self-study course on Moodle.

PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS.

Videos, course texts, related exercises, and an assignment for each module, weekly newsletters, as well as a final written exam on Moodle.

7. ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA.

The written Moodle test needs to be passed with the minimum of 50% of the score; assessment pass/fail.

Spoken assignments; assessment pass/fail.

OBSERVATIONS.

Recognition-related issues:

Please contact your home university's International Relations Office if you encounter any issues related to the recognition of the ECTS at the end of the course. Lecturers are not in charge of the recognition process.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS.

All materials as instructed by the teacher and available on Moodle.