

STUDY GUIDE

FINNISH FOR BEGINNERS ***26-27 S2***

Organised by

**University of Vaasa
Language Centre Linginno**

1. IDENTIFYING DATA.

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| · Course Name. | Finnish for Beginners |
| · Coordinating University. | University of Vaasa |
| · Partner Universities Involved. | n/a |
| · Course Field(s). | Modern language |
| · Related Study Programme. | n/a |
| · ISCED Code. | 0231 |
| · SDG. | https://sdgs.un.org/goals : 4, 17 |
| · Study Level. | Students (B, M, D) + staff |

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| · EUNICE Key Competencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green – strongly • Orange - moderately • Red – partially • Blank cell - not at all | | |
| | Problem solving | moderately | |
| | Teamworking | partially | |
| | Communication | moderately | |
| | Self-management | strongly | |
| | Cognitive flexibility | partially | |
| | Digital competence | not at all | |
| | Technical competence | not at all | |
| | Global intercultural competence | moderately | |

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| · Number of ECTS credits allocated. | 2 |
| · Mode of Delivery. | Online self-study |
| · Language of Instruction. | English, Finnish |
| · Course Dates. | 22.2.–30.4.2027 |

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| · 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! |

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| · Prerequisites and co-requisites. | No prerequisites. The course is available to all students (B, M, D) and staff members of the Alliance. |
| · Number of EUNICE students that can attend the Course. | 50 |
| · Number of EUNICE students that can attend the course per institution | 5 |
| · Course inscription procedure(s). | Standard EUNICE procedure |

2. CONTACT DETAILS.

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| · Department. | University of Vaasa Language Centre Linginno |
| · Name of Lecturer. | Susanna Mantila |
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| · Other Lecturers. | n/a |

3. COURSE CONTENT.

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

- greetings and introducing oneself
- numbers: telling the time, prices
- most common phrases connected to studying: lectures, exercises, seminars, socializing, life on campus
- practical situations: shopping for groceries, cooking and dining, going to a café/restaurant/bar, making new friends and getting to know them

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.

After the course, students can:

- understand how Finnish works as a language at a basic level
- understand simple texts and find key information in them
- understand basic spoken Finnish in everyday situations
- pronounce Finnish sounds clearly
- recognise key aspects of Finnish society and culture

5. OBJECTIVES.

The course aims to:

- develop basic reading and listening skills for everyday situations
- practise strategies for understanding Finnish in real-life contexts
- support students’ motivation to continue learning Finnish
- increase awareness of important cultural features in Finland

6. COURSE ORGANISATION.

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| | 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, audio/video assignments for spoken skills, weekly newsletters, as well as a final written exam on Moodle.

7. ASSESSMENT METHODS, CRITERIA AND PERIOD.

1–5 / fail (0)

The assignments need to be passed with a minimum of 50% of the score.

OBSERVATIONS.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS.

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