

Tervetuloa Finnish 1 -kurssille! Welcome to Finnish 1!

Identifier: ALC-7210

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Language of instruction: Finnish and English

Extent of the study programme: 3 ECTS credits

CEFR level

- Starting level: 0
- Target Level: A1
- More information on CEFR levels: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/aalto-university-open-university/cefr-levels-of-language-proficiency>

Learning Outcomes

At course completion, you will:

- be able to introduce yourself
- talk about your background and current life
- be able to manage in Finnish in some simple social situations
- be able to write short messages
- understand some of the everyday vocabulary used in your environment

Workload

Teaching in group 36 x 45 minutes

Independent work 57 hours

- To successfully complete the course, you will need to do quite a lot of independent work, so make sure you've blocked out enough time (and especially energy!) out of your calendar.

Can I be absent from the Zoom sessions?

- You can miss 1–2 of our Zoom sessions and still receive the credits for the course
- If you need to miss more than 2 of our Zoom sessions, let me know. You can make up for absences with extra assignments.
- As a general rule, 5 absences means that you can't get the course credits. However, you can still take the course exam and if you pass, you're eligible to participate in the next course (Finnish 2).

Course content

- situations related to everyday tasks and social life
- asking and answering questions
- basic vocabulary
- some basic grammatical structures of Finnish
 - partitive
 - genitive
 - verb types 1–5
 - possessives

Study Material

Terhi Tapaninen ja Kristiina Kuparinen: Oma Suomi 1, chapters 1–5

- Old edition: ISBN 9789511273714
- New edition: ISBN 978-951-1-44826-6

+ Extra material provided by the teacher

- We will use the old and new edition side by side.

Please note that the book is compulsory for completing the course!

Online workspace for the course: MyCourses

- MyCourses is an online learning environment
- You need an Aalto User ID to log in to the course's MyCourses workspace.
- You can activate your Aalto User ID the day after the registration
- Instructions for activating your Aalto User ID
 - <https://www.aalto.fi/en/aalto-university-open-university/aalto-user-id-student-information-systems-and-student>

You can find our course here: <https://mycourses.aalto.fi/course/view.php?id=41392>

Some of the course content is public, but a lot of it is only accessible when you sign in

- Make sure you sign in to access everything you need!

Assessment Methods and Criteria

The course requires

- regular attendance
- active participation in class
- completion of homework assignments
- active self-study outside our meetings

Grading criteria

- During the course, you will receive personal feedback on **four homework assignments**. You will receive more instructions and deadlines for these as the course progresses.
 - The work you do on these will make up 50 % of your grade.
- Written examination 25.9.2023 at 17.00–18.30,
 - 25 % of your grade
 - Re-examination on 30.10.2023 at 17.00–18.30
- Oral examination
 - this is a 15 minute one on one conversation with Mari
 - dates and times coming up soon!
 - 25 % of your grade
- Let me know in advance if you need any accommodations for the exams

Accommodations

- It's very important to me that this course and the course exams are accessible to you
- Don't hesitate to let me know how I can help you succeed in your studies
- Common accommodations include things like
 - extra time for the written exam
 - this needs to be requested in advance, not during the exam!
 - alternative ways to complete the course assignments

Contact

For any questions related to course payments, Aalto User ID, access to MyCourses etc., contact the Aalto Open University Office

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For any questions related to the content of the course, examinations, attendance etc., send me an email at mari.nikonen@aalto.fi or visit our MyCourses page to ask a question.

Lämpimästi tervetuloa kurssille!

A warm welcome to the course!