

## **Tervetuloa Suomi 1 -kurssille! Welcome to Finnish 1!**

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Language of instruction: Finnish and English

Extent of the study program: 3 ECTS credits

### **CEFR level**

- Starting level: 0
- Target Level: A1 (the early stages of 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

- New edition: ISBN 978-951-1-44826-6
  - Make sure you have the new edition of the book

+ Extra material provided by the teacher

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=42249>

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 30.9.2024, one hour between 10 am and 8 pm
  - The exam only takes one hour to do, and you can choose the time that works best for you between 10 am and 8 pm
  - 25 % of your grade
  - Re-examination on 28.10.2024 between 10 am and 8 pm
- 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](mailto:mari.nikonen@aalto.fi) or visit our MyCourses page to ask a question.

## Lämpimästi tervetuloa kurssille!

A warm welcome to the course!