

GET TO KNOW FINLAND

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online lessons on Zoom on Fridays at 10.15–11.45

Course description

Get to Know Finland course will present you with key aspects of Finnish culture and history. Together, we will study some of the main historical events that have shaped Finnish culture over the last two centuries. We will study the culture of Finland, and the dynamics of its formation, through observing aspects of Finnish history, society, art and nature. We will place the material in social context and discuss it in an analytic manner.

Course program

Friday 22.1.	History
Friday 29.1.	Culture and communication
Friday 5.2.	The Finnish way of life
Friday 12.2.	Finnish society and education
Friday 19.2.	Film and art / nature

Main tasks: Due dates

Friday 19.2.	Mini-presentation
Friday 19.2.	City tour task
Friday 26.2.	Cultural journal

Homework includes reading and preparing topics and making observations. In addition, you prepare a small presentation, go on a city tour, and write a cultural journal. Readings and homework are important for your orientation to the next lesson. Pre-tasks are an essential part of lessons, as the lesson may be based on the students' pre-tasks. Both discussions and group work are used for learning.

Course evaluation passed / not passed

In order to pass the course, you must do all the pre-tasks, make a presentation and submit both your city tour task and cultural journal on time. There is no exam, but active participation and submitting the tasks on time are a crucial part of the course. Max. **one** absence is allowed.

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