

Tervetuloa Suomi 2 -kurssille!

Course code: ALC-7220

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Kieli: suomi ja englanti

Kurssin laajuus – Extent of the study programme: 3 ECTS credits

CEFR level

- Starting level: A1, early stage (A1.1)
- Target Level: A1, mid to late stage (A1.2)
- More information on CEFR levels:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/aalto-university-open-university/cefr-levels-of-language-proficiency>

Tavoitteet – Learning Outcomes

At course completion, you will:

- be able to **talk about** some of the main features of **your daily life**
 - Deepening and adding to familiar Finnish 1 topics
 - Greetings, numbers, basic information, introducing yourself
 - Family
 - Talking about your day
 - Food
 - + new topics
 - Weather
 - Travel
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Celebrations
- be able to communicate in common **routine situations** and make common enquiries
- understand and be able to produce **short written messages**
- be able to find the **main information you need from short texts** on course themes
- know some of the main features of Finnish everyday life and work

Työmäärä – 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, over 5 absences means that you can't get the course credits (though there is some flexibility here). However, you're free to continue in the course, take the exams and continue to Finnish 3 if you feel that your level is high enough.

Kurssin sisältö – Course content

- Expanding vocabulary related to everyday life and work
- Expanding knowledge of Finnish grammar
- Practice situations related to everyday tasks and social life

Language of instruction

- English and Finnish

Study Material

- Terhi Tapaninen ja Kristiina Kuparinen: Oma Suomi 1, Chapters 6-9
 - There are two editions of Oma Suomi 1, an old and new one. The primary textbook for the course is the new edition, but you can get by with the old edition. If you have any doubts on what to do, don't hesitate to ask, I'm here for you!
 - Note that for Finnish 3, only the new edition will be used.
- Extra material provided by the teacher

Please note that you must have the book to complete the course.

Online workspace for the course: MyCourses

- MyCourses our online learning environment
- You need an Aalto User ID to log in to the course's MyCourses workspace and participate in teaching.
- 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=45363>

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

- Make sure you sign in so that you can 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 method

- During the course, you will receive personal feedback on **four homework assignments**. You will receive instructions and deadlines for these as the course progresses.
 - The work you do on these will make up 50 % of your grade.
- Written examination on **Monday 9.12.2024**, 1 hour between 10 am and 8 pm (you can choose whatever time works best for you in that time frame). Re-examination on **Wednesday 8.1.2025**.
 - 25 % of your grade
 - If you wish to participate in the re-examination, please register through Sisu and message me to let me know you're attending the re-examination
- 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 about any accommodations you need for the exams and the course work

Accessibility and 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 what you need from me to succeed in your studies, and I'll do my best to meet your needs
- You don't need to have an official diagnosis or present a certificate
- Common accommodations include things like
 - extra time for the written exam
 - Note that 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 University 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 send me a message

Lämpimästi tervetuloa kurssille!