English information for exchange students

Information for international exchange students wishing to take courses in the Degree Education in Languages, Specialisation in English Language

Can I attend courses in English Language?

There are naturally many exchange students in Tampere University, from a variety of backgrounds, who would like to take English courses. The courses offered in our specialisation in English Language are not necessarily what exchange students are looking for; our language and literature courses are particularly for English specialists, while translation courses demand a good knowledge of Finnish. In any case, it is not possible for us to allow unrestricted entry.

Our courses are therefore open mainly to those who are majoring in English in their home university and have the necessary level of proficiency in English. Students from other disciplines may be admitted only if they are proficient in English and if there is room to accommodate them. Exchange students accepted to specialisations other than English Language will be limited to 10 ECTS worth of studies in the specialisation in English Language.

First take the proficiency evaluation test!

To take any courses (with a few exceptions, see below) offered by the specialisation in English Language, exchange students must first show the necessary level of proficiency in English by taking a proficiency evaluation test. Two tests are arranged yearly: one in the autumn and another in the spring for exchange students arriving for only the spring term.

- In the spring term 2020, the test will be held on Wednesday 8th January 12:00-14:00, Pinni B 3107.

If you want to take courses in the specialisation in English Language, it is essential that you arrive in Finland early enough to take the proficiency exam. If due to exacting circumstances, you are unable to arrive in time for the exam please contact Paul Rickman (firstname.lastname@tuni.fi) for further advice.

What is the test like?

It is a test of English proficiency and accuracy in writing, with fill-in exercises on article and preposition use, a multiple-choice verb test, a vocabulary test, and an exercise in error correction.

What if I don’t do well enough on the test?

Students should also find out about English courses offered in the Language Centre.

Specialisation in English Language sometimes offers lecture courses that are open for exchange students who have not passed the proficiency test. These courses also require significantly high English language skills for the students to follow lectures and complete coursework. Unfortunately,
there are no such courses available in 2019-2020. For further advice contact Riikka Kuparinen (firstname.lastname@tuni.fi, room Pinni B 4060).