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THE COURSES OFFERED DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019–2020

During the academic year 2019–2020 the Language Centre of the Tampere University offers on the city center campus the courses introduced on this page. For detailed information, see the proper page in this booklet.

The following course is primarily intended for exchange students. Degree students will be accepted if space permits:

Survival Course

The following courses belong to the programme of Finnish as a Foreign Language, but the courses can also be taken separately without completing the whole programme. The programme is primarily intended for degree students. Exchange students will be accepted if space permits. Priority will then be given to those exchange students who are going to study the whole academic year at the University of Tampere.

Elementary-Level Courses:

- Elementary Course 1
- Elementary Course 2
- Elementary Course 3
- Elementary Course 4

Advanced-Level Courses:

- Advanced Course 1
- Advanced Course 2
- Advanced Level Vocabulary Course
- Reading Comprehension and Conversation Course 1
- Reading Comprehension and Conversation Course 2

After successful completion of the elementary-level courses students will be able to use and understand Finnish in common situations of everyday life and to give and understand accounts about their families, studies, hobbies and other similar topics.

After successful completion of the advanced-level courses students will be able to communicate both orally and in written form about various matters with familiar themes. With help of dictionary, students will also be able without much difficulty to read texts comparable to standard newspaper language.

The general aim of the studies is that the students have a positive attitude both to their language studies and to themselves as language learners and that they know how they can further develop their language skills.

NOTE THE REGISTRATION!

Please note that you must register for the Finnish courses beforehand. For further information see the university website: <https://www10.uta.fi/nettiopsu/login.htm?uiLang=en>. No registration by e-mail or by telephone. Furthermore, please note that in addition to registering, you must be present in class in the first meeting of the course, otherwise your registration will lapse and you may lose your place. No exceptions will be made.

If you cannot register beforehand, you can come to the first meeting of the course to see if there are free places in the group.

GENERAL ADVICE

–The academic year is divided into the autumn term and the spring term. Each term is again divided into two periods.

–The starting and ending dates of the periods during the academic year 2019–2020 are as follows:

Autumn term:	1st period: 26.8.–20.10.2019
	2nd period: 21.10.–22.12.2019
Spring term:	3rd period: 7.1.–1.3.2020
	4th period: 2.3.–31.5.2020

The Finnish courses have no teaching on the last week of the 1st and the 3rd period.

– Note that there may also be examinations on the very last day of the period, so completing of some courses may require your presence for the whole term.

– If you have passed any of the elementary courses 2–4 or advanced courses 1–2 with at least the grade of ‘good’, you may participate in the examinations of the previous courses without attending the course.

– You can choose suitable courses according to your starting level and your personal schedule. The courses require regular attendance and active participation.

– For further information, contact the teachers or visit the office (room B5091, tel 040 190 1481) of the Language Centre.

–The Language Centre is in the Pinni B Building of the University (5th floor).

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHICH COURSE SHOULD I COME TO? WHAT IS THE RIGHT LEVEL FOR ME?

First, read the course descriptions given below to get some idea of the contents of the courses. Then you will be better able to decide which course is suitable for you. Of course, the teachers are also willing to help you to choose a proper course.

HOW MANY FINNISH COURSES CAN I TAKE AT THE SAME TIME?

You can choose as many courses as you like according to your interests, schedule and starting level. For example, you can revise your knowledge in Finnish in the elementary courses and widen it in the advanced level courses at the same time, if that suits your plans and abilities.

MUST I REGISTER FOR THE COURSES BEFOREHAND?

Yes, you must. Read the information on the page 7.

CAN I REGISTER BY E-MAIL OR BY TELEPHONE?

Sorry, but no, you can't.

CAN I JUST COME TO THE EXAMINATIONS WITHOUT ATTENDING THE COURSES?

Unfortunately no. (But read also what is said about the elementary and advanced courses in the general advice above.)

HOW MANY LESSONS MAY I MISS WITHOUT LOSING THE COURSE?

The general rule is that you have to be present for 80 per cent of the contact hours of the course in order to be allowed to attend the examination and to get the credits.

FINNISH SURVIVAL COURSE (2 ECTS)

- Level A1 (on the Common European Framework language scale)
- Teaching languages are English and Finnish
- Three groups in the autumn term and three groups in the spring term

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Upon successful completion of the course, students will know the foundations of Finnish pronunciation and be able to use and understand short and simply structured Finnish expressions that concern some of the most common everyday situations (e.g. talking about themselves and their families, buying and paying, telling the time, asking simple questions and greeting others).

CONTENT

- During the course, students are acquainted with the Finnish pronunciation and spelling system, the basics of grammar and some core vocabulary. Students engage in pronunciation, sound recognition, and structural and communicative exercises that focus on the topics covered.

MODE OF STUDY

- Group instruction: 26 hours
- Independent work: approximately 28 hours

COMPULSORY TASKS

- Active participation in the course

FUTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPULSORY TASKS

- There will be an examination after the course.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- The grading scale is 1 to 5 (min. to max.). Assessment is based on participation in the course and the final examination.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

- Previous studies in Finnish are not required.

STUDY MATERIALS

- The materials (liable to charge) are designed by the teacher.

TEACHERS

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TEACHING TIMES IN THE SPRING TERM 2020

Group A (Kangasniemi) (two periods!)
Wednesday 10–12 room B3110 (Pinni Building)

Teaching begins on Wednesday 15.1.2020.

Group B (Mitrunen) (two periods!)
Wednesday 10–12 room D13 (Main Building)

Teaching begins on Wednesday 22.1.2020.

Group C (Mitrunen) (two periods!)
Wednesday 12–14 room D13 (Main Building)

Teaching begins on Wednesday 22.1.2020.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins: Tuesday 26.11.2019

Registration ends: Monday 13.1.2020

Selection criteria: Priority is given to the exchange students. Otherwise the selection criterion is the number of credits.

Selection on view: The final course lists will be posted on the website on Tuesday 14.1.2020.

ELEMENTARY COURSE 1 (3 ECTS)

- Level A1 (on the Common European Framework language scale)
- Teaching languages are Finnish and English.
- Four groups in the autumn term and one group in the spring term.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

–Upon successful completion of the course, students will know the foundations of Finnish pronunciation and the most common core vocabulary. In addition, they will be able to use and understand short and simply structured Finnish expressions that concern some of the most common everyday matters (introducing themselves, buying and paying, telling the time, food, asking and answering questions, location and moving around).

CONTENT

–During the course, students are acquainted with the Finnish sound and spelling system, basic grammar and core vocabulary. Students engage in pronunciation, sound recognition, and structural and communicative exercises focusing on the topics covered.

MODE OF STUDY

- Group instruction: 39 hours
- Independent work: approximately 42 hours

COMPULSORY TASKS

- Active participation in the course

FUTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPULSORY TASKS

- There will be an examination after the course.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

–The grading scale is 1 to 5 (min. to max.). Assessment is based on participation in the course and the final examination.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

- Previous studies in Finnish are not required.

STUDY MATERIALS

–The materials (liable to charge) are designed by the teacher.

TEACHER

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TEACHING TIMES IN THE SPRING TERM 2020

Group A (Mitrunen) (one period!)

Tuesday 10–12 room D13 (Main Building)

Thursday 10–12 room D13 (Main Building)

Friday 10–12 room D13 (Main Building)

Teaching begins on **Thursday 9.1.2020**.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins: Tuesday 26.11.2019

Registration ends: Monday 6.1.2020

Selection criteria: Priority is given to the degree students. Otherwise the selection criterion is the number of credits.

Selection on view: The final course list will be posted on the website on Tuesday 7.1.2020.

ELEMENTARY COURSE 2 (3 ECTS)

–Level A1 (on the Common European Framework language scale)

–Teaching languages are Finnish and English.

–Two groups in the autumn term and one group in the spring term.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

–Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to use and understand simply structured Finnish expressions that concern some of the most common everyday matters (location and moving, using the imperative, requesting, state of health). Students will also be able to describe some of the most important things about themselves, their families and their immediate surroundings, and understand descriptions given about such topics. In addition, students will be able to give accounts of events belonging to the past time, and understand corresponding accounts.

CONTENT

–During the course, students are acquainted with basic Finnish grammar and core vocabulary, and they engage in structural and communicative exercises focusing on the topics covered.

MODE OF STUDY

–Group instruction: 39 hours

–Independent work: approximately 42 hours

COMPULSORY TASKS

–Active participation in the course

FUTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPULSORY TASKS

–There will be an examination after the course.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

–The grading scale is 1 to 5 (min. to max.). Assessment is based on participation in the course and the final examination.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

–Finnish Elementary Course 1 (or equivalent).

STUDY MATERIALS

–The materials (liable to charge) are designed by the teacher.

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TEACHING TIMES IN THE SPRING TERM 2020

Group A (Mitrunen) (one period!)

Tuesday 10–12 room D13 (Main Building)

Thursday 10–12 room D13 (Main Building)

Friday 10–12 room D13 (Main Building)

Teaching begins on Tuesday 3.3.2020.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins: Wednesday 29.1.2020

Registration ends: Sunday 1.3.2020

Selection criteria: Priority is given to the degree students. Otherwise the selection criterion is the number of credits.

Selection on view: The final course list will be posted on the website on Monday 2.3.2020.

ELEMENTARY COURSE 3 (4 ECTS)

–Level A2 (on the Common European Framework language scale)

–Teaching languages are Finnish and English.

–One group in the spring term.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

–Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to use and understand Finnish expressions related to common everyday matters (household, hobbies, arranging to meet somebody, making an appointment). Students will also be able to describe some of the most important things about themselves and their families, their hopes and wishes, their surroundings, studies, work and other such topics, and understand descriptions of such topics. Furthermore, students will be able to give accounts of hypothetical situations and understand corresponding accounts.

CONTENT

–During the course, students are acquainted with basic Finnish grammar and core vocabulary, and they engage in structural and communicative exercises focusing on the topics covered.

MODE OF STUDY

–Group instruction: 52 hours

–Independent work: approximately 56 hours

COMPULSORY TASKS

–Active participation in the course

FUTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPULSORY TASKS

–There will be an examination after the course.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

–The grading scale is 1 to 5 (min. to max.). Assessment is based on participation in the course and the final examination.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

–Finnish Elementary Courses 1 and 2 (or equivalent).

STUDY MATERIALS

–The materials are designed by the teacher.

TEACHER

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TEACHING TIMES IN THE SPRING TERM 2020

Group A (Kangasniemi)

Monday 12–14 room B3110 (Pinni Building)

Tuesday 12–14 room B3110 (Pinni Building)

Wednesday 14–16 room B3110 (Pinni Building)

Thursday 10–12 room B3110 (Pinni Building)

Teaching begins on Tuesday 7.1.2020.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins: Tuesday 26.11.2019

Registration ends: Thursday 2.1.2020

Selection criteria: Priority is given to the degree students. Otherwise the selection criterion is the number of credits.

Selection on view: The final course list will be posted on the website on Friday 3.1.2020.

ELEMENTARY COURSE 4 (4 ECTS)

–Level A2 (on the Common European Framework language scale)

–Teaching languages are Finnish and English.

–One group in the spring term

LEARNING OUTCOMES

–Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to use and understand different kinds of Finnish expressions that concern everyday life. Students will also be able to describe some of the most important things about themselves, their surroundings, studies, plans and other corresponding topics, and understand descriptions given on such topics. In addition, students will be able to understand at least the main points of short and intelligible written texts on familiar themes, and be able to write short descriptions of their own life and brief situations and events.

CONTENT

–During the course, students are acquainted with basic Finnish grammar and core vocabulary, and they engage in structural and communicative exercises focusing on the topics covered.

MODE OF STUDY

- Group instruction: 52 hours
- Independent work: approximately 56 hours

COMPULSORY TASKS

- Active participation in the course

FUTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPULSORY TASKS

- There will be an examination after the course.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- The grading scale is 1 to 5 (min. to max.). Assessment is based on participation in the course and the final examination.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

- Finnish Elementary Courses 1–3 (or equivalent)

STUDY MATERIALS

- The materials are designed by the teacher.

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TEACHING TIMES IN THE SPRING TERM 2020

Monday	12–14 room B3110 (Pinni Building)
Tuesday	12–14 room B3110 (Pinni Building)
Wednesday	14–16 room B3110 (Pinni Building)
Thursday	10–12 room B3110 (Pinni Building)

Teaching begins on Monday 2.3.2020.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins: Tuesday.2020

Registration ends: Thursday 27.2.2020

Selection criteria: Priority is given to the degree students. Otherwise the selection criterion is the number of credits.

Selection on view: The final course list will be posted on the website on Friday 28.2.2020.

ADVANCED COURSE 1 (4 ECTS)

- The course is not offered in the spring term 2020. It was offered in the autumn term 2019.

ADVANCED COURSE 2 (4 ECTS)

- Level B2 (on the Common European Framework language scale)

- Teaching language is Finnish.
- One group in the spring term.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

-Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to communicate orally and in written form on different matters connected to familiar themes. In addition, they will be able to give quite detailed accounts of different situations and events, and understand such accounts. With the help of a dictionary, students will be able to read, without much difficulty, texts whose structural requirements correspond to standard newspaper language.

CONTENT

-During the course, students are acquainted with basic Finnish grammar and vocabulary connected with different themes and they engage in structural and communicative exercises focusing on the topics covered.

MODE OF STUDY

-Group instruction: 52 hours
Independent work: approximately 56 hours

COMPULSORY TASKS

-Active participation in the course

FUTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPULSORY TASKS

-There will be an examination after the course.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

-The grading scale is 1 to 5 (min. to max.). Assessment is based on participation in the course and the final examination.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

-Finnish Advanced Course 1 (or equivalent)

STUDY MATERIALS

-The materials are designed by the teacher.

TEACHER

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TEACHING TIMES IN THE SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 14–16 room B3110 (Pinni Building)
Tuesday 14–16 room B3117 (Pinni Building)

Teaching begins on Tuesday 7.1.2020.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins: Tuesday 26.11.2019

Registration ends: Thursday 2.1.2020

Selection criteria: Priority is given to the degree students. Otherwise the selection criterion is the number of credits.

Selection on view: The final course list will be posted on the website on Friday 3.1.2020.

ADVANCED-LEVEL VOCABULARY COURSE (2 ECTS)

–The course is not offered in the spring term 2020.

READING COMPREHENSION AND CONVERSATION COURSE 1 (2 ECTS)

–The course is not offered in the spring term 2020. It was offered in the autumn term 2019.

READING COMPREHENSION AND CONVERSATION COURSE 2 (2 ECTS)

–Level B2 (on the Common European Framework language scale)

–Teaching language is Finnish.

–One group in the spring term.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

–Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to understand long texts on a variety of topics that have quite advanced structural and lexical requirements. In addition, they will be able to distinguish the main content of the text and find specific points in it. Furthermore, students will be able to discuss various themes, give accounts of their experiences, express and justify their own opinions, ask specifying questions during the conversation, and obtain additional information that they may require.

CONTENT

–During the course, students read texts mainly connected to current affairs or Finnish culture, analyse the texts' content and vocabulary, and discuss the issues raised. In addition, students give short presentations and engage in other conversational exercises in groups or pairs.

MODE OF STUDY

–Group instruction: 26 hours

–Independent work: approximately 28 hours

COMPULSORY TASKS

–Active participation in the course

FUTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMPULSORY TASKS

–There will be a written examination and an oral test after the course.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

–The grading scale is 1 to 5 (min. to max.). Assessment is based on participation in the course and the written examination and the oral test arranged after the course.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

–Finnish Advanced Course 1, Finnish Advanced-Level Vocabulary Course and Finnish Reading Comprehension and Conversation Course 1 (or equivalent). The course is primarily intended for students who are taking Finnish Advanced Course 2 at the same time, but it can also be taken separately if the student displays sufficient ability in Finnish.

STUDY MATERIALS

–The materials are designed by the teacher.

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TEACHING TIMES IN THE SPRING TERM 2020

Wednesday 16–18 B3117 (Pinni Building)

Teaching begins on Wednesday 8.1.2020.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins: Tuesday 26.11.2019

Registration ends: Thursday 2.1.2020

Selection criteria: Priority is given to the degree students. Otherwise the selection criterion is the number of credits.

Selection on view: The final course list will be posted on the website on Friday 3.1.2020.

THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK LANGUAGE SCALE

PROFICIENT USER

C2 Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously and very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

C1 Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

INDEPENDENT USER

B2 Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

B1 Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

BASIC USER

A2 Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

A1 Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

A CHART OF THE COURSES IN FINNISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The Common European Framework Language Scale		Finnish as a Foreign Language		
Independent User	B2	Reading Comprehension and Conversation Course 2 2 ECTS	Advanced Course 2 4 ECTS	
	B1	Reading Comprehension and Conversation Course 1 2 ECTS	Advanced Course 1 4 ECTS	Advanced Level Vocabulary Course 2 ECTS
Basic User	A2		Elementary Course 4 4 ECTS	
	A1		Elementary Course 3 4 ECTS	
			Elementary Course 2 3 ECTS	
			Elementary Course 1 3 ECTS	Survival Course 2 ECTS