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Moi! Hej! Hello! Salut! Hola!

**Language and
communication studies at
Aalto University Language
Centre: *Would it be good to
learn Finnish?***

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Let's learn Finnish in 1 minute

Moi!

Mä oon...

I am...

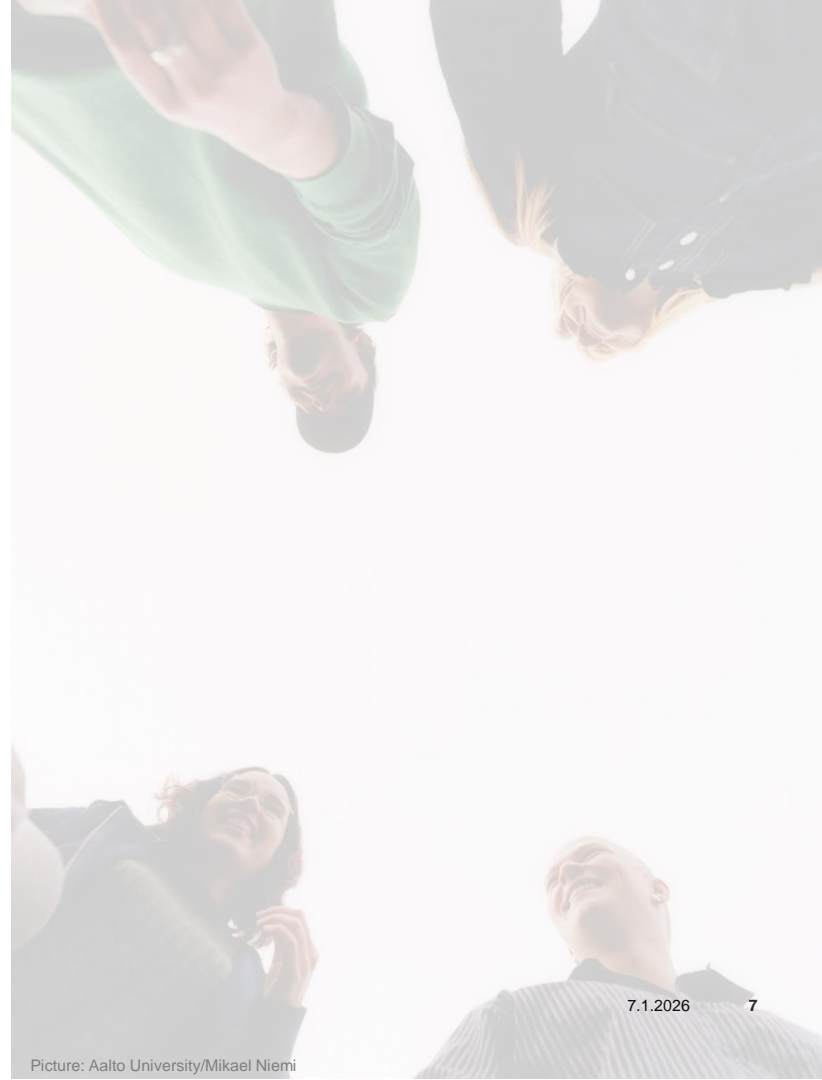
Kiva tavata!

Nice to meet you!

Samoin!

Likewise!

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Learning a new language is beneficial

- Language learning has many benefits:
 - it develops thinking skills,
 - enhances problem-solving skills,
 - increases creativity,
 - expands cultural perspectives,
 - and helps to understand the local culture, which in turn can make integration and social inclusion easier.

+ It's a lot of fun. 😊

Why learn Finnish?

- Language is key to accessing information, understanding the local culture and being able to fully enjoy life in the country.
- Understanding of the local language promotes
 - a sense of belonging in the communities around you
 - and reduces feelings of being an outsider.
- Even basic knowledge of the local language makes it easier to navigate daily life and to build social connections.

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Finnish courses at Aalto

- We offer Finnish courses in beginner, intermediate, and advanced level.
- Courses for **half-year** exchange students
 - LC-7003 Survival Finnish Online (1 cr)
 - LC-7004 Survival Finnish 1 (1 cr)
 - LC-7005 Survival Finnish 2 (1 cr)
 - LC-7009 Get to know Finland (1 cr)
 - LC-7010 Finland Studies MOOC (1 cr)
- Courses for **one-year** exchange students:
 - Finnish 1-8 (3 cr)
 - Finnish for specific fields (3 cr)
 - Finnish for work (3 cr)

What are the courses like?

- The Finnish courses focus on learning and developing practical language skills
 - You can start using the language right away in real-life situations after your first class!
- The courses are interactive, with lots of talking and fun activities in pairs and groups.
- The courses aim at promoting everyday language skills and language use outside the classroom.

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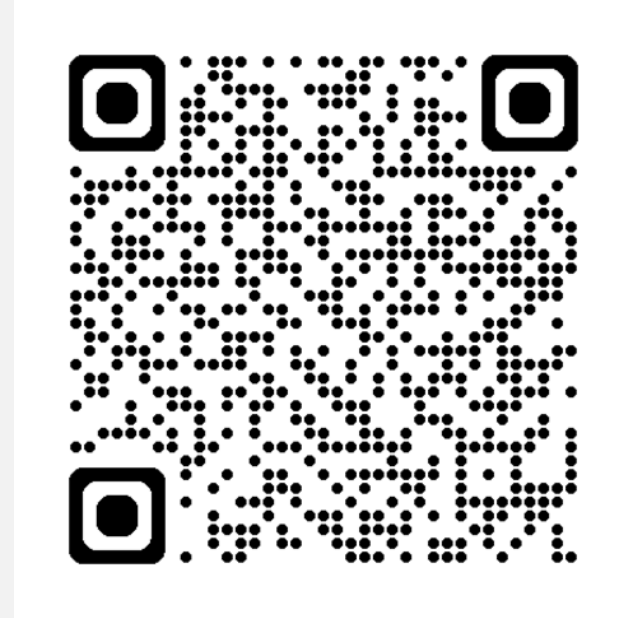
Other language and communication studies at Aalto University Language Centre

Languages

Finnish, English, Swedish, Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Japanese

Intercultural communication

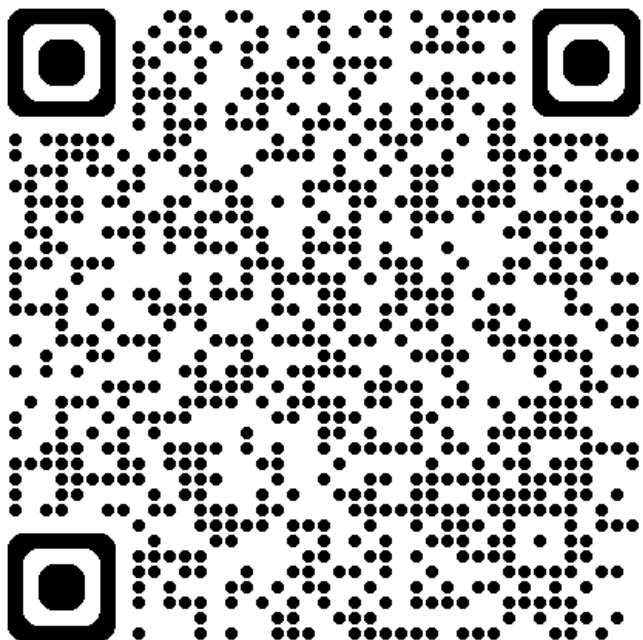
Communication and Social Interaction



Develop your Communication and Social Interaction skills!

- LC-0320 Public speaking skills D (3 cr)
- LC-0530 Public speaking and stage fright D (2–3 cr)
- LC-0550 Communication Skills D (2–3 cr)
- LC-0560 Interaction in teams and projects (2–3 cr)
- LC-0520 Impact and argumentation D (2–3 cr)
- LC-0510 Conference presentations D (1–2 cr)
- LC-0350 Listening (1 cr)

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Intercultural Communication

Develop your intercultural awareness and gain critical perspectives on culture, communication, and teamwork. Aalto's ICC courses combine theory and real-life reflection to help you communicate more effectively in diverse environments.

The **Intercultural Communication (ICC)** courses at Aalto help students develop fresh perspectives on *culture, identity, and teamwork*. Through interactive lectures and small-group discussions, the courses introduce foundational theories and concepts in ICC and encourage you to apply them to real-life situations.

By bridging academic theory with lived experience, the courses foster critical reflection on commonly held assumptions about culture and communication. Through lively discussions and collaborative activities with peers from different backgrounds, you will be encouraged to question your own assumptions and viewpoints and expand your intercultural insight.

All courses are in English

Short descriptions for ICC courses available in 2024-2026

LC-0610 Intercultural Communication (3 ECTS)

Explore key ICC concepts such as culture, stereotyping, intercultural transition, politeness and nonverbal communication, and apply them to real-life situations. Build practical communication skills through interactive lectures and small-group discussions

LC-0615 Intercultural Communication in Teamwork (3 ECTS)

Learn how to work effectively in diverse teams by identifying sources of intercultural miscommunication and developing strategies to prevent and resolve communication challenges.

LC-0616 Independent Projects in Intercultural Communication (5 ECTS)

Design and conduct an independent project on intercultural encounters and present your findings as a compelling narrative in a podcast episode.

Courses 2024-2026

For all the schools

- [LC-0610 Intercultural Communication I](#) (3 cr)
- [LC-0615 Intercultural Communication in Teamwork](#) (3 cr)
- [LC-0614 Developing Global Competence: Working in an International Virtual Team](#) (1-2 cr)
- [LC-0616 Independent Projects in Intercultural Communication](#) (5 cr)
- [LC-0613 Developing Intercultural Competence: Integrated Course in Intercultural Communication I](#) (1-3 cr)

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	LC-0615 Intercultural Communication in Teamwork	LC-0610 Intercultural Communication
Credits	3 ECTS	3 ECTS
Teaching Periods	Period 4	Period 5
Teaching Format	Onsite Teaching	Online Teaching (Zoom)
Main Content	Learn how to work effectively in diverse teams by identifying sources of intercultural miscommunication and developing strategies to prevent and resolve communication challenges in teamwork.	Explore key ICC concepts such as culture, stereotyping, intercultural transition, politeness and nonverbal communication and apply them to real-life situations. Build practical communication skills through interactive lectures and small-group discussions
Learning Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture Small group discussions with peers Various interactive activities with peers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture Small group discussions with peers Various interactive activities with peers
Assessment Type	Pass or Fail - Expected to obtain 80% to pass the course NO EXAM!! 😊	Graded (1-5) NO EXAM!! 😊
Target Audience	Both degree and exchange students from all schools and levels of study (bachelor's, master's, doctoral) are welcome.	Both degree and exchange students from all schools and levels of study (bachelor's, master's, doctoral) are welcome.
The Number of Students	Between 10-20	Between 10-20
Registration Period	26.1.2026 at 09.00 - 19.2.2026 at 23.59	23.3.2026 at 09.00 - 16.4.2026 at 23.59

**If you have any questions relating to
the ICC courses, please don't hesitate to contact me! 😊**

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**All the best
for your studies at Aalto!**

**Hope to meet many of you
in the ICC courses! 😊**

Further information

Student guide: Language and communication
studies

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