

Moi! Hej! Hello! Salut! Hola!

Language and communication studies at Aalto University

Language Centre

+ Why learn Finnish?

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Let's learn Finnish in 1 minute

Moi!

Mä oon...

I am...

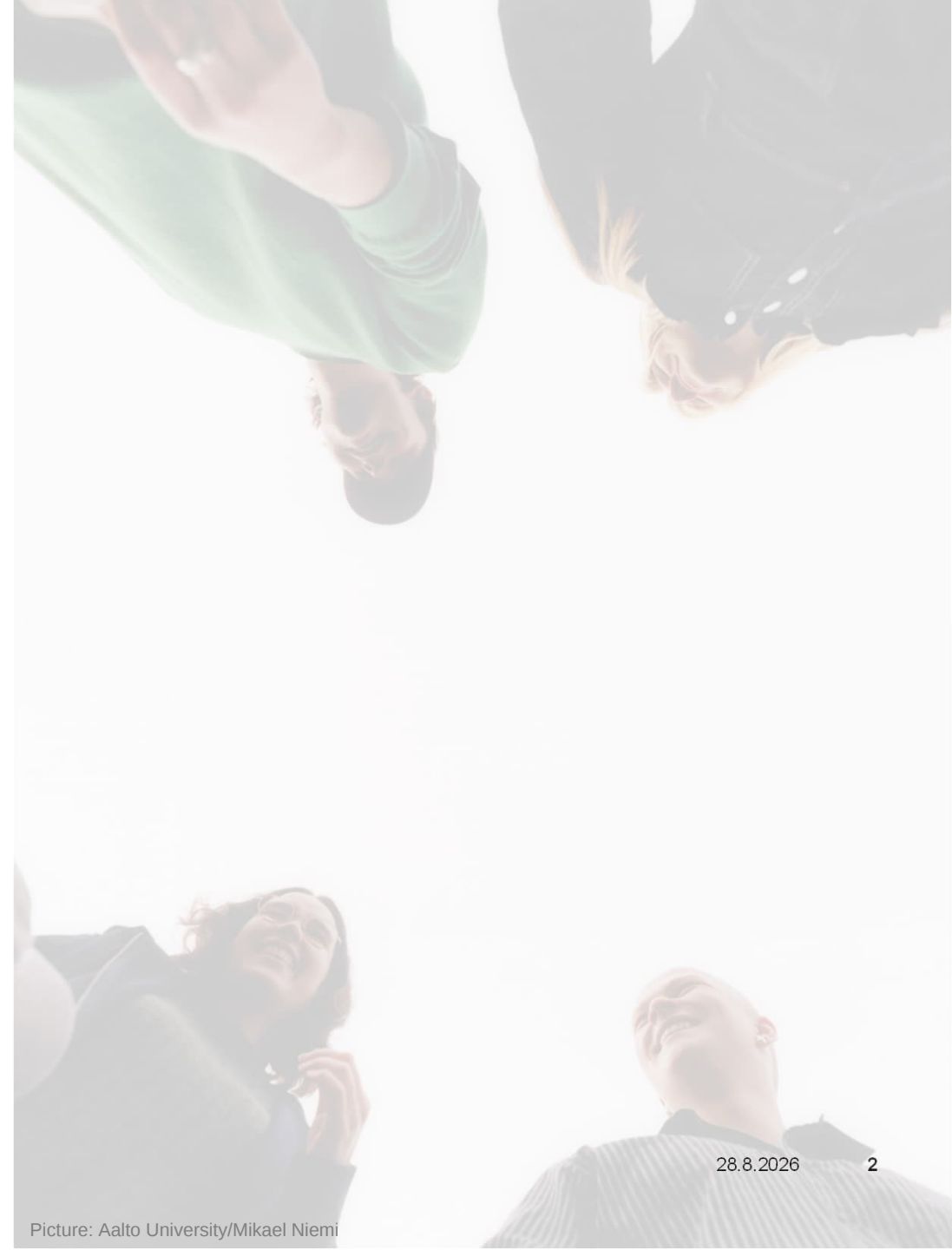
Kiva tavata!

Nice to meet you!

Samoin!

Likewise!

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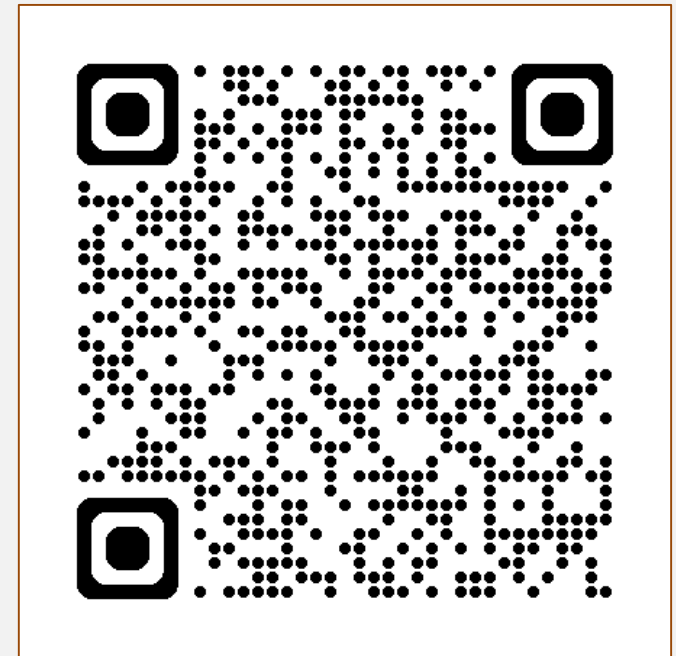


Learning a new language is beneficial

- Language learning has many benefits, e.g.:
 - it develops thinking skills,
 - enhances problem-solving skills,
 - increases creativity,
 - expands cultural perspectives,
 - and it's a lot of fun. 😊

Aalto University Language Centre

- Aims to provide all students with a strong foundation in language and communication skills for success in both studies and professional life.
- Course offerings
 - **Languages**
Finnish, English, Swedish, Chinese, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Japanese
 - **Intercultural communication**
 - **Communication and Social Interaction**
 - Study a minor in Finnish as a second language, French, Spanish, German, Russian, or communication studies!



Why learn Finnish? 1/2

- 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.



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Why learn Finnish? 2/2

- Over time Finnish language skills become more important, for example with finding employment here.
- Finnish language skills are particularly important for career progression.
- Even basic knowledge of the local language makes it easier to navigate daily life and to build social connections.



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Finnish language courses

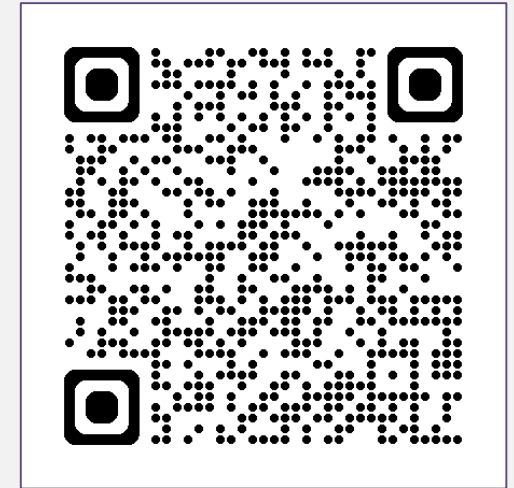
- We offer Finnish language courses in beginner, intermediate, and advanced level (CEFR A1-B2) at the Language Centre.
- Example courses this fall:
 - LC-7210 Finnish 1 to LC-7270 Finnish 7 (3 cr)
 - LC-7272 Finnish for Work (2 cr)
 - LC-7282 Preparing for the Intermediate Level YKI Exam 1 (2 cr)
- Enrol in the courses on Sisu.

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Finnish as a second language minor

- You can complete Finnish as a second language minor at Aalto.
 - 15-25 credits (depends on the student's starting Finnish language skill level).
 - Available for students with starting Finnish language skills between 0–B1.
 - Code: LC3700
- NB! Students from outside the EU who have completed a higher education degree in Finland and studied 15 credits of Finnish can apply for a permanent residence permit.



If you want to complete a minor in Finnish, take it into account in your study plan.

Develop your communication skills

- The courses are practical and focus on hands-on exercises!
 - LC-0320 Public speaking skills D (3 cr)
 - LC-0531 Public speaking and stage fright D (3 cr)
 - LC-0551 Communication Skills D (3 cr)
 - LC-0561 Interaction in Teams and Projects (3 cr)
 - LC-0521 Impact and Argumentation D (3 cr)
 - LC-0225 Negotiation Skills (3 cr)
 - LC-0330 Leadership Communication D (3 cr)
 - LC-0350 Listening Skills (1 cr)
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Aalto Communication Studies minor

Code: LC3100

15–25 ECTS

Choose from a variety of courses to form a minor:



Code	Course name	ECTS	Period
Intercultural Communication Courses			
LC-0610	Intercultural Communication	3	I, III, V
LC-0615	Intercultural Communication in Teamwork	3	II, IV
LC-0616	Independent Project in Intercultural Communication	5	I-V
Communication and Social Interaction Courses			
LC-0551	Communication Skills / Viestintä- ja vuorovaikutustaidot	3	I, III, IV
LC-0561	Interaction in Teams and Projects / Vuorovaikutus tiimeissä ja projekteissa	3	II, IV
LC-0521	Impact and Argument / Vaikuttaminen ja argumentointi	3	V
LC-0225	Negotiation Skills / Neuvottelutaito	3	I, III
LC-0330	Leadership Communication / Johtamisviestintä	3	II, IV
LC-0320	Public Speaking Skills / Esiintymistaito	3	I, III, IV, V
LC-0531	Public Speaking and Stage Fright / Esiintyminen ja jännityksen hallinta	3	I, II, IV, V
LC-0353	Listening Skills/ Kuuntelemisen taito	1	III

Further information

Student guide: Language and communication
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