

Central Eurasian Studies
Introductory Finnish II
Catalog Number CEUS-U 122/332
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The description below subject to change as it is from the previous instructor

This Introductory Finnish II course is for students who already know the basics of the Finnish language. The aim is to obtain general conversational skills that are desirable in everyday situations related to traveling and studying in Finland (e.g. transactional use, informal letters and telephone conversations, asking and giving directions). You will also be able to understand Finnish spoken at normal rate about everyday topics and understand simple written messages and the gist of an easy text, such as a short newspaper article. You will also learn basic aspects of Finnish culture and history.

The course is based on engaging in communicative skills. The methods of this course are learner centered, communicative and often problem-based, which means that sometimes, for instance, you will solve grammar rules with your peer and assistance of your instructor. All basic language skills, speaking, listening, reading and writing will be included both in class activities and at home.

Course material

Lecturer's own material
Audio and video cassettes
Yrjö Lauranto: *Elämän suolaa 1* (Chapters 10 -)
Plays and games

Exams:

Quizzes every Friday
Midterm and final

Attendance: Because of the nature of foreign language learning, regular attendance and home works are necessary to achieve a satisfactory level of proficiency. You will be given two excused absences; further absences will affect your total grade.

Grading:

Classroom participation and quizzes 40%
Homework 30%
Exams 30%