

## Central Eurasian Studies

Introductory Estonian II

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The course gives a basic knowledge of Estonian pronunciation and grammar (morphology and syntax), and teaches vocabulary and structures needed in everyday conversation. The main approach of the course is communicative, with a due attention to the development of all the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Up-to-date textbooks, audio- and videotapes, as well as authentic materials (newspapers, schedules, advertisements, the Internet etc.) will be employed to enhance language learning and provide cultural information.

### Requirements:

- attend and participate actively in the Estonian language sessions;
- take a weekly test in vocabulary and grammar;
- keep a daily journal.

**Evaluation:** There will be three exams (following roughly the material of every 5 chapters and the corresponding review section in the textbook). These exams will consist of a test written in class and an oral part. The three exams each give 15% of the final grade, cumulatively 45%. The rest will be made up by weekly tests/quizzes (20%) homework assignments and classroom participation (35%).

M written homework due  
T vocabulary/ dictation quiz  
W homework exercises, classroom practice  
Th homework, classroom practice  
F lesson quiz

### Required reading:

M. Pesti, H. Ahi. *E nagu Eesti*. Tallinn 1998. (the main textbook)  
J. Tuldava. *Estonian Textbook*. Bloomington, Indiana 1994. (Provides good grammar-explanations in English with numerous examples.)

### Recommended reading/ Supplementary materials:

M.Aru & M. Saar. *English-Estonian conversation guide*. Tallinn 1996.  
*Tere Eestimaa! Hello Estonia! An audiovisual course in spoken Estonian*. Tallinn 1993.  
*Eesti rahvakalendri tähtpäevi-videokursus*. Tallinn 1998. A video-course on Estonian folk-holidays.  
Selections from Estonian printed press, news-programs broadcast on SCOLA, feature and documentary films.

### Dictionaries

J.Silvet. *Inglise-Eesti. English-Estonian*.

P.Saagpakk. Eesti-Inglise. Estonian-English.