

Learning Finnish

There are many reasons to learn some Finnish while you study in Finland. It can help you get settled in to your new country and everyday tasks, such as going to the grocery store, will become easier. It will also help you to understand the Finns better. And if you intend to stay in Finland after your studies, knowing one of the local languages will definitely help you in your job search.

Aalto University has a [Language Centre](#) which is a university-level service unit offering education and services in languages and communication. Language Centre is responsible for providing education in languages, academic writing and communication for both students and staff.

Students who are interested in studying Finnish can participate in the language courses (Finnish as a second language and as a foreign language) offered by the Language Centre. There is a variety of courses and students can choose one that suits them best. Basic Finnish courses are very popular and we strongly recommend that you sign up early.

Start learning Finnish

Online

Would you like to know how to greet and thank people in Finnish already before arriving to Finland? The *Survival Finnish Online* (1 ECT) course offers you the possibility to acquire the basic knowledge of the Finnish language online. The course functions as an orientation phase for newcomers, enabling easier adaptation to Finland. After completing the course, you will be able to pronounce Finnish words, introduce yourself in Finnish, respond in Finnish in routine situations, and learn more Finnish on your own. You can complete the course independently online, but you will receive feedback from the tutor on some of the assignments. When in Finland, you can continue your Finnish studies in the Language Centre Finnish courses.

The next opening for the course is on the April 22th 2020 and the registration is open until the April 15th 2020. For registration, contact: survivalfinnish-lc@aalto.fi

Another opening will be available in August-September. Exact dates will be announced later.

Course page: <https://openlearning.aalto.fi/course/info.php?id=131>

- [Other opportunities to learn Finnish online](#)

In class

- [Finnish as a second language and as a foreign language](#) (by Aalto University Language Centre)
- [Finnish courses](#) in the Helsinki Metropolitan area