

Finnish as a Foreign Language

Autumn 2026

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Puhuks sä suomea? Do you speak Finnish?

Some basic greetings

- Hei!

Hello!

- Hei!

- Moikka!

Hi!

- Moi! Hauska nähdä!

Hi! Nice to see you!

- Terve!

Hello!

- Moro!

- Hyvää huomenta!

Good morning!

- Huomenta!



Puhuks sä suomea? Do you speak Finnish?

An everyday conversation

- Mitä kuuluu?

How are you?

- Hyvää kiitos!
Entä sulle?

Thanks, I'm good.

And you?

- Ihan hyvää, kiitos.

I'm fine, thanks.

- Kiva! Nähdään huomenna kurssilla! Nice! See you tomorrow on the course!

- Joo, nähdään!

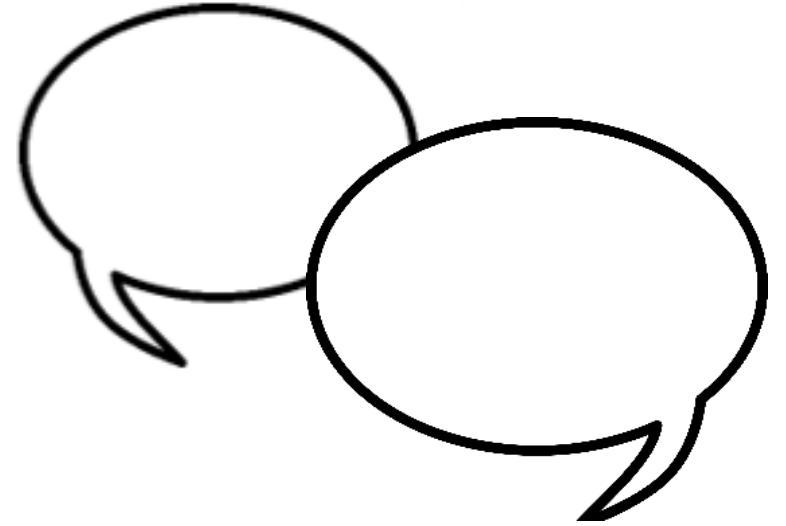
Yeah, see you!

- Moikka!

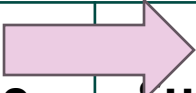
Bye!

- Moi moi!

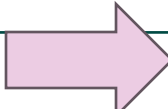
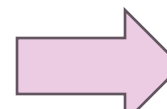
Bye bye!



Starting Finnish studies from scratch?

KIFF0200 Let's Start! Introduction to Finnish Studies	 KIFF0300 Survival Course for Exchange	KIFF0201 Finnish 1
1 ECTS	2 ECTS	4 ECTS
Independent study, online course	24 hours teaching	48 hours teaching
All material in Moodle	Material provided by teacher	Suomen mestari 1 book OR online course material in Moodle
Getting familiar with Finnish, learning techniques and tools	Basic phrases, vocabulary, conversations	Basic phrases, vocabulary, conversations and grammar
Recommended for all!	NB! No continuation for subsequent Finnish course	A good start to the path of Finnish studies

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Notice! You can only choose one of these two courses. 😊

KIFFo200

Let's Start! Introduction to Finnish Studies

Scheduled Self-study

Autumn 2026: 3 groups

	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5 (for doctoral researchers)
Enrolment	17.08.2026 08:00 - 28.08.2026 10:00		
Course time	31.8. - 4.10. (final deadline 14.12.)		
Teacher	Minella Salonen misosa@utu.fi	Jenni Laaksonen jrenie@utu.fi	Emilia Hongisto emkorp@utu.fi

Link to [Study Guide](#)
for more information



NB! Max. 50 students per group, fair lottery is used if more enrolments.
Priority to MDP students who have it as compulsory course.

The student has a possibility for individual guidance in planning their Finnish studies.

All material in
Moodle

KIFF0300

Survival Course for Exchange Students

Autumn 2026: 4 groups

	Group 1	Group 2 (For German-speaking students!)	Group 3	Group 4
Enrolment	24.08.2026 08:00 - 28.08.2026 10:00			
Teaching time	8.9. –1.12. 1 x / week Tue 12–14	11.9. –4.12. 1 x / week Fri 10–12	31.8.–23.11. 1 x / week Mon 10–12	4.9.–27.11. 1 x / week Fri 10–12
Teacher	Alexandra Virtanen alevir@utu.fi		Ohto Airio ovjair@utu.fi	Päivi Paukku paivpa@utu.fi

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Material
provided
by the
teacher



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Be present at the first lesson to claim your seat.

KIFFo201 Finnish 1

Autumn 2026: 9 groups (group 5 for BDP students, group 9 for doctoral researchers)



	Group 1 <i>MDP</i>	Group 2 <i>MDP</i>	Group 3 <i>MDP</i>	Group 4 <i>MDP</i>	Group 6	Group 7 <i>Distance in Zoom</i>	Group 8 <i>Independent online</i>
Enrolment	00 – 28.8. at 10.00						
Teaching time	NB! MDP groups 1-4 are primarily for Master's students. Groups 6-8 are for all students.				7.9.- 3.12.	9.9.- 4.12.	31.8.- 14.12.
Material							Moodle
Teacher					Ohto Airio, ovjair@utu.fi	Ohto Airio, ovjair@utu.fi	Niina Kekki, njkekk@utu.fi

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Consider also this:

KIFFO212 Let's Speak Finnish 1

[Link to Study Guide](#) for more information:



Autumn 2026: 1 group in I period

	Group 1
Enrolment	10.08.2026 08:00 - 28.08.2026 10:00
Teaching time	3.9.–8.10. Thu 14–16
Teacher	Ohto Airio ovjair@utu.fi

- Communication skills at the beginner level
- Conversation, listening and vocabulary exercises
- Spoken Finnish
- Themes follow those of the course Finnish 1.

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If you have studied some Finnish before...

Finnish 2 (level A1)
Finnish 3 (level A1-A2)
Finnish 4 (level A2-B1)
Finnish 5 (level A2-B1)

Let's Listen to Finnish (A2-B1)
Suomipassi – Finnish Pass (level A1-A2) (2.period)

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these courses!*

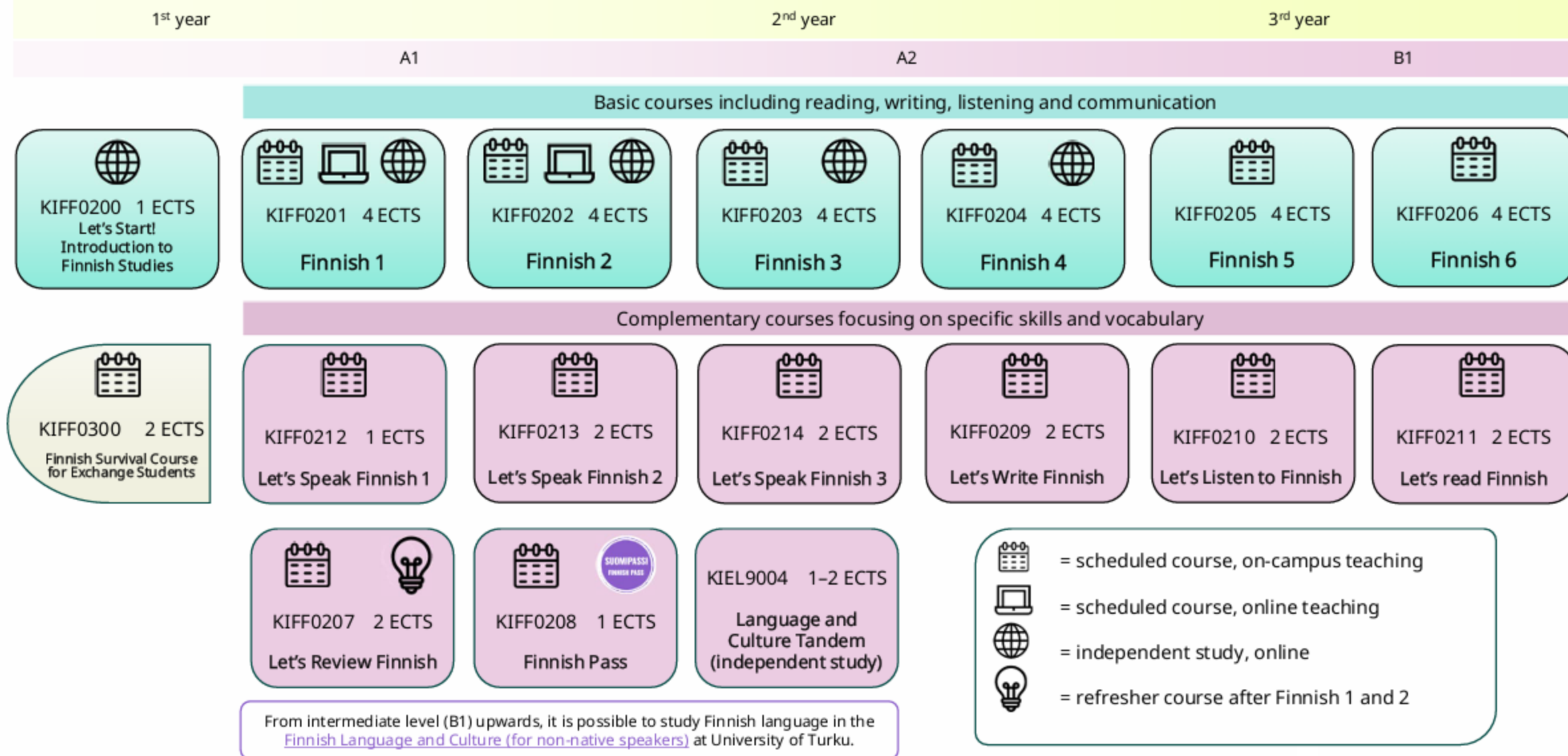
See more info and the timetables
in the [Study Guide](#)



Finnish as a Foreign Language Courses, 2024–27

Centre for Language and Communication Studies, University of Turku

Suggested scheduling of Finnish studies:



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Finnish language guidance

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Tervetuloa!



- ✓ **JOKA TORSTAI**
klo 11-12
Agora, opiskelija-aula
- ✓ **EVERY THURSDAY**
from 11 AM to 12 PM
Agora, student lobby

*JUST DROP IN AND
ASK ANYTHING RELATED TO
FINNISH LANGUAGE OR
FINNISH STUDIES!*

*YOU CAN COME WITHOUT
AN APPOINTMENT OR
SEND YOUR QUESTIONS
IN ADVANCE TO
FINNISHKIEVI@UTU.FI*

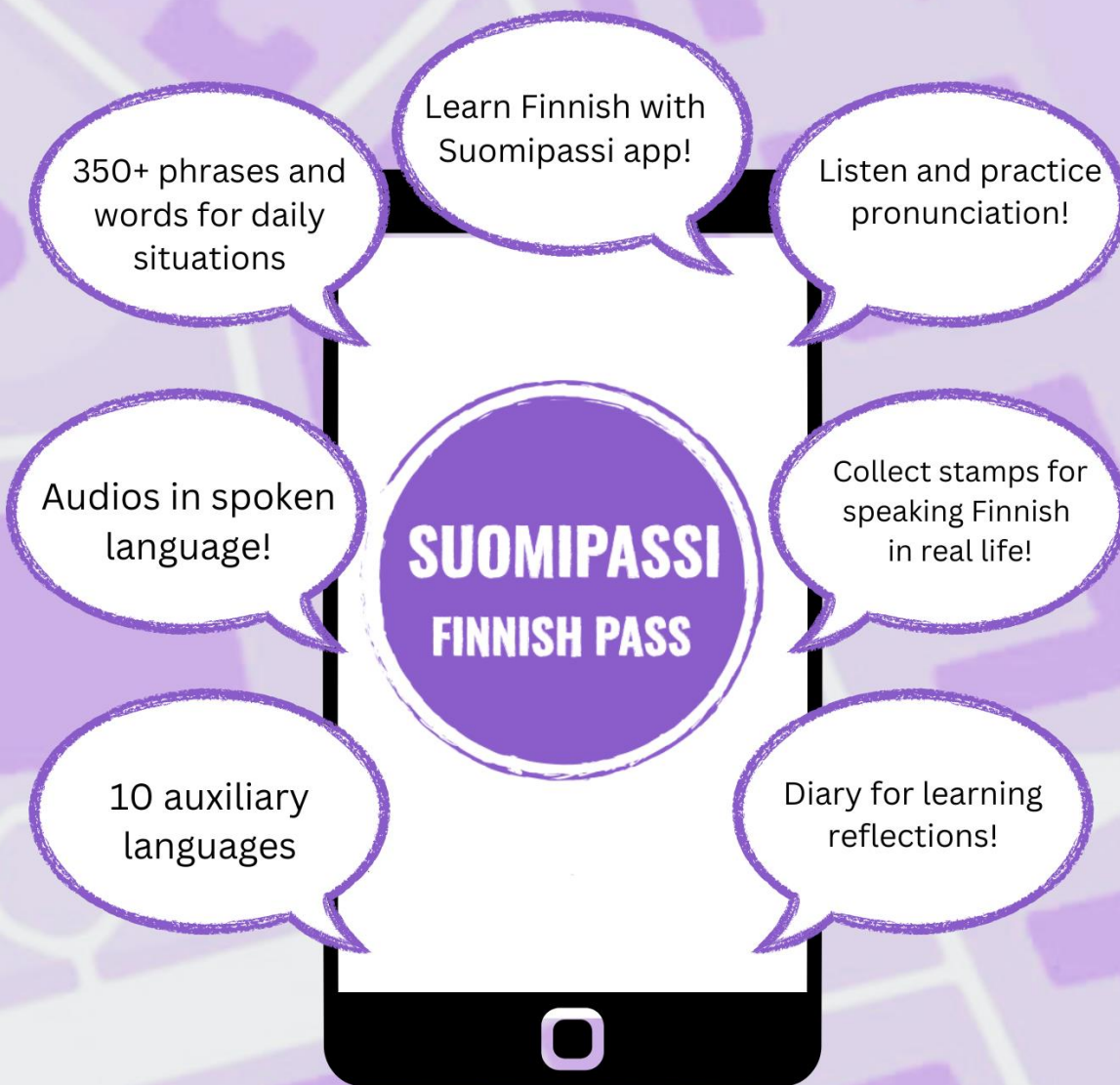
Low-threshold
guidance – you
can ask anything
related to Finnish
language!

Matalan
kynnyksen
ohjausta – voit
kysyä mitä vain
suomen
kielestä!

Longer personal guidance? Check [Asio calendar](#) for Finnish teacher's appointment!



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Nähdään huomenna Welcome Fairissa ja Kievin infotorilla!
See you tomorrow at the Welcome Fair and at Info Fair at CeLCS!





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