

Finnish as a Foreign Language

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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!



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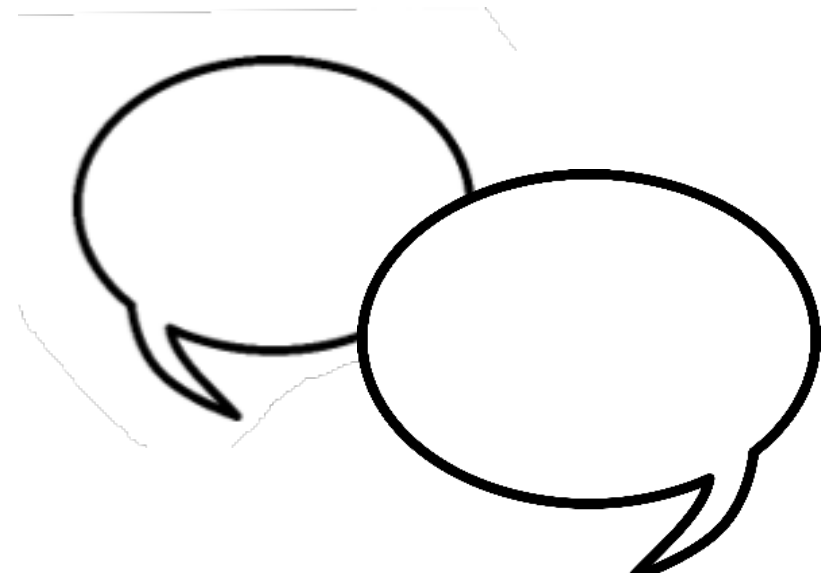
An everyday conversation

- Mitä kuuluu?
- Hyvää kiitos!
Entä sulle?
- Ihan hyvää, kiitos.

How are you?

Thanks, I'm good.
And you?

I'm fine, thanks.



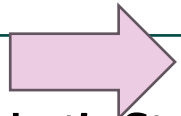
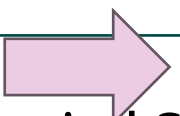
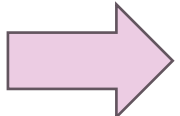
- Kiva! Nähdään huomenna kurssilla! Nice! See you tomorrow on the course!
- Joo, nähdään! Yes, see you.

- Moikka!
- Moi moi!

Bye!

Bye bye!

Starting Finnish studies from scratch?

 KIFF0200 Let's Start! Introduction to Finnish Studies	 KIFF0300 Survival Course for Exchange Students	 KIFF0201 Finnish 1
1 ECTS	2 ECTS	4 ECTS
Independent study, online course	24 hours teaching	48 hours teaching
All material in Moodle	Material in Moodle	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

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

KIFFo200

Let's Start! Introduction to Finnish Studies

Scheduled Self-study

Spring 2026: 3 groups

	➡ Group 4	➡ Group 5	Group 6 (for doctoral researchers)
Teaching time	12.1.-24.5.2026		
Enrolment	05.01.2026 08:00 - 09.01.2026 10:00		
Teacher	Niina Kekki njkekk@utu.fi	Minella Salonen misosa@utu.fi	Eveliina Suuniitty Wahid eamsuu@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 to individual guidance in planning their Finnish studies.

All material in
Moodle

KIFFo300

Survival Course for Exchange Students

Spring 2026: 3 groups

	➔ Group 5	Group 6 For German-speaking students! ➔	Group 7
Enrolment	05.01.2026 08:00 - 09.01.2026 10:00		
Teaching time	14.1.-15.4. 1 x / week	14.1.-15.4. 1 x / week	12.1.-13.4. 1 x / week
Teacher	Alexandra Virtanen alevir@utu.fi	Alexandra Virtanen alevir@utu.fi	Minella Salonen misosa@utu.fi

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information



Material
provided
by the
teacher

NB! Max. 30 students, fair lottery is used if more enrolments.
Be present at the first lesson to claim your seat.



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KIFFo201 Finnish 1

Spring 2026: 3 groups (+1 for doctoral researchers)

	Group 9 <i>MDP</i>	➔ Group 10	➔ Group 11 <i>Independent online</i>	Group 12 <i>Doctoral researchers</i>
Enrolment	05.01.2026 08:00 - 09.01.2026 10:00			
Teaching time	12.1.-13.4.	20.1.-16.4.	12.1.-24.5.	12.1.-16.4.
Material			All material in Moodle	Teacher's material
Teacher	Jenni Laaksonen jrenie@utu.fi	Emilia Hongisto emkorp@utu.fi and Minella Salonen misosa@utu.fi	Niina Kekki njkekk@utu.fi	Eveliina Suuniitty Wahid eamsuu@utu.fi

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Consider also this in IV period: KIFFO212 Let's Speak Finnish 1

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



Spring 2026: 1 group in IV period

	Group 2
Enrolment	23.02.2026 08:00 - 11.03.2026 12:00
Teaching time	17.3.-21.4.
Teacher	Minella Salonen misosa@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...

- KIFF0202 Finnish 2
- KIFF0203 Finnish 3
- KIFF0204 Finnish 4
- KIFF0206 Finnish 6

- KIFF0207 Let's Review Finnish
- KIFF0208 Finnish Pass
- KIFF0209 Let's Write Finnish
- KIFF0211 Let's Read Finnish
- KIFF0213 Let's Speak Finnish 2 (IV period)
- KIFF0214 Let's Speak Finnish 3 (III period)

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:

1st year

2nd year

3rd year

A1

A2

B1

Basic courses including reading, writing, listening and communication



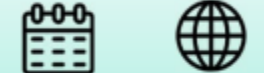
KIFF0200 1 ECTS
Let's Start!
Introduction to Finnish Studies



KIFF0201 4 ECTS
Finnish 1



KIFF0202 4 ECTS
Finnish 2



KIFF0203 4 ECTS
Finnish 3



KIFF0204 4 ECTS
Finnish 4



KIFF0205 4 ECTS
Finnish 5



KIFF0206 4 ECTS
Finnish 6

Complementary courses focusing on specific skills and vocabulary



KIFF0300 2 ECTS
Finnish Survival Course
for Exchange Students



KIFF0212 2 ECTS
Let's Speak Finnish 1



KIFF0213 4 ECTS
Let's Speak Finnish 2



KIFF0214 4 ECTS
Let's Speak Finnish 3



KIFF0209 2 ECTS
Let's Write Finnish



KIFF0210 2 ECTS
Let's Listen to Finnish



KIFF0211 2 ECTS
Let's read Finnish



KIFF0207 1 ECTS
Let's Review Finnish



KIFF0208 1 ECTS
Finnish Pass

KIEL9004 1–2 ECTS
Language and Culture Tandem
(Independent study)

 = scheduled course, on-campus teaching
 = scheduled course, online teaching
 = independent study, online
 = refresher course after Finnish 1 and 2

From intermediate level (B1) upwards, it is possible to study Finnish language in the [Finnish Language and Culture \(for non-native speakers\)](#) at University of Turku.

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Finnish language guidance

SUOMI-PÄIVYSTYS FINNISH DROP-IN

Tervetuloa!



✓ **JOKA TIISTAI**
klo 14-15
Agora, huone 206

✓ **EVERY TUESDAY**
from 2 to 3 pm
Agora, room 206

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

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

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kynnyksen
ohjausta – voit
kysyä mitä vain
suomen
kielestä!

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

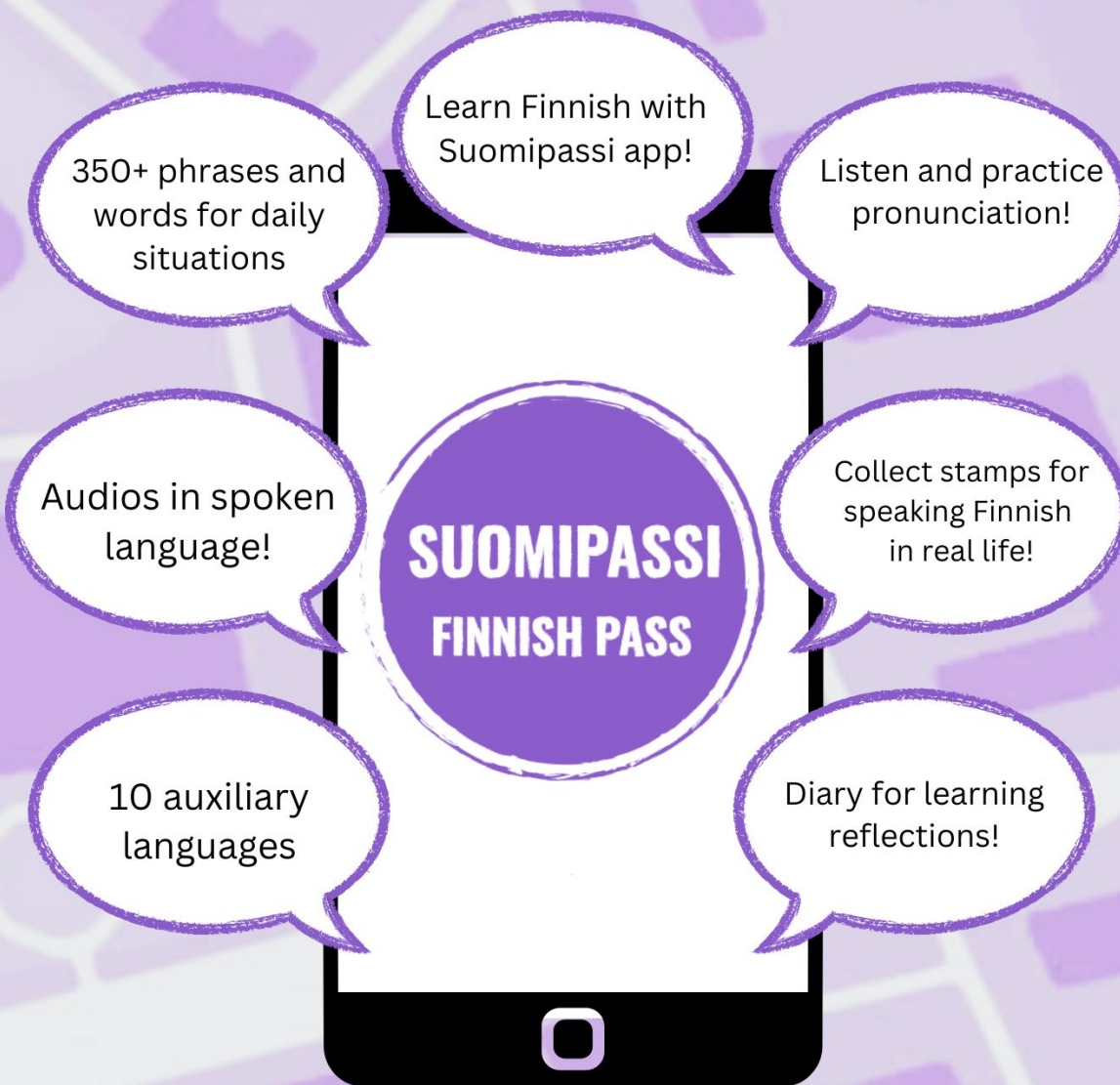


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courses!



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