



WELCOME TO THE LANGUAGE CENTRE

Lots of courses, course forms and languages

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LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES INCLUDED IN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

- All [bachelor's degrees include min. 10 cr of compulsory communication and language studies:](#)
 - Foreign language 4 cr: e.g. English, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Arabic
 - starting skill level in English: CEFR B2, in other languages: CEFR B1
 - Second national language 3 cr (Swedish/Finnish)
 - Native language 3 cr (Finnish/Swedish)
- **NB!** [The language of your secondary education](#) affects the completion of these studies.



LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES INCLUDED IN A MASTER'S DEGREE

- Students studying in the Master's Programmes and needing **the Academic Writing Courses (English)** for the degree, can find the courses with the following codes:
 - **KK-ENG501** Academic Writing 1: Principles and Practice (Master's Students CEFR C1)
 - **KK-ENG502** Academic Writing 2: Process and Feedback (Master's Students CEFR C1)
 - **KK-ENG504** Advanced English: Feedback on Writing (CEFR C1)
- **NB!** If you are pursuing only a master's degree, if the language of your secondary education is **Finnish or Swedish** and if you have completed your bachelor's degree abroad, [you have to complete in your master's degree the language and communication studies](#) normally included in a bachelor's degree.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING LANGUAGES?

- From beginners' level:
 - SWEDISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, CHINESE, RUSSIAN
- From intermediate level:
 - ITALIAN, SPANISH
- Unfortunately most of the English courses are available for degree students only.
- Finnish courses: organized by Faculty of Arts
- You can find all the courses suitable for non-Finnish speakers on Instructions for students > Optional studies > [Language Centre courses suitable for non-Finnish Speakers 2023-2024](#)



REGISTRATION TO LANGUAGE CENTRE'S LANGUAGE COURSES

- [Registration for Language Centre's courses](#) is done online via Sisu.
- Registration for the 1st period courses that still have available places is now open in Sisu. Registration ends 31.8. at 23.59.
- Registration for courses starting in the 2nd period will be open in Sisu in October.



ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES

- Language Centre Student Advice
 - Email: kielikeskus-neuvonta@helsinki.fi
 - Chat: on Thursdays at 12-14 on Instructions for Students
- [Language Centre teacher tutors](#)
- [Welcome to the Language Centre, new students!- Moodle](#)





ALICE COURSES

- **Academic Language and Intercultural Exchange**
- Two language learners who speak different native languages have the opportunity to learn about each other's language and culture in an interactive way.
- Participants gain insight into each other's cultures including its customs and receive information about the practicalities of everyday life.
- [ALICE courses](#) run in Russian, Italian, French, German and Spanish.



COURSE ASSISTANT PROGRAMME

Students as course assistants help fellow students in language learning in Language Centre's courses and in some Faculty of Art's language courses. Most course assistants are native speakers but it's not a must!

- Integrates international students into our University community.
- Gives students the opportunity to meet fellow students and language teachers.
- Makes internationalisation possible locally.
- Brings new aspects and authenticity to language learning and teaching.



FOR WHOM?

Students at the University of Helsinki (international and local, both degree and exchange) who are native speakers or confident users of one of the following languages...

Chinese, Danish, English, French, German, Italian, Icelandic, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Swedish or Russian.



WHAT DO COURSE ASSISTANTS DO?



- Work with teachers in different language courses
- Organize informal language learning events
- Collaborate with High school language teaching
- Host pronunciation clinics
- Mentor different projects
- Give presentations about one's home country, culture, studies etc.



WHY BECOME A COURSE ASSISTANT?

**Fun and different way to earn credits
and meet new people!**

- 1 - 4 ECTS credit(s) and a Certificate of Completion
- Get to know your native language in a different way
- Meet fellow students and learn more about different cultures
- Practice presentation, group work and cooperation skills
- Go "behind the scenes" in language teaching



WHY HAVE COURSE ASSISTANTS IN LANGUAGE COURSES?

The course assistant programme promotes students' equality by...

- Integrating international students into our University community.
- Providing international students with the opportunity to meet local students and giving the local students the opportunity for internationalisation at their home university!

“The interaction with Finnish students and professors gives you more depth to your experience abroad because due to the language, you do not always get the chance to interact with Finnish students.”

Course assistant feedback, 2021



MULTILINGUAL WORKSHOPS

- examine cultural issues from a range of perspectives, bringing students together.
- provide the participants with an opportunity to improve their language skills and learn more about different cultures and intercultural communication.
- are organised into language-specific tables hosted by the course assistants





Welcome to find out more about Language Centre COURSE ASSISTANT PROGRAMME

Info session next week
Thu 7th September at 16.15 - 16.45 at the Language Centre
room 310, 3rd floor.

Please register for the info session in Instructions:
<https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/article/language-centre-course-assistant-programme-international-students>



FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit Instructions, Course assistant programme:
 - <https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/article/language-centre-course-assistant-programme-international-students>
- Ask Nina nina.sulonen@helsinki.fi

**Enjoy your time and
studying in Helsinki!**