

FINNISH LANGUAGE COURSES

FAQ

Our language classes

Our school year is divided in two parts, for which you register and pay separately. The year starts in September, and is followed by the Spring term starting in February.

One level of Finnish equals one year of classes, and we offer courses on 4 levels, from beginner to advanced.

The courses consist of 56 lessons of 45 minutes. During each term 28 lessons are organised. These lessons are given in either 11 or 14 teaching weeks (classes of either 120min or 90min at one time) but all courses consist of the same amount of lessons, regardless of the schedule they follow.

At the start of the course teachers will discuss the course schedule. Finnish and English are used as languages of tuition.

Should you wish to join a course halfway, you can, but we ask you to familiarize yourself with the topics treated in the previous term. You can check the course topics below.

Practical agreements

The course fee is € 250 per semester.

A minimum of 5 students is required for each course to take place. Should this number not be reached, you will be refunded for your enrollment.

The course consists of two semesters and 28 teaching hours / semester. Each lesson lasts 45 min. The course includes two semesters for which you must register separately.

Registration (or questions about the courses) can be done by sending an e-mail to Tiina Eerolainen - tiina.eerolainen@finncult.be

Textbook

Suomen mestari 1 (pre-2020 editions) is used for the Level 1 and 2 courses.

Suomen mestari 2 is used for the Level 3 and 4 courses.

Both books are published by Finn Lectura. More info on how to purchase your textbook will be given during the first lesson.

Levels

LEVEL 1 This is our first, elementary course, aimed at beginners. The group will continue the studying from the chapter 4 of <i>Suomen</i>	LEVEL 2 This course is an advanced course which started in the autumn. The group will continue studying from the chapter 7 of
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<p><i>mestari 1</i> (pre-2020 edition). The course meets 11 times during the spring term.</p> <p>FI1 Tuesdays from 19.00–21.00, starting on 2.2.2021, taught by Sanna Joutsijoki (no lesson: 16.2, 2.3, 30.3 and 6.4)</p>	<p><i>Suomen mestari 1</i> (pre-2020 edition). The course meets 11 times during the spring term.</p> <p>FI2 Thursdays from 19.00–21.00, starting on 4.2.2021, taught by Sanna Joutsijoki (no lesson: 18.2, 4.3, 1.4, 8.4 and 13.5)</p>
<p>LEVEL 3</p> <p>This course is an advanced course which started in the autumn. The group will continue the studying from chapter 3 of <i>Suomen mestari 2</i>.</p> <p>FI3 Wednesdays from 19.45–21.15, starting on 3.2.2021, taught by Merja Heikkinen (no lesson: 17.2. and 7.4.)</p>	<p>LEVEL 4</p> <p>This course is an advanced course which started in the autumn. The group will continue studying from the chapter 7 of <i>Suomen mestari 2</i>.</p> <p>FI4 Wednesdays from 18.00–19.30, starting on 3.2.2021, taught by Merja Heikkinen (no lesson: 17.2. and 7.4.)</p>

Location

For now, all courses are held remotely, using Zoom video calls. Before enrolling to the course, please check that your computer's video and sound elements are working, allowing active participation into on-line lessons. It's also good to double check that you have a stable access to the internet during the lessons. The lessons are not recorded.

Should we be able to resume offline classes, they will take place at our office in the city centre of Brussels (Rue de 'l Arbre - Boomstraat 14, 1000 Brussels).

Private lessons

We also organise private Finnish lessons à 550 EUR/10 lessons (one lesson lasts 45 minutes). Get in touch with coordinator Tiina Eerolainen for more information.

Overview of course topics

<p>Level 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vocabulary: languages, cardinal numbers, countries and nationalities, colors, days, weeks, months, seasons, weather, appearance, family and relatives, clock - verbs: verb conjugation in presens, verb types 1-5, imperative singular - vowel harmony, consonant gradation ("k-p-t") - pronunciation 	<p>Level 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vocabulary: travelling, transportation, apartments and furniture, parties, food, work life and professions, ordinal numbers and dates - locative cases (<i>Minä asun Belgiassa, Minä tulen Suomesta</i> etc.) - postpositions - the basics of object - word types <i>i-i, i-e, e, nen, si, in, as/äs, is</i>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nominative singular and plural - partitive singular - demonstrative pronouns - <i>Minulla on</i> -sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - partitive singular and plural
<p>Level 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vocabulary: travelling, clothes, time, illness and health, nature and summerhouse life, sauna culture, hobbies, everyday plans - verbs: positive and negative imperfect, transitive and intransitive verbs, verb type 6, verbs with infinitives (<i>Menen nukkumaan.</i>) - genitive and partitive object (<i>Minä luen kirjaa./Minä luen kirjan.</i>) - necessive construction (<i>Minun täytyy opiskella suomea.</i>) - relative pronoun <i>joka</i> - word types <i>us/ys, os/ös, es, in, e, as/äs</i> 	<p>Level 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vocabulary: events and ceremonies, habits, education and work life, shopping - verbs: perfect and past perfect tenses - word types <i>ut/yt, nyt/nyt, Vus/Vys</i> - possessive suffix (<i>Minun kirja minun kirjani</i>) - i-plural in different cases (<i>Asun talossa. Asumme taloissa.</i>) - relative pronouns and pronouns - comparison in nominative singular