

**FINNISH LANGUAGE  
COURSES ACADEMIC YEAR  
2021-2022 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 5 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 number of lessons, regardless of the schedule they follow.

The intensive beginners' course (FI1INT) on Saturdays automatically consists of the autumn and spring terms (56 lessons in total). The group will meet 14 times and the course will be organised completely via Zoom.

The Level 5 (FI5) course will be organised completely (autumn and spring term) via Zoom.

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.

Changes to the schedule are possible during the term, but students will always be notified beforehand.

**Practical agreements**

The course fee is € 250 per semester. The fee of the intensive course is € 500.

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 courses include two semesters for which you must register separately, except for the intensive course for which you register only once.

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

*Suomen mestari 3* is used for the Level 5 course.

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

## Levels

<p><b>LEVEL 1</b></p> <p>This is an elementary course, aimed at beginners. The group will start from chapter 1 of <i>Suomen mestari 1</i> (pre-2020 edition). The course meets 14 times during the autumn term.</p> <p><b>FI1 Wednesdays from 18.00–19.30,</b> starting on 15.9.2021, taught by Johanna Miettinen. No classes: 3.11., 29.12. and 5.1.</p>	<p><b>LEVEL 2</b></p> <p>This course is an advanced course. The group will continue from chapter 6 of <i>Suomen mestari 1</i> (pre-2020 edition). The course meets 11 times during the autumn term.</p> <p><b>FI2 Tuesdays from 19.00–21.00,</b> starting on 14.9.2021, taught by Sanna Joutsijoki. No classes: 2.11. and 9.11.</p>
<p><b>LEVEL 3</b></p> <p>This course is an advanced course. The group will continue from chapter 1 of <i>Suomen mestari 2</i>. The course meets 11 times during the autumn term.</p> <p><b>FI3 Thursdays from 19.00–21.00,</b> starting on 16.9.2021, taught by Sanna Joutsijoki. No classes: 4.11. and 11.11.</p>	<p><b>LEVEL 4</b></p> <p>This course is an advanced course. The group will continue from chapter 5 of <i>Suomen mestari 2</i>. The course will meet 14 times during the autumn term.</p> <p><b>FI4 Wednesdays from 19.45–21.15,</b> starting on 15.9.2021, taught by Johanna Miettinen. No classes: 3.11., 29.12. and 5.1.</p>
<p><b>LEVEL 5</b></p> <p>This course is an advanced course. The group will continue the studying from chapter 1 of <i>Suomen mestari 3</i>. The course will meet 11 times during the autumn term.</p> <p><b>FI5 Saturdays from 13.00–15.00,</b> starting on 18.9.2021, taught by Sanna Joutsijoki. No lesson: 6.11 and 13.11.</p>	<p><b>LEVEL 1 INTENSIVE COURSE</b></p> <p>This is an intensive beginners' course. The group will start from chapter 1 of <i>Suomen mestari 1</i> (pre-2020 editions). The group will meet 14 times during the autumn term.</p> <p><b>FI1INT Saturdays from 9.00–12.15,</b> starting on 2.10.2021, taught by Sanna Joutsijoki. No lesson: 6.11., 18.12., 25.12. and 1.1.2022.</p>

## Location

For now, during the autumn term 2021, 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 is also good to double check that you have 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

Level 1:	Level 2:
- vocabulary: languages, cardinal numbers, countries and nationalities, colors, days, weeks, months, seasons, weather, appearance, family and relatives, clock	- vocabulary: travelling, transportation, apartments and furniture, parties, food, work life and professions, ordinal numbers and dates
- verbs: verb conjugation in present tense, verbtypes 1-5	- verbs: imperative singular
- vowel harmony, consonant gradation ("k-p-t")	- locative cases ( <i>Minä asun Belgiassa, Minätulen Suomesta</i> etc.)
- pronunciation	- nominative plural
- nominative, genitive and partitive singular	- partitive singular and plural
- demonstrative pronouns	- postpositions
- <i>Minulla on</i> -sentence	- the basics of object
	- word types <i>i-i, i-e, e, nen, si, in, as/äs, is</i>

<p><b>Level 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- vocabulary: travelling, clothes, time, illness and health, nature and summerhouse life, sauna culture, hobbies, everyday plans</li> <li>- verbs: positive and negative past tense, transitive and intransitive verbs, verb type 6, verbs with infinitives (<i>Menen nukkumaan.</i>)</li> <li>- genitive and partitive object (<i>Minä luen kirjaa./ Minä luen kirjan.</i>)</li> <li>- possessive construction (<i>Minun täytyy opiskella suomea.</i>)</li> <li>- relative pronoun <i>joka</i></li> <li>- word types <i>us/ys, os/ös, es, in, e, as/äs</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Level 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- vocabulary: events and ceremonies, habits, education and work life, shopping</li> <li>- verbs: perfect and past perfect tenses</li> <li>- word types <i>ut/yt, nut/nyt, Vus/Vys</i></li> <li>- possessive suffix (<i>Minun kirja, minunkirjani</i>)</li> <li>- i-plural in different cases (<i>Asun talossa.Asumme taloissa.</i>)</li> <li>- relative pronouns and pronouns</li> <li>- comparison in nominative singular</li> </ul>
<p><b>Level 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- vocabulary: environment, recycling, sustainability, culture, arts, history, society, geography, sights, expressions of time, letters, and e-mails</li> <li>- verbs: conditional present and perfect tense, passive present and past tense, passive perfect and past perfect tense, passive conditional, and imperative plural</li> <li>- passive object</li> <li>- word types: <i>ton/tön, lämmin</i> and <i>kansi</i></li> <li>- adjectives: <i>ton/tön</i> and <i>-llinen</i></li> <li>- adverbs: <i>så (nopeasti)</i></li> </ul>	