

Beginners' Finnish 1

AV00EV28-3003

Level of studies: Bachelor

Course extent: 2 ECTS

Seats for INGENIUM students: 50

Course begins on 27 January 2025

Nomination deadline for INGENIUM students and staff: 15 December 2024

- Nomination: partner university sends a list of students and staff members (name, email address) who are interested in the course to ingenium@xamk.fi.

Enrolment deadline for INGENIUM students: 5 January 2025

- Xamk sends a link to the enrolment form to the nominated students and staff members after the nomination deadline.

Target group: Students and staff members from all fields interested in Finnish language elementary skills. The course is intended for those who do not have prior knowledge of the Finnish language.

Information on the course practicalities

The course is carried out by means of independent online studies. The course tasks must be submitted within two months of enrolling in the course. Teacher guidance is available in real-time online appointments about once a month. Participation in these appointments is voluntary.

Enrolment confirmation is sent to those enrolled within two weeks after the enrolment deadline. The participant acquires Xamk user credentials before the course begins by identifying electronically with a passport or a biometric EU/EEA identity card, using Candour ID mobile application.

A certificate of a completed course (transcript of records) is sent to all participants after the course has ended and the evaluations are ready. A certificate can also be issued upon separate request to ingenium@xamk.fi.

Course objectives

After the completion of the course,

- you are able to communicate in Finnish in some basic everyday situations
- you can use simple phrases, express statements and ask questions and you know basic vocabulary
- you are familiar with some key features of the Finnish grammar
- you can pronounce and write simple phrases Finnish
- you can apply your skills in practice
- you are able to independently expand your vocabulary resources and improve your Finnish skills using different sources.

Content

- introducing oneself
- greetings
- getting acquainted
- simple everyday communication e.g., in a shop
- elementary grammar

- online learning in Learn (Xamk Moodle) environment
- practice with online tasks

- independent progress

- Around 54 hours of independent work (reading/watching/listening study material, rehearsal activities, assignments).

Prerequisites

Prior skills in the Finnish language are not a requirement, but attending the course requires English skills enabling academic studies, some IT skills and good independent study skills.

Evaluation

The course is graded on a Approved/Failed scale.

Teaching methods

The course is carried out by means of independent online studies. Teacher guidance is available in real-time online appointments about once a month. Participation in these appointments is voluntary.

Learning takes place in the Learn (Xamk Moodle) online learning environment. The course includes independent assignments and online exams. The assessed tasks are completed independently. The tasks must be submitted within two months of enrolling in the course.

Various methods of feedback are used during the course. Some tasks are automatically graded, for some tasks the teacher gives written or oral feedback.

Evaluation method

Completing the course successfully requires completing the assignments within the given schedule.

Learning material

Completing the course successfully requires completing the assignments within the given schedule. The course is graded on a Approved/Failed scale.

Working life contacts

When possible there will be training of branch connected vocabulary and communication situations.

Additional information

The course requires good independent study skills, since real-time teacher participation is very minimal. The course also requires sufficient proficiency in English and basic IT skills.

Complementary course: Beginners' Finnish 2.

Teachers

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