

Culture Finland

AV00ET99-3005

Level of studies: Bachelor

Course extent: 3 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 society, culture and every-day knowhow.

Information on the course practicalities

Each participant in the course can complete it at their own pace. The course must be completed within 3 months after it has started.

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

Learning about Finland and Finnish culture is easy. But how valuable knowledge obtained from websites is? There are facts – significant ones, but many stereotypes too. Personal touch and opinion are crucial.

This course offers you to learn about Finland with the help of websites but also see Finnish culture from the eyes of the foreigners studying or working here. They are people with different backgrounds and have come to Finland for various reasons. They will tell you what it means to live here. So, enjoy the soft encounter with the Finnish culture.

And what if you are a Finn? You can see your country and culture through the lens of outsider perception. Indeed, you will find something interesting. Probably also help to develop the course.

To sum it up - the course gives you the main characteristics of Finnish society – a brief history, way of life, economic environment and working opportunities. You will learn to identify and describe the new trends in the development of Finnish society and learn about famous Finns and their contribution to the image of Finland worldwide. Share your experience with others and learn from their experience.

Students can:

- define and identify elements in Finnish culture essential for interpersonal communication and communication in the global world

- compare and contrast one's original cultural values, beliefs, perceptions, and communication styles with the Finnish culture
- recognise negative perceptions and avoid stereotyping
- recognise the patterns in intercultural communication when dealing with institutions and social structures in Finland.

Content

- cultural challenges and interpersonal communication tips
- a brief history of Finland – how it impacts Finnish culture
- social development of Finland, trends, economics, institutions
- studying and working in Finland – authentic views from foreigners presented in the form of podcasts, videos and short stories

Prerequisites

none

Evaluation

The course is graded on a Approved/Failed scale.

Teaching methods

Each participant in the course can complete it at their own pace. The course must be completed within 3 months after it has started. There are no additional deadlines in the course.

Evaluation method

- completion of the individual tasks in Learn - 70%
- end-term quiz - 30%

Approved: min of 70% completion.

Learning material

All the material is in Learn, and it requires consequent completion of the tasks. The information is divided into sections and you will be able to see the titles but the content will open as soon as you have completed the present section.

Working life contacts

One of the course's objectives is to introduce you to the opportunities the Finnish society offers. The course doesn't have imminent implications for RDI cooperation.

Additional information

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Teachers

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