



Lakehead University – 2020-21

**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES  
FINNISH 1000YDE-Elementary Finnish**

**Course:** Monday and Wednesday: 5:30 – 7:00 pm.  
**Lab:** Monday and Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 pm.  
**Location:** Online course by Zoom  
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**DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE**

This course is an introduction to the Finnish language. As a basic course, it is aimed at those students who wish to attain knowledge of Finnish at a beginner level, and the objective conditions will be created whereby the students can have a successful learning experience.

The course focuses on learning Finnish and Finnish culture. It introduces key concepts and basic grammatical structures intertwined with cultural elements. Emphasis will be given to basic applied language skills, pronunciation and vocabulary.

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**OBJECTIVES**

By the end of the course, students will be able to

- Pronounce Finnish accurately
- Memorize alphabet and numbers in Finnish
- Use frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance
- Make simple questions and answer them
- Describe orally aspects of their background, immediate environment and matters of immediate needs
- Find and recognize familiar words in spoken or written text and repeat them
- Distinguish singular and plural forms in written or spoken text
- Communicate in routine tasks requiring simple and direct exchange of information on familiar matters, such as greeting, shopping and travelling

- Communicate in Finnish at Basic User A1-A2 level according to the category of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

A1: Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and is prepared to help.

A2: Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

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## **METHODOLOGY**

This course, delivered using strategies that are relevant, meaningful and practical, will provide students with learning experiences in Finnish language and culture. Students are encouraged to work individually and in groups in a supportive atmosphere. They will receive feedback from peers and the instructor and share the products of their learning with others. Opportunities for reading, reflection, communication and expression are also integral parts of the course. The instructor will model effective instructional strategies and will use methods that support students' learning as interactive communications, connections to quality resources, and links to other sites.

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## **COURSE MATERIAL**

**Text: Suomen mestari 1 by Gehring&Heinzmann  
(Available at the LU Bookstore)**

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## **EVALUATION**

**Emphasis is on active participation and attendance.**

**During this course there will be two exams:**

**Mid-term test in December and**

**Final exam in April.**

**At the end of each unit there will be a short unit test. This may be either in written or spoken form. Students will get information regarding each test one week prior to test. During each unit there will also be a written assignment.**

<b>Term work: Virtual class work, exercises, assignments, dialogue, homework, small projects and unit tests</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>December exam:</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Final exam:</b>	<b>20%</b>

## CALENDAR & ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Week	Unit	Grammar	Vocabulary	Evaluation
1-4 Sept 9 – Sept 30	1	Introduction to the course -Alphabet, numbers	- Pronunciation - Greetings	Homework, virtual class work, Assignment #1, Unit test #1
5-8 Oct 5 – Nov 4	2	Verb conjugation (type1) Negative sentence, Question clause	- Nationalities -Languages - Money	Homework, virtual class work, Assignment #2, Unit test #2
9-12 Nov 9 – Dec 2	3	Adjective Genitive	- Seasons, Months, Weather	Homework, virtual class work, Assignment #3, Unit test #3
13-16 Jan 4 – Jan 27	4	Partitive Ownership	Family, Personal features	Homework, virtual class work, Assignment #4, Unit test #4
17-20 Feb 1 – Mar 3	5	Verb types (1-6)	Shopping, Clothes Time	Homework, virtual class work, Assignment #5, Unit test #5
21-24 Mar 8 – Mar 31	6 – 7	The case forms for nouns and adjectives Some pronouns Plural K-P-T changes in nouns Pronouns Word types	Home, Living, Furniture  Transportation Travelling	Homework, virtual class work, Assignment, #6 Unit test #6

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>First Day of Classes</b>	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
<b>Final Date to Register (Add)</b>	Monday, September 21, 2020
<b>Mid-term Exam</b>	Thursday, December 10, 2020 – Sunday, December 20, 2020
<b>Final Date for Withdrawal (Drop)</b>	Friday, February 12, 2021
<b>Final Day of Classes</b>	Tuesday, April 6, 2021
<b>Exam Contingency Date</b>	Monday, April 19, 2021
<b>Marks Due</b>	Thursday, April 22, 2021
<b>Examination Period</b>	Friday, April 9, 2021 – Sunday, April 18, 2021

## STUDY WEEKS

<b>Fall Study Week</b>	Oct 12, 2020 – Oct 18, 2020
<b>Winter Study Week</b>	Feb 15, 2021 – Feb 21, 2021

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

**It is essential to work at least 6 hours weekly.**

- Check your [Desire2Learn/MyCourseLink](#) page on a regular basis to obtain posted information, documents and exercises.
- Study regularly and complete the exercises that correspond to the lessons posted on D2L.
- If you have difficulties accessing your online course, please contact [helpdesk@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:helpdesk@lakeheadu.ca).

- If you do not attend the Zoom sessions, you will receive 0 for your participation on that day.
  - In the event that you are sick for a quiz or an exam, a medical note (the original) is required to have this test or exam rescheduled.
  - No extra work will be allowed to bump up a mark. Homework which is not submitted on time will not be corrected and will receive a 0.
  - Academic dishonesty: Please, note that academic dishonesty (such as plagiarism, cheating, and impersonation) is considered a serious academic offense. For more information, please go to:  
<http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>  
<http://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/rights-and-responsibilities>  
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-success-centre/skills-for-success-seminars/thunder-bay/node/45182>
  - Use email to schedule appointments with your instructor. Please allow at least 72 hours for the instructor to answer.
  - All emails have to have greetings as the opening and the end of the message. "Hey/hi there" are not appropriate opening for an email to your instructor.
  - Disrespectful comments during Zoom classroom exchanges between students or between students and the professor, as well as comments of a sexist, racist, or homophobic nature or against any disabilities will not be tolerated.
  - Learners are asked to behave in the discussions in a professional and civil manner. If you are in doubt, do not post it! Instructors reserve the right to remove any postings deemed inappropriate, unprofessional, or otherwise distracting from the course.
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### **Copyright Compliance:**

Students understand and agree that all instructional, reference, and administrative materials to which they are given access in this course (the "course materials"), whether they consist of text, still or kinetic images, or sound, whether they are in digital or hard copy formats, and in whatever media they are offered, are protected in their entirety by copyright, and that to comply with this copyright and the law.

- (a) Students may access and download the course materials only for their own personal and non-commercial use for this course; and
- (b) Students are not permitted to download, copy, store (in any medium), forward or share, transmit, broadcast, show, post or play in public, adapt, or change in any way any text, image, or sound component of the course materials for any other purpose whatsoever except as expressly authorized, and only to the extent authorized, in writing, by the course instructor. They further understand and agree that, if they infringe the copyright of the

course materials in any way, they may be prosecuted under the Lakehead University Student Code of Conduct – Academic Integrity, which requires students to act ethically and with integrity in academic matters and to demonstrate behaviours that support the University’s academic values.

### **Exam/Assignment Integrity:**

Students understand and agree that:

- (a) Unless otherwise allowed by the course instructor, they must complete the assignments in this course without the assistance of anyone else.

- (b) Unless otherwise allowed by the course instructor, they must not access any sources or materials (in print, online, or in any other way) to complete any course exam.

Students further understand and agree that, if they violate either of these two rules, or if they provide any false or misleading information about their completion of course assignments or exams, they may be prosecuted under the Lakehead University Student Code of Conduct – Academic Integrity, which requires students to act ethically and with integrity in academic matters and to demonstrate behaviours that support the University’s academic values.

### **\*\*\* Disclaimer and Notice Regarding Recording \*\*\***

In the context of remote instruction and participation, video and audio recordings of class activities may occasionally be made to ensure students' and instructors' easy and comprehensive access to those discussions.

Any such recordings are confidential and are intended **only** for the use of the course students and instructors. They may otherwise **not** be used or disclosed.

During recording, to protect others' privacy, each student should ensure that no one else is present in the location where they are being recorded without that non-student's consent. The recordings are made under the authority of sections 3 and 14 of *The Lakehead University Act, 1965*.

Questions about the collection of the images and sounds in the recordings may be directed to Dr. Isabelle Lemée, Chair of the Department of Languages.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Student Accessibility Services:  
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/sas>
- Indigenous Services:  
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-services/tb/aboriginal-services>
- Counselling Centre:  
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-health-and-counselling-centre>
- Human Rights and Equity Services:  
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/human-rights-and-equity>